



# District 7450 Rotary Leader



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## Message from DG Bonnie



I do feel as though I should begin as Garrison Keillor of Lake Wobegon fame starts his weekly stories: "It's been a good week in Lake Wobegon." I would say, "It's been a great month in District 7450!"

I expect to have many "high points" in this year as District Governor. But one of the most fun experiences has to be throwing out the first pitch at "Rotary Night at the

Phillies." I practiced with my coach, Bob Curran, on the advice of several past district governors who said, "It's not as easy as it looks." And as my coach said, I only get one chance to do this. There is no do-over. And isn't that like so many things in life? Sometimes we'd like to rewind the tape and try again.

Last year at "Rotary Night at the Phillies" Mike and I worked with the Polio subcommittee of the District Rotary Foundation handing out brochures about Rotary and polio, offering the opportunity to contribute to the fight for polio eradication. It was an interesting study of people – or more specifically, Phillies fans. These fans entered the stadium on a mission; and their mission was not to be waylaid by one of us and asked to support polio eradication in another part of the world. If they didn't make eye contact with us, maybe we wouldn't notice they were walking right past us. Depending on the age of the fan, some had never heard of polio and most assumed it had already been "cured."

If only it were so. But we are **THIS CLOSE**. Year to date there have been 267 new polio cases in the world – compare to last year's year to date number of 545. For 2010, the total number of cases was 1,349. In 2011 there has been only one new case of polio in India! These are great numbers. But Burkina Faso has its first case in 10 years – not good news. Thanks to the Internet, I can tell you Burkina Faso is a landlocked country in west Africa.

Polio immunizations must be done on a "do-over" basis. There are currently 10 percent of Americans who are not immunized against polio (11 percent of Canadians). A carrier can connect the dots in this world economy we have. When all the countries are reporting no new cases, we must continue to immunize.

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## Practice pays off; Bonnie pitches ball to Phanatic!



DG Bonnie Korengel lets go of her only chance to throw a strike to the Phillie Phanatic before the July 27 "Rotary Night at the Phillies" baseball game between the Phillies and the San Francisco Giants, at Citizens Bank Park. Almost 1200 District 7450 Rotarians and guests were among the sellout crowd of 45,800. No word if the pitch was a ball or strike; however the Phanatic still eagerly congratulated Bonnie who was photographed with her battery mate after the ceremonial pitch. The Phillies and Cole Hamels lost the game, 2-1 which was played in two hours and 38 minutes. Rotary's Polio Plus was a winner to the tune of \$10,260 which was the result of the sale of 1149 tickets by Rotarians. That brings the total funds raised for the Rotary Foundation by District 7450 participation in "Rotary Night at the Phillies" to close to \$220,000.

## Reminder

PDG Mark McGill reminds Rotary Clubs to send money for the "Rotary Night at Phillies" tickets to him ASAP. Make checks out to "Phillies" and send to Mark McGill, 605 Norma Dr., Thorndale 19372

**Feel the Beat!**  
**Mark Your Calendar!**  
**Get in Step with the Rhythm of Rotary!**



**District 7450 Annual Conference**  
**November 11-12, 2011**  
**Desmond Hotel and Conference Center**  
**One Liberty Boulevard**  
**Malvern, Pennsylvania**

**Fellow 7450 Rotarians ... save November 11 and 12** for the 2011 District Conference that is sure to motivate you, move you and definitely have you tapping your feet! The agenda is a captivating mix of lively entertainment and thought-provoking and awe-inspiring sessions that include:

- **The Rotary Project Showcase** – a show-and-tell spotlighting service efforts of many District Rotary Clubs.
- **THIS CLOSE! PolioPlus Update**, featuring Ann Lee Hussey, polio survivor, NID team leader and RI President's Representative.
- **Alex's Lemonade Stand** – the extraordinary story told by her father, Jay Scott.
- **Power Up Gambia** – what's been accomplished and what's in the works.
- **Peace and Conflict Resolution** – inroads to coexistence with Peace Fellow D. F. Pace, Philadelphia Police Lieutenant.
- **New Generations** – RI's future in EarlyAct, Interact, Rotaract and Rotary Youth Exchange.
- **Dynamic Drumming** – the pulse, the friendship, the joy at the heart of the conference!
- **Communicating in Your Club and to the World!**
- **Funding 101 – How to Apply Without Fuss to the RI Foundation**
- **The District Database – Is Your Club Tuning In?**
- **What It Really Takes to Make Your Service Project a Success**

Plus some marvelous new twists on conference socializing, networking, dining and celebrating!

