



District 7450 Rotary Leader



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Message from DG Bonnie



What an amazing month it has been, as this Rotary year concludes. We are just home from Rotary International Convention in Bangkok, Thailand. Each week it is an amazing experience to be in the presence of Rotarians at their weekly meetings. Sometimes I even get to attend my own amazing club, the Longwood Rotary Club.

But as amazing as local meetings are, to experience the network of Rotarians at the Club and local community level, Rotary on the world stage is Rotary at its best. My hope for all Rotarians in District 7450 is that you can experience Rotary beyond your local Club, into the District, the Zone, and finally Rotary International. You will say as I do, ***I am so proud to be a Rotarian.***

The opening ceremony at each Rotary International Convention is the Parade of Flags. Over 200 countries and territories participate, with Rotary youth carrying the flags and banners, announced to everyone (with a graphic of the globe on a giant screen with a star to help us place each country and territory). The order is alphabetical so the tension is high when USA is announced. Everyone is proud of his or her country, and you can't help jumping to your feet and clapping. There were three new countries announced this year where Rotary has opened up. And the last banner in the parade is the **"Flag That Unites Us All"** – the flag of Rotary International. And it is a united convention. All Rotarians, all with the same core values, all with Service as our middle name – just many cultures and languages brought together under one gigantic roof. This year attendance was one of the highest: between 35,000 and 40,000 participants.

Rotary membership is held in such high esteem in many countries. Several delegations had matching suits and jackets made for the occasion. The Princess of Thailand opened the convention to much pomp and tradition. We celebrated the eradication of polio in India; we remembered the ties between Rotary and the beginnings of the United Nations. We heard about water and sanitation projects, microeconomic grants to poor women, human trafficking in all parts of the world and the schools established to rehabilitate and serve the victims. We heard from earnest people all over the world, working people to people trying to solve these human issues to make life better for someone.

Join with me and the Club presidents of 2011-2012 Sunday, June 24, as we celebrate this amazing Rotary year. We will congratulate Rotary Clubs, Interact Clubs, and Rotaract Clubs which have earned Rotary International, District 7450 and Zone 32 awards and certificates. District 7450 will present one of the highest honors in Rotary International, the "Service Above Self" award, to one of our District's Rotarians. There are only 150 Service Above Self awards given yearly (out of 531 Districts). We are honored to have one of these prestigious awards to present. And lastly, we will induct the new leadership team, under the direction of Dave Ellis, to continue towards a new Rotary year of service, friendship and making the world a better place.



District 7450 will celebrate DG Bonnie Korengel and her Rotary year and install DG Dave Ellis for the 2012-2013 Rotary year Sunday, June 24, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Helicopter Museum, 1220 American Boulevard, West Chester. DG Bonnie and DGE Dave are inviting all Rotarians to join them for a reception (beer, wine and soda included) at 4:30 p.m. and dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Awards will be presented to a number of Clubs and a District Rotarian will receive the RI "Service Above Self" award, which is presented annually to no more than 150 Rotarians worldwide. Cost for reception, museum entrance and dinner is \$50. Seats may be reserved at www.dacdb.com. Please register and include form of payment.



District 7450 Rotarians have been invited to participate in the July 4th Wawa Welcome America parade around Independence Park. All participants must sign the "Individual Agreement of Release" posted on District 7450 website (rotary7450.org), no later than June 8. See story on page two for details.

Philadelphia's July 4th parade:**Great publicity opportunity for District 7450's 53 Rotary Clubs***By PP Joseph Batory, Philadelphia Rotary Club*

Imagine this. Hundreds of Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors, EarlyActors and families marching in front of the birthplace of America, Independence Hall, on the 4th of July. This is not just a dream. We are going to pull this off in the highest Rotary style, filled with the color and spirit of 53 Rotary clubs from District 7450.

WAWA, the sponsors of the most meaningful and historic Independence Day Parade in our country, has accepted our District Public Relations Committee's proposal that the Rotarians of District 7450 participate in the 2012 parade after our very successful debut last year. When thousands of parade spectators along the parade route cheered for Rotary!!!

