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Message from DG Dave



As I write this column, Thanksgiving is still before us, but my wish for each of you as you read this is that you had a great Thanksgiving. We have much for which we can give thanks and the opportunity to serve through Rotary is right at the top. Many of you prepared Thanksgiving meals for those who may not have had one. Some of you contributed to

those who lost their homes to Hurricane Sandy. Others have worked in food pantries. On behalf of all who have been served, let me say thank you.

Each year Clubs are asked to put forward their prime candidates for District Governor. Once again our Nominating Committee is in place and ready to receive the nominations. Please contact our Nominating Committee chair, PDG Joan Batory, to get further details. Nominations should be to PDG Joan by December 6. The application form can be found on the District Web site by selecting Members Only. Our Nominating Committee is also looking for a District treasurer. Our current treasurer, Brian Wirtshafter, will be completing his term as treasurer on June 30, 2013 and we are looking for someone who will be able to transition into the position at that time. Please search your Clubs for someone with an understanding of bookkeeping, not necessarily an accountant, and contact Joan at joan@joanbatory.com.

District 7450 is a part of Zone 32 which consists of the eastern part of Pennsylvania and New York, along with all of New Jersey and New England. We are partnered with Zone 24 which is all of Canada, Alaska, and Siberia. We share a Rotary International director and do much of our training at the District level together. Bryn Styles, our current RI director, is from Ontario, Canada not far from Toronto. He will serve a two-year term which ends June 30, 2014. His replacement has been selected and announced. We will welcome Julia Phelps from the Boston area, District 7950, to the RI board in 2014.

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In West Chester:

Rotarians, Rotaractors sew, send 'Stockings for Soldiers'

West Chester Rotary Club joined the Community Rotaract Club again this year in the "Stockings for Soldiers" project, and collected a large box of small food and personal items to be put into stockings and sent to soldiers for the holidays. In addition, several



Rotarians and friends sewed colorful stockings from holiday and patriotic fabrics. Displaying some of the stockings are (standing, from left) Pam Costanzi, Rotary liaison to the Rotaract Club; Rotaractor Tamara Minnick; and sewers Moreley Lyddane, Cathy Palmquist, and (seated, from left) Faith Woodward and Linda Hicks. Over 100 stockings were sewn and will be filled and mailed to soldiers in Afghanistan and other locations where American troops are stationed. In addition, the Rotary Club donated \$500 to the Rotaract Club to assist with the cost of shipping the filled stockings to the soldiers. These stockings will be included with thousands of others being gathered and assembled as part of the national "Stockings for Soldiers" project. For more information, contact Cathy Palmquist at 610-431-7982.

Ardmore Rotary Club joins Staten Island Rotary Clubs' Sandy Relief Drive. See pages eight and 11.



Blessings of the season from District 7450



Haircut challenge raises \$13,000 for polio eradication



Dan and Ramesh seek pledges for End Polio Now.



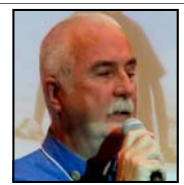
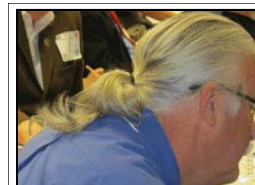
Exchange student Line Hansen and Ramesh prepare to remove pony tail.



Here goes...Let's raise those bids!



PDG Jeffry Cadorette seeks pledges as haircut is progressing.



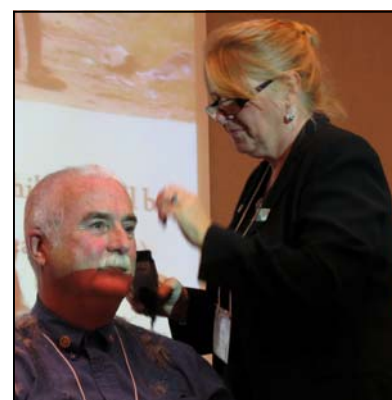
Dan McMonigle

Before

After



Connie Templar uses trimmer to give Dan a close finish.



DG Dave gets a photo of the big haircut for polio eradication.



The new look Dan with GSE team leader Mr. Kye following \$13,000 cut.

Raises \$13,000 pledges to cut it off

'End Polio Now' challenge leads to hair loss for Rotarian Dan

Great Valley (Exton-Frazer) Rotarian Dan McMonigle issued a challenge to District Rotarians to pledge \$5,000 to the "End Polio Now" effort and he would cut his long hair which he had not cut since the 2011 District Conference.

With the gentle persuasion of PDG Jeffry Cadorette of the Media Rotary Club, District Conference attendees pledged \$13,000 to watch Dan's silver locks be cut

and his head shaved.