**Stay tuned for future updates!**

**Online registration opens September 6.**





## Broomall Rotary Club hosts Junior Olympics

The Broomall Rotary Club hosted its annual Junior Olympics on May Day this year. Rotarian Bill Buchanan has organized the event for several years. The contests take place on Rotary Field on Lawrence Road in Broomall and attracted about 80 children from the community.

"The Olympics has had up to 140 children participate, but some years are more active than others. The average attendance has been a little over 100 per year," said Buchanan. Participants are children ages three to 10 and contestants are arranged in groups according to age and gender.

"The challenges include foot races, broad jump, ball throw and more. Buchanan explains, "Nothing dangerous or too strenuous. Just lots of fun for the children and parents."



Broomall Rotarian Bill Buchanan (right) and his wife, Nancy, hold the Junior Olympics banner at start of the competition.



Helping Junior Olympians during competition at Rotary Field in Broomall are (from left) Broomall Rotarians Louis P. Pace and Joseph M. Patti

Refreshments were provided by Mrs. Marty's Deli and the Acme Supermarket in the Lawrence Park Shopping Center. Verizon and Alliance Bank contributed funding. Entertainment was provided by dance troupes from Touch of Class Dance Studio.

Support was provided by the Marple Newtown High School football team, the cheerleaders and INTERACT Club. Their job was to organize the children, escort them from event to event and record the contest results.

## DG Bonnie reports: It was great month in District 7450

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And the survivors we met at the Philadelphia Area Polio Survivors Support Group would agree. They need our support and help too. They are elderly, suffering from the relapse that comes with polio in the middle age and older years. Rotary is providing other services besides immunizations. Many polio victims are saddled with old-fashioned, heavy appliances and braces. Rotary is replacing these with new, light-weight equipment.

I am so excited about District Conference which will be Nov. 11-12 at The Desmond Hotel in Malvern. We have an array of speakers who are making a difference in someone's life in the world. One of our guests



DG Bonnie holds up baseball after pitching to Phillie Phanatic before the July 27 "Rotary Night at Phillies" game.

for the weekend is Ann Lee Hussy of Maine. She just completed a very successful year as District Governor. She is a polio survivor and works hard on the Rotary International Polio Committee. She recently traveled to India with a crew from ABC filming a documentary. She will bring us that documentary and her touching stories of Rotary and polio.

Back to my pitching coach. Bob Curran is a member of the Longwood Rotary Club. I hope I made him proud (or at least not have to close his eyes as he watched). In his younger days he made AAA baseball ranks. He coaches today at Unionville High School – and he is a polio survivor!



## At Domestic Violence Center

# Westtown-Goshen Rotarians build learning trail

The Westtown-Goshen Rotary Club, in conjunction with the United Way of Chester County, completed construction of a Born Learning Trail at the Domestic Violence Center of Chester County ([www.bornlearning.org](http://www.bornlearning.org)) June 23. Set up like exercise stations in parks, the trail teaches life skills to children who think they're just playing games. We were especially gratified to have the honor to provide this trail, and what it represents, to these



Checking out the Born Learning Trail work are (from left) Milt Stith, Bob Bielski, Joe Kahn, and Jeff Penfil.



Westtown-Goshen Rotarian Reese Davis hangs sign.

particular children, who have been through more than any child should have to endure. We installed the signs, two of which were custom made by a We-Go member, painted letters, numbers and a hopscotch on the sidewalk, and got the thumbs up from our two supervisors (two of the kids who live at the center). It began to drizzle as we were working, but Mother Nature held off, and we were able to finish the job. Then it

was off to the local watering hole to celebrate our achievement. We purchased the "BLT" kit from the United Way. There really is a lot of leeway in how it's done, but the basic point is to set it up so that the kids go



Installing a sign for Born Learning Trail are Joe Kahn and Milt Stith (partially hidden) who designed two of the signs.

station to station playing the games, which teach them skills like teamwork, reading, following directions, etc. The trail then ends with a hopscotch and a letters/numbers game, which we painted on the sidewalk of the facility. We wound up using their existing fencing for support, which is what you see us attaching the stations to. To provide a fun, healthy, educational outdoor activity right on-site, well, that's what Rotary is all about, in my humble opinion

*(Submitted by Jeff Penfil)*



Reporting to work on the Born Learning Center project (at left) are (from left) Seth Birch, Joe Kahn, Jeff Penfil, Milt Stith, Bob Bielski, president Ed Olsavicky, immediate past president Leo Gibbons and Luke from DVCCC.