Now, like Uncle Sam said, "We need YOU" to get ready. Each Rotary District 7450 Club president should form a group to represent that Club in the parade. We should all be dressed in blue and gold/yellow Rotary shirts. Ideally, the "Rotarians at

Work" day shirts from April 28 would be perfect.

Can't find your banner? Don't have a banner? Don't think that your banner reflects the outstanding quality of your club? You have about six weeks to order one to bring the

parade. So don't delay. Get that banner and arrange to have it carried proudly through the most historic four square blocks in the United States of America and be proud. Be proud of what Rotary is and what Rotary has accomplished.

Governor-elect Dave Ellis has asked that each District 7450 Rotary club have at least a few representatives in parade on July 4th. The only requirement is that all of us wear blue Rotary shirts. And the more banners from local Rotary Clubs the better.

This is an opportunity for Rotary District 7450 to shine.

Reserve the date and select your parade participants now. This is a great way to spend part of the 4th of July. Last year many Rotarians stayed in town for lunch and what better place to be on this occasion.

Marchers: Sign agreement release

All Independence Day Parade participants must sign the Individual Agreement of Release now posted on the District 7450 website. Fax "signed" forms no later than June 8 to: attention Sharon Quick at: 215-772-7620 or mail to: attention Sharon Quick, Rotary Club of Philadelphia, 123 South Broad Street, 24th Floor, Philadelphia, PA, 19109

At Philadelphia Zoo:**District 7450 partners with 'Walk with Me'**

District 7450 Rotary Clubs are invited to join Central Delaware County Rotary Club as a sponsor and participant in the Easter Seals 2012 "Walk with Me" as a volunteer, member of team of walkers, or as a sponsor.

Last year, Easter Seals of Southeastern Pennsylvania provided direct services to 7,700 children and adults with disabilities. In 2011, more than 1,500 participants and our sponsors raised over \$110,000 for local services.

Easter Seals has ranked first among National Health Council members for highest dollars spent on direct services for 28 consecutive years.

Acknowledging the participation of Central Delaware County Rotarians in the past, associate director of development Liz Graham explains, "The strong history and bond between our agencies can really be leveraged and enhanced through "Walk With Me."

"Unique to Easter Seals Walk With Me, each and every participant will be paired with an Honorary Ambassador, a child or teen who has or who is currently receiving Easter Seals services, and have the opportunity to learn about and meet the ambassador and the family. "I look forward to working with Rotary International and creating a plan to engage local Districts and Clubs."

For information about the day's events and the services provided by the Easter Seals of Southeastern Pennsylvania in Bucks, Delaware, Chester, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties, go to page 12. Website for the walk is www.walkwithme.org.

25th 'Rotary Night at Phillies' July 24

The 25th annual District 7450 "Rotary Night at the Phillies" is Tuesday, July 24, when the Phillies will play the Milwaukee Brewers.



Each of the District's 53 Rotary Clubs has received an allotment of tickets.

Tickets are \$28 each and the Rotary Foundation will receive a portion of the ticket price. For more information, contact PDG Mark McGill at mcgillmz@comcast.net; or 610-383-4055.

'Rotarians at Work Day':**43 Rotary Clubs, 1600 volunteers tackle projects**

Members of the Hill Rotary Club, Friends of the Wissahickon, and Friends of Cresheim Trail worked April 28 to clear a path through the wooded area between Allen's Lane and Emlen Street as part of the future Cresheim Trail which will link Philadelphia to other parts of the regional trail system. Participants included Susan Danneberg, Friends of Cresheim Trail; Rotarians Christian Mongrain, Beth Ownsworth and Ned Mitinger; and David Dannenberg, Friends of the Wissahickon.



As part of the "Rotarians Work" day April 28, Abington at Edge Hill Rotarians (from left) president-elect Jim Moore, Robert Durham, Billy Simbo, president Brian Wirtshafter and past AG John Washington, gathered at the North Hills Gateway Triangle to spruce up the site and clean-up a two-mile stretch of Limekiln Pike from Waverly Road in Cheltenham Township to Tennis Ave-



Longwood Rotary Club joined forces to clean the roadway of litter and debris. They also moved on to the Anson B. Nixon park and cleaned the walking trail from winter branches and leaves.