Doing the cutting was Conference chair Connie Templar with the help of exchange student Line Hansen who cut off the pony tail. Helping encourage pledges was polio survivor Ramesh Ferris, conference speaker and a member of Whitehorse Rendezvous Rotary Club, Canada, who contracted polio at six months and is paralyzed on one side. (See story on page three of November *Leader*.)

Polio survivor with a mission:**Ramesh Ferris campaigns to 'End Polio Now'**

Ramesh crawled to the stage and prepares to attach braces so he can stand and walk.



Checking and attaching braces.



After detailing his life with polio in India and Canada, Ramesh, a member of the Whitehorse (Canada) Rendezvous Rotary Club, shared his passion to travel and tell his story to generate funds to eradicate polio. (See November Leader for full story.)

Message from DG Dave**DG Dave congratulates '100 in 100 day' Clubs**

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On October 8th we ended our 100 in 100 program, but certainly not our Membership initiative. Each club has been asked to bring in at least 2 new members. Congratulations to the following clubs who did this in the first 100 days of the Rotary year and provided other initiatives that will help keep their existing membership: Ardmore, Central Delaware County, Glenside, Great Valley, Greater West Chester Sunrise, Kennett Square, King of Prussia, Langhorne, Longwood, Newtown Square, Philadelphia, Upper Main

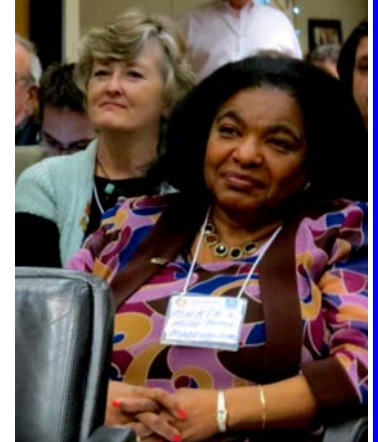
Line, Concordville Chadds Ford, and West Chester. Special recognition goes to West Chester and Concordville Chadds Ford for their effort to attract new members. West Chester has inducted seven new members since July 1st and Concordville has inducted ten. Visit their clubs or talk to their members and find out how you can do the same.

As we say goodbye to Thanksgiving, we say hello to Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and Muharram, a time of celebration for many of us. My best wishes to each of you as you celebrate the meaning of life and the value of service in your own way.

Many came to 'Dance' at 2012 District Conference



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Photos by
JAYCHILD



Host Clubs keep Korean GSE team moving during visit



The South Korean GSE team has returned to Seoul, South Korea after a month in the District. Their time with us seemed short, but it certainly was sweet. Many of us, who spent time with them, have found a piece of them remaining. Mr. Kye, Samantha, Rio, David, and Jane represented their country well. From the home visits to the shopping, to the vocational visits, to the shopping, to the institutional visits, to the shopping; all was well. Hurricane Sandy intruded on their schedule, but allowed for us to bond with each one and to realize that we have more in common than we have differences.



Help collect, package 10,000 meals**Great Valley Rotarians join 'Stop Hunger Now' project**

Fifteen Great Valley Rotarians, family members and exchange students partnered with an equal number of Bentley Systems employees to purchase and package 10,000 meals for distribution by "Stop Hunger Now" November 17. The meals will be stored and shipped as needed. DG Dave Ellis and the Great Valley team stand in front of some of the packed meals. On the right are members of the Rotary team helping with



the actual packaging and storing of the meals. Workers anxiously listened for the gong to ring representing another 1000 meals packaged and stored. Interested Rotarians and Rotary Clubs who want more information can contact Andrew Sullivan of "Stop Hunger Now" at asullivan@stophungernow.org.

West Grove-Avondale Rotarians distribute Thanksgiving turkeys

The West Grove - Avondale Rotary Club purchased and distributed 100 Thanksgiving turkeys to families at The Bridge, a food pantry and clothing closet located on the property of the Avon Grove Church of the Nazarene. Rotarians helping with the distribution are (from left) Daniel Danese, Theresa Zunino-McFalls, Scott Hewitt, Paul Tickle, Club President, Beth Tickle, Larry Thompson, Howard Buck and Jim Patton.

End Polio Now District-wide fundraiser and social event will take place Saturday, January 5, at the 2 p.m. LaSalle—Penn men's basketball game at the Hayman Center on the La Salle campus. For details and tickets, contact: Jim Moore, Rotary Club of Abington at Edge Hill: (H) (215) 758-2955 (C) (215) 341-7476 .