## Night of Dreams' promotes reading and writing skills

By Carol Metzker,  
Rotary Club of West Chester Downtown

At three years old, Isabella turns pages, answers questions about pictures and has an attention span to enjoy half a dozen children's books. Other children, some who are as old as six or seven, struggle with the same skills.

Learning differences or lack of daily reading traditions because of parental illiteracy, inadequate nutrition, a family history without reading, or poverty and inability to afford books prevent children from developing skills necessary to succeed in school, later employment and life. In other cases, students lose skills during summer vacation.

The Rotary Club of West Chester Downtown - with the help of a few members of the Glen Mills-Thornbury and West-town-Goshen Rotary Clubs—is working to solve those challenges locally and hosted a "Night of Dreams" at St. Agnes Day Room in West Chester July 29.

They practiced reading and writing skills with fami-



Rotarian Randy Evans brings to life the book, "Dressing for Work," about a clown preparing for his job.



lies who are new to this country and new to reading and speaking English. Evening highlights included: drawing shapes and writing letters in plates of chocolate syrup; reading and receiving new children's books (a project of the Westtown-Goshen Rotary Club) by Bruce Larkin—"Rotary Clubs Help People" and "Carol is a Rotarian;" and watching Randy Evans' antics paired with the book, "Dressing for Work" by Larkin, about a clown preparing for work.

Club members also read to children at the Parkesburg Mobile Food Pantry while their parents completed paperwork and picked up food.

Three young girls practice drawing shapes and letters on plates of chocolate syrup.

## Falcone leads Gundaker

Ardmore Rotarian Ernie Falcone (left), who was installed as president of District 7450 Gundaker Foundation in July, was joined for a photo at the July 1 meeting by DG Bonnie Korengel and Glen Riddle Rotarian Harry Hill, immediate past president of the Foundation. Falcone says the Gundaker Foundation is "a Foundation within a Foundation" in District 7450. Gundaker has granted over \$2.5 million since the '70's. Guy Gundaker was the RI President in 1924, and a Philadelphia Rotarian. The Foundation awards \$50,000 in graduate and undergraduate scholarships each year and gives each Rotary Club up to \$1,000 a year to support the Club's own projects.





## News about happenings in District 7450 Rotary Clubs

### John Dettinger is scholarship winner



Glen Mills-Thornbury Rotary Club charter president Tony DiLeva (right) awarded the first annual Tony DiLeva Scholarship to Bayard Rustin High School senior John Dettinger. John was active in school and community activities and was a member of the school Interact Club.

### DG Bonnie installs new leadership team



The Glen Mills-Thornbury Rotary Club celebrated its sixth birthday and second annual picnic at The Newlin Grist Mill Park last month. The 2011-12 president Karen Mazzarella (far right) was installed as the first woman to serve as president in the Club's six-year history by District Governor Bonnie Korengel (second from right). Governor Bonnie also installed the new board which includes (from left) president-elect John Munro, secretary Heather Barron, past president Chris Zavaski, charter president Tony DiLeva, Rose DiLeva, past president Paul O'Brian, and treasurer Dave Barret. Jay Childress, who was installed as executive secretary, took the photo.



### Two receive \$2,000 Gundaker scholarships

Gundaker Foundation selected two Rotary Exchange students for \$2,000 Harry C. Rosenberg Youth Exchange Scholarship. On hand to receive her check from Rotarian Chad Rosenberg at the August 1 Gundaker Foundation meeting (photo at left) is Rika Hoffman who is going to Taiwan. The second scholarship winner is Casey Young of Langhorne, who is going to spend year in Brazil as exchange student.

### Glen Mills Rotary Club presents check for 'Riders Up' saddle



Glen Mills-Thornbury Rotarian Dave Barret presents check for \$1,750 to Marcie Laver for "Riders Up," a therapeutic riding facility in Glen Mills to purchase a saddle. Following the presentation, Laver displayed the new saddle at the club's birthday celebration.

### Chestnut Hill Rotary Club: Installs new team

Members of leadership team for Chestnut Hill Rotary Club for the 2011-2012 Rotary year are (from left) David Bertram, Elliot Schwartz, John J. Soeffing Jr., Megan McCrea, president Susan Bray, Bonni Simon, Tim Zeigler, and immediate past president Christian Mongran.