Feasterville Rotary Club helped landscape the Neshaminy Senior Activity Center in Feasterville. Rotarians completed enlarging and planting three flower beds, planting three trees and began the installation of stone walls. Project leader was Jim Barrett.



Downingtown Rotarians Carl Gregory, Leandro Porciuncula and Joe McCahon were joined by Jack Hines, Bernie Orglmeister, Steve Mueller and Evelyn Samuels of the Thorndale Rotary Club for the cleanup of Johnstown Park. While most were picking up litter and debris, Jack Hines literally "went out on a limb" over the creek to get some trash. Steve Mueller was standing guard in case Jack took a plunge!

Newtown Square Rotary Club prepared the ground and placed several plants around the new Drexel Park sign which is two large stone pillars with "Drexel Park" between them. Those who participated report, "We had a great time!"

'Rotarians at Work' 2012:**Over 1600 District Rotarians complete 43 projects**

Glenside, Jenkintown and Abington at Edge Hill Rotary Clubs created this mural for Briar Bush Nature Center in Abington as their joint "Rotarians at Work" project.



DGE Dave Ellis (left) of Great Valley (Exton-Frazer) Rotary Club and AG Tim Birch of Levittown-Fairless Hills Rotary Club (right) man the Rotary table at the Philanthropy Summit at the Philadelphia Sheraton April 26. This is one way that District 7450 is working to get the Rotary message out to those involved in community outreach in the Delaware Valley. The summit was attended by 800 to 1000 people representing more than 100 companies all of which are committed to "doing good in the world."



District 7450 has three popup signs for use by the 53 Rotary Clubs to tell the Rotary story at a glance. Call (610) 459-4183 or e-mail info@rotary7450.org to reserve one for your next public event.

'Rotarians at Work' 2012:**Over 1600 District Rotarians complete 43 projects**

Kennett Square Rotary Club president-elect Bronwyn Martin, president Al Schmitt, new Rotarian Brian Roberts, DG Bonnie Korengel, and past president Jenny Armitage pitched in to resurface the Kennett Rotary Club's portion of the Red Clay Trail. Volunteers removed debris and weeds and laid new cinders and paved with black top a portion of the trail which was the Club's Centennial project in 2005. Helping the Rotarians were high school students who volunteered.



Glen Riddle Rotary Club members Denise Romanelli, Ruth Hill, president Sue Linvill, Gundaker acting treasurer Harry Hill, and past president Kathryn Flagg created and planted a Garden for the Alzheimer's Unit at Residence at Glen April 24. Thousands of Rotarians worldwide took part in the "Rotarians at Work" day. The District list is on Rotary7450.org, along with photos. The RI list of projects by Clubs worldwide is on rotary.org.



Frankford Northeast Philadelphia Rotary Club members and family and friends worked with Delaware River City Corporation to plant over 40 trees and clean up Pleasant Hill Park along the North Delaware River.

For more information, go to Rotary Clubs' websites and rotary7450.org.

Broomall Rotarians helped at the annual Junior Olympics at Veteran's Park in Marple. Dedicated to children in the Marple and Newtown communities and beyond, the day includes a broad jump, 30- and 50-yard dashes, a ball throw, and more. Rotarian Bill Buchanan organized the day. Among volunteers were the Marple Newtown High School Tigers football team and Interact Club. "It's great that they (high school volunteers) do this," says Rotarian Adam Matlawski. "And, frankly, we couldn't do this without them," adds Club president Paul Quintavalla. Mrs. Marty's Deli donates refreshments each year and Marple Commissioner Dan Leefson, of Leefson Tool & Die Co., provides medals



Taggart choir, orchestra present mini-concert:**Philadelphia Rotarians host 50 Taggart School musicians**

Nearly 50 students from The Taggart Elementary School in South Philadelphia were guests of the Rotary Club of Philadelphia at the Union League May 17. These young people were able

to socialize with the Philadelphia Rotarians over lunch and then the student members of the Taggart School orchestra and choir performed a mini-concert.

Sponsored by Glen Mills-Thornbury Rotary Club**Rustin High School Interactors report exciting, successful year**

Glen Mills-Thornbury Rotary Club president Karen Mazzarella presents cake to congratulate Rustin Interact Club to this year's officers.