## Longwood Rotarian visits school attended by Paul Harris

Longwood Rotarian Dave Haradon stands on the steps of the one-room school house in Wallingford, Vermont which was attended by Paul Harris. Dave also inspected the historical marker (right) detailing Paul Harris's relationship to the town. The little Red School House is owned by Rotary District 7870 which acquired title from the Paul Harris Testimonial Inc. and the Wallingford Rotary Club which maintains the building as a memorial to Paul Harris. For information, go to [www.rotaryfirst100.org/library/wallingford/school.htm](http://www.rotaryfirst100.org/library/wallingford/school.htm).



## Peace Fellow visits Thailand Rotary Club

Philadelphia Police lieutenant and Rotary District 7450 Peace Fellow D F Pace visited the Rotary Club of Phra Pradaeng in Thailand and presents Philadelphia Rotary Club banner to Club president, honorable Sathinee Pisarnkunakit who exchanges her Club's banner with Lieutenant Pace. Lieutenant Pace, who is studying in the Peace Fellowship program at Chulalongkorn University until September, found time to do a presentation on the Rotary Club of Philadelphia and the Philadelphia Police Department for the Thai-



## Help exchange students see 'Kick Out Polio' game

If your club is not sponsoring an exchange student in District 7450 this year, you can still help this great program by donating two tickets to Rotary's "Kick Out Polio" soccer game at the Union in Chester September 17.

Two \$30 tickets will send a student and a host parent—or yourself—to the game and donate \$10 to Rotary's End Polio Now campaign.

Tickets are needed for 10 exchange students and 10 chaperones. To purchase tickets to donate, please contact Carol Metzker at 610-793-4387 or [echmetzker@aol.com](mailto:echmetzker@aol.com)

## Sporting Clays Outing benefits District 7450 Student Exchange scholarship fund

Rosenberg & Parker "Aim for Exchange Charity Sporting Clays Outing", for the benefit of the Harry C. Rosenberg Scholarship for District 7450 Rotary Exchange students, is Thursday, October 13 at M&M Hunting Preserve & Sporting Clays Pennsville, N.J.

The single shooter entrance fee is \$180 and includes 100 clays

for the tournament, cocktails, and dinner.

Registration and practice begin at 2 p.m. and the tournament begins at 3 p.m..

For anyone coming to the dinner only, cocktails will begin at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. Dinner tickets are \$65 per person.

**DEADLINE for September District 7450 Rotary Leader is September 20. Please identify all people in photos.**



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## Two receive T. Walter Styer Scholarships



"Pop" Styer was a long-time Langhorne Rotary Club member who remained active until his death at age 103. In his will, he bequeathed funds to the Club that enables the Club, along with using fundraising dollars, to award several "T. Walter Styer Scholarships" each year. The Styer recipients are invited to ride in the Langhorne Memorial Day Parade. This year's winners, Brian Chotot and Chad Stein, are riding in the Langhorne Rotary car in this year's parade.

## FUND RAISING APPEAL

Without the support of District 7450 Rotarians, the Gundaker Foundation would not be able to assist the District Rotary Clubs in their endeavors to provide for those less fortunate individuals and also promote international understanding, peace and goodwill. The charge of the Gundaker Foundation is to raise funds on a Districtwide basis to support local, national and international projects of our District Clubs. We appeal to your generosity and ask you to support the Gundaker Annual Fund Raising Campaign. Contributions of any dollar amount will put you in the Sustaining Member category on the road to a \$1000 total and a Guy Gundaker Fellowship. Upon reaching this goal you will be awarded a Guy Gundaker Fellowship Plaque and a Guy Gundaker pin. New Gundaker pins are awarded with rubies added for each additional \$1,000 donation.

The Gundaker fund raising campaign presents an incentive for Clubs to contribute. The 51 Clubs of the District are divided into four zones. The Club in each zone that contributes the highest per member average receives a permanent cup for display. In addition, the Club with the highest per capita contributions in the District receives a large trophy which travels to the District Conference for presentation and recognition each Gundaker Year. These cups are an incentive for your Club to contribute and be saluted.

Here is a blast from the  
Gundaker past.  
Gundaker Promo from 1998-99  
courtesy of Harry Hill.  
Call 610 459 4183  
to help create a  
2011-12 version.



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