Rustin High School librarian Shirley LeClerc, who also is Interact advisor, reports the Interact Club "completed another exciting and successful year. Our officers this year worked hard to keep the students motivated and provide opportunities for service. Our Club served meals at the Salvation Army, provided meals to needy Rustin families at Thanksgiving, supported local students in need by providing school supplies, held our annual mum sale and flower sale and had a back-breaking and satisfying day working with Habitat for Humanity. The Club made donations of \$200 to West Chester Food Cupboard and the HEADstrong Foundation, a local organization whose mission is to carry on the legacy and vision of HEADstrong

founder Nicholas Colleluori through advocating, fund-raising and supporting those affected by blood cancer and those working towards eliminating it."

LeClerc added, "We will be saying goodbye to our seniors Amy, Lauren, Megan, Evan, Charlie, and Mike. We wish them continued success. Our students also assisted with various volunteer and service activities outside of the group and continue to put "service above self." We would like to thank the Glen Mills Rotary Club, especially president, Karen Mazzarella for



Interact laser tag team.



Taking part in the lazer tag game is Interact advisor Shirley LeClerc, Rustin H.S. librarian.



District seeks host families for Rotary exchange students

Ardmore Rotarian James Hall, member of District 7450 Rotary Exchange Student Board, reports 12 students are scheduled to arrive in the District for the 2012-2013 school year. The student's range in age from 15 ½ to 18 years and are juniors and seniors in high school.

Hall said students usually live with two different families in the same school district during their year here. He said, "This allows the students to experience different family situations and eases the commitment to the families."

"We only ask that host families open their homes, and accept these children as their own." Hall pointed out and listed some of the responsibilities of host families during the student's stay."

They include:

- "Meeting your student on arrival at the airport and welcoming them as part of your family;
- "Working with the student to master the language;



- "Involving the student in obligations similar to those established for your own family members;
- "Helping the student meet Rotary obligations, which include attending Rotary functions;
- "Exploring opportunities for the student to meet others through school, church, Rotary Club or community activities;
- "Providing a safe environment for the student and ensuring the student's safety."

Hall emphasized that potential host families will be interviewed by a Rotarian, complete a background check and attend a host family training session. "They DO NOT need to be Rotarians themselves or be of a specific age. We've had families that have children in school and young families without children. All families are eligible; with or without children; young or "older"; employed or retired. An open heart, an open mind and a willingness to share are all that are required, he added.

Glen Mills-Thornbury Rotary Club honors Students of the Month



Glen Mills—Thornbury Rotary Club honored two Rustin High School Students of the Month for May. Club president Karen Mazzarella (left) presented Jamison MacMain and Megan Hottoew certificates. Also on hand for the presentation Club president-elect John Munro (right) and parents.

GSE team from South Korea will visit District 7450 in October through mid-November. Host Clubs are needed to house and transport the individual team members. Contact Ms. Kerry Costello-Leraris at 267-257-0730.

Foundation Committee seeks team leader for Korean trip



District 7450 is looking for a Rotarian team leader to lead four outstanding professionals to visit Rotary District 3600 in South Korea for four weeks, in April 2013, as part of the Group Study Exchange program of The Rotary Foundation.

Through the program, teams of professionals exchange visits between paired areas in different countries. The awards involve four-week visits, during which team members share homes with Rotary families and have the opportunity to meet their professional counterparts. They will give presentations to Rotary Clubs and other groups about their home country.

The Rotary Foundation provides a round-trip air ticket, and local Rotarians in the host country provide meals, lodging and group travel in their District. Team leader and members pay for their personal and incidental expenses, as well as travel insurance.

Rotarians interested in applying for Team Leader should be active Rotarians in their local club and in the district, be able to commit to being away for all 4 weeks, be committed to building a strong team including language lessons for the exchange and be willing to assist the incoming GSE team during their stay and promote GSE throughout the district.

Deadline for applications: August 15

Applications may be downloaded from the Rotary District 7450 website at: www.rotary7450.org and click on the GSE link on the home page. For more information, contact Ms. Kerry Costello-Leraris, Rotary Group Study Exchange Program chairperson, at 267-257-0730 or kcostello@wordsworth.org. Completed applications may be e-mailed or mailed to: Kerry Costello-Leraris at 808 Regina Street, Philadelphia, PA. 19116.

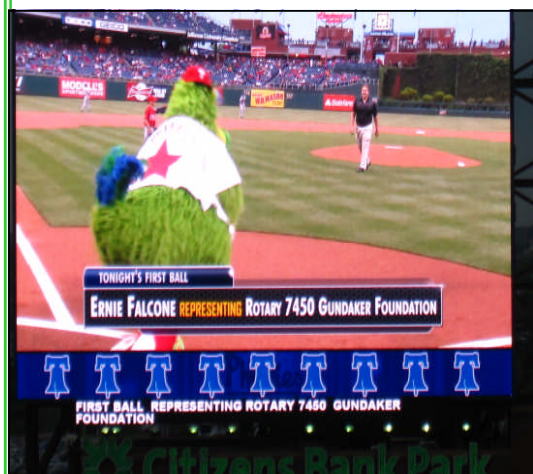
Phillies and Gundaker team up to raise \$3200



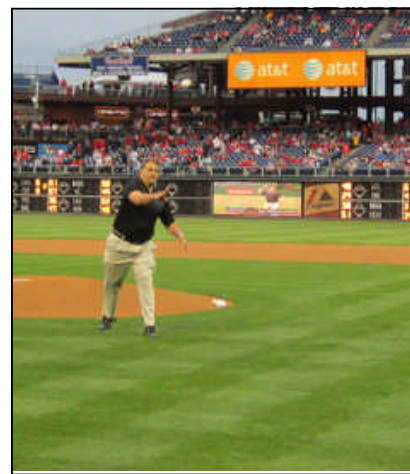
Gundaker chairman Ernie Falcone holds baseball while waiting to throw first pitch.



Ernie Falcone sizes up the task on Citizens Bank Park mound.



Fan-o-vision (left) shows Ernie Falcone winding up to throw the ball to the Phillie Phanatic at home plate before the May 6 Phillies-Mets game at Citizens Bank Park. Ernie carries through and ball heads toward the plate (right). A total of 535 tickets were sold by Gundaker Foundation which Ernie estimates will raise about \$3200 for the Foundation.



Ernie and his wife, Karen, prepare to leave the field before the start of the ballgame.

Among the 500 fans who helped raise \$3200 for Gundaker Foundation were past Foundation chair Nancy deLibero of Upper Darby - Lansdowne Rotary Club and past chair Norman Watts of Central Delaware County Rotary Club.



RI Convention:**Over 38,000 Rotarians from 181 countries convene in Bangkok**

The Rotary International Convention was held in Bangkok May 6-9 at Impact Muang Thong Thani, bringing more than 38,000 members from 181 countries and geographical areas to Thailand for its 103rd annual convention. The Rotary convention is often described as “mini United Nations” because of its internationality and multiculturalism. DG Chamnan Channuang, District 3360, covering Northern Thailand and Laos, compiled a report of the convention for Rotary Club of Chiang Mai North newsletter.

Opening ceremony: Praise from Princess

Her Royal Highness Princess Chulabhorn, representing His Majesty the King, graciously presided over the opening ceremony. In her address she



thanked Rotarians for their good work around the world.

“Rotary International is well-known the world over as a public charitable organization distinguished for its public service to humanity and for its tireless strive for public good. They include relief

work for those who fall victim to natural disasters, campaigning for improvement in quality of life, as well as for the promotion of world peace.”

“I’m truly impressed by the unity of all Rotarians in devoting themselves to charity work in a spirit of selfless benevolence and dedication as befits Rotary’s own motto, Service Above Self,” said Princess Chulabhorn.

“It is therefore a great pleasure to see members of Rotary International from all parts of the world, including their families, gathered here at the convention to reaffirm their faith and to remain steadfast in the ideals of Rotary, firm in their resolve ‘to do good in the world’. I am confident that your unwavering commitment and good intentions will reap due reward for our common cause.”

“Overwhelmed” by Rotary’s goal

Indian philanthropist Rajashree Birla, a widow who has given more than \$4.2 million to the Rotary Foundation for polio eradication, said she has been “overwhelmed with Rotary’s polio efforts.” Birla and her son, Kumar Mangalam, head the Aditya Birla Group, a Fortune 500 company. Her “Giving to Living” campaign encourages corporations to “embed giving into their DNA.” “When a corporation pushes its energies and helps resolve social sector issues through engagement, it indirectly stimulates its own business development,” said Birla. “There is much to be gained when business leaders take giving to heart, and set the mandate of making a difference by caring for people in their community.”

Rotarians celebrate two polio milestones

During the third plenary session, Rotarians were congratulated for meeting and exceeding Rotary’s US\$200 Million Challenge, Rotary’s response to \$355 million in matching grants from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for polio eradication efforts. Attendees also celebrated India’s removal from the polio - endemic list in February, which leaves only three countries where transmission of the virus has never been stopped.

But speakers reminded the festive assembly that the work is far from complete, because the ultimate goal has not been reached. “We know that we haven’t reached our goal. We haven’t ended polio,” said John F. Germ, chair of Rotary’s US\$200 Million Challenge committee. “Our clubs are still planning polio fundraisers for the coming years and encouraging donations from people in their communities.”

Germ announced that, as of 4 May, Rotarians and supporters have raised \$215.7 million for the challenge, which runs through June. With Global Polio Eradication Initiative facing a sig-

nificant funding shortfall, it is vital Rotarians keep pushing forward,

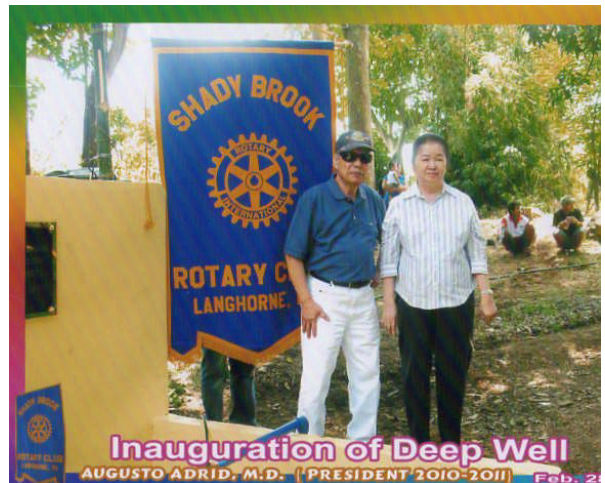
Public health emergency

Bruce Aylward, assistant director - general for polio, emergencies and country collaboration for World Health Organization, said “India’s removal from the polio - endemic list is perhaps the most important milestone ever on the long road to eradication. It’s a magnificent achievement. And it is a Rotary achievement. Today, Rotary’s vision of a polio - free world is much closer to reality.” But an upsurge in cases of paralysis from polio in Nigeria, Pakistan, and Afghanistan and recent polio outbreaks in China, Congo, and Tajikistan have prompted an “unprecedented push” to finally end polio. This month, 192 ministers of health were to meet to declare polio a public health emergency.

For more on RI Convention, go to rotary.org; rotary7450.org

Shady Brook Rotary Club completed first RI project

The Rotary Club of Shady Brook recently completed its first International project with the installation of a storage tank to provide clean water for the village of Big Rock in the province of Abucay Bataan in the Philippines. The village's only water supply for 600 plus residents was from a stream which was used for bathing, washing clothes and drinking. Shady Brook Rotary Club, in partnership with a local Rotary Club, hired a contractor to dig a deep well and provide a storage tank so clean water would always be available. Shady Brook Rotary Club past president Dr. Augie Adrid (left) attended the ceremony dedicating the well to the village where he was joined by Ann Satiago, mayor of the province. Dr. Adrid's brother, Rene, who lives in the area, was instrumental in the completion of the project.



Rotarian of the Year

Kennett Square Rotary Club president Al Schmitt presented the Club's 2011-2012 "Rotarian of the Year" award to Louise Bair (right, center) with her daughters from Washington, D.C., Delaware, and locally, a son-in-law, and several granddaughters in attendance. Louise is active in the Kennett Square community, consistently living "Service above Self." She always has ideas to improve the Rotary Club and help it be more involved in the community. She has been a Rotarian since 2002, is a Paul Harris Fellow and received the Governor's Citation in 2010. She served as secretary and vice-president in the Kennett Square Club and has headed the dictionary



project for the last several years and coordinates and arranges the delivery of books to three schools in Kennett Square.

Two new Paul Harris Fellows

Ardmore Rotary Paul Harris Fellow Awardees John Williams Jr. (center) and his wife, Ellen Delea (second from left) display awards during the May 10 Club meeting. On the left is Club president Chris Hoyt. Past president and past AG Jane Williams (second from right) sponsored the awards. Also on hand was Rotary Foundation chair Bob Overhiser (right).



DEADLINE for the July District 7450 Rotary Leader is June 15.

Please identify all people in photos. Send to: mombugjoan@msn.com and info@rotary7450.com.



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⚙️ *Submit club attendance or changes to contact information through District Database at www.DaCdb.com. For help, call Sharon Quick at 215-735-5984 or Brian Casey at 484-483-8423.*

District 7450 Calendar

June 8-9

Longwood Rotary supports "Lights a Torch of Hope"

Kennett Unionville Relay for Life;

goal is \$45,000 and increasing the number of participants from 219 to over 300.

June 10

Rotary Wheels Classic Car Show

Rose Tree Park, Media;

call: 610-622-2370 or pcsrotary@yahoo.com

June 24

Celebration and Installation

Installation of 2012-2013 DG David Ellis; celebration of DG Bonnie Korengel; 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Helicopter Museum, West Chester.

June 30

Bensalem Rotary Club 3rd Annual Fun Day-Car Show

Bensalem Township High School; 4319 Hulmeville Road, Bensalem;

rain date: July 12: For Information and Car Show registration:

www.rotary7450.org/Bensalem.

July 4th

Philadelphia Independence Day Parade

District 7450 Rotarians march in the Philadelphia 2012

Independence Day Parade. To register Club, contact Philadelphia

Rotarian Joe Batory at josephbatory@comcast.net

July 11-15

RYLA North America

Washington DC; info at www.rylanorthameric.com

July 24

Rotary Night at the Phillies vs Milwaukee Brewer

Rotary Foundation benefit: Citizens Bank Park, 7:05 p.m.

August 15

Deadline for Rotarians to apply for GSE team leader

April 1 2013 GSE visit to S. Korea. www.rotary7450.org

September 29

Multi-District Rotary Foundation, Future Visions Seminar

Morning session, hosted by District 7450; DoubleTree by Hilton, King of Prussia.

October 6

"Kick Polio Off the Planet"

Union soccer game, PPL Park, Chester, benefits PolioPlus

November 9-10

2012 District Conference : "I Hope You Dance"

Ace Center, Lafayette Hill



Easter Seals Walk With Me 2012



Wednesday, May 2, 2012 at Lukens Park, Hatboro
Saturday, June 16, 2012 at the Philadelphia Zoo

Easter Seals Walk With Me is a national fundraising and awareness event that spreads hope and raises funds to support individuals and families living with disabilities. In 2011, more than 1,500 participants and our sponsors joined together to raise over \$110,000 for local services.

Easter Seals mission is to provide exceptional services to ensure that all people with disabilities or special needs and their families have equal opportunities to live, learn, work and play in their communities.



Why partner with Easter Seals?

Easter Seals is an iconic brand as relevant today as when it was founded nearly 100 years ago.

- Easter Seals was named one of America's 100 best charities by Worth Magazine.
- Ranked #11 in the 2009 Cone Nonprofit Power Brand 100
- Ranked 1st among National Health Council members for highest dollars spent on direct services for 28 consecutive years.

How You Can Get Involved

- Sponsorships range from \$500 - \$10,000
- Enter a team and match participant fundraising
 - Enter a team of family, friend and coworkers
- Volunteer to help distribute brochures or help at the event

To find out more call 484-237-8007 or email lgraham@easterseals-sepa.org



Last year, Easter Seals provided direct services to 7,700 children and adults with disabilities in Philadelphia, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, and Montgomery Counties. It is through the dedication of our sponsors that we are able to grow Walk With Me and ensure that participants' fundraising efforts support direct services in the community.

www.walkwithme.org