West Grove-Avondale Rotarians give dictionary to third-graders

Jim Patton and Lynn Klingensmith, Rotarians from the West Grove-Avondale Rotary Club, distributed dictionaries to all third-graders at Avon Grove Intermediate School, including this group of students and faculty at the Red House. The dictionary project is part of the Club's worldwide literacy project. Dictionaries were also distributed to all third grades at Avon Grove Charter School and the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Ardmore Rotarians lead drives to help 'Sandy' victims

As they have done following three other hurricanes to hit this country and the hurricane and tsunami in Japan, Ardmore Rotarians and the Merion Fire Company of Ardmore rallied support from the community to send much needed supplies—this time to the New Jersey shore residents who were victims of the latest disaster, Hurricane Sandy, last month.

Starting less than a week after the hurricane moved up the coast, Rotarians and firefighters were collecting items all too frequently overlooked in relief collections: household cleaners, and disinfectants, simple needs day and night such as can openers and flashlights, batteries, baby formula, diapers, and wipes, bottled water, toilet tissue, trash bags and more.

The outpouring of donations kept the volunteers busy receiving and organizing the supplies. Within 24 hours of the decision



Ardmore Rotarian and Merion Fire Company of Ardmore Fire Chief Tom Hayden surveys the donations before they were delivered to Pleasant Plains, N.J.

to mount the effort, the first truckloads of essential supplies were on the way to Tom's River, N.J. firehouse; two days later three more loads of emergency supplies were delivered to Point Plains, N.J. In both communities, Ardmore Fire Chief and Rotarian Tom Hayden had connected with fire company officers to ensure the people most in need could access the supplies.

In a November 11 report to the Ardmore Rotarians, Club president Rob Burnham reported that once the decision was made to collect relief supplies, the Ardmore Rotary Club "seeded the event with gas money and \$1,000 worth of supplies purchased at

Lowe's (who gave us a 25 percent discount). The rest came from our community.

"Rotarians Ryan Dunn, Ryan Tomkinson and I went with three firefighters on Thursday night after many of us had loaded up. We had Gerhard's donated truck fully packed, Hayden Printing's cargo van filled to the brim, and my SUV was also stuffed.

"Only two hours after leaving, we were in what appeared to be a third-world country- buses blocked closed streets at a traffic light. We saw a couple bring coffee to police officers stationed at another closed street heading to the beach.

"We found the drop-off, Pleasant Plains Volunteer Company, and were surprised to see a dozen firefighters and a few moms there at 10 p.m. It seems they are all still without power and were there organizing the dropped off items from local neighbors. There was a lot of clothes but hardly anything that we brought. I noticed only two bottles of water and no cleaning supplies, for example..."

The caravan delivered approximately

The Rotary Club of Ardmore is sponsoring a Hurricane Sandy Relief Benefit Tuesday, December 4, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Brownie's 23 East, 23 E. Lancaster Avenue, Ardmore. Admission is \$30 (make checks payable to Ardmore Rotary Foundation) and includes live music, two-hour open bar and catering by Jack McShea. Proceeds will be forwarded to the Staten Island Five Rotary Club Foundation which will distribute 100 percent of funds to victims of the hurricane. For more information about the Staten Island Rotary Clubs' relief efforts, go to: [Staten Island Rotary Relief.com](http://StatenIslandRotaryRelief.com). Contributions also may be sent to Ardmore Rotary Foundation, PO Box 5, Ardmore, PA

50 cases of water and dozens of bottles of cleaning supplies - not to mention batteries, and boxes of food, and baby supplies which had been packed in the SUV van. Burnham continued, "One lady said that her prayers were answered. She told us that they had to turn people away who were looking for diapers and baby food. As we unloaded, you heard things like, 'This is incredible', 'You people are amazing', 'Can you believe this!?', 'look at all of this!'

"I remember Ryan and me looking at each other while unloading and saying, 'This is something else.' I'm not ashamed to say I have tears coming down my face recalling the emotion.

"In about an hour, the three trucks were empty and we were invited up to their rec room for a drink.

"We heard tales of destruction - a dozen fire trucks destroyed, for example - from tired volunteer firefighters who were all still without power.

"But one thing was clear - we made a difference. They expected hundreds of people to be coming to collect the essential items delivered.

"After a short, while, we grabbed some hot coffee and headed home. At 2 a.m., I sent pictures and a recap to Chief Hayden. I shouldn't have been surprised when he immediately emailed me back, 'Great job!'"



Volunteers are loading the trucks before the team of drivers left the Ardmore firehouse to deliver much-needed supplies in Tom's River/Pleasant Plains area. They returned at 2 a.m.

Unlike earlier relief efforts by the Rotary-Fire Company team, Chief Hayden was unable to provide hands-on leadership due to two operations he had in the past month to repair life-threatening damage when he rescued three people from a burning fire in late August. His son, an Ardmore fireman, was among the volunteer firemen who made the second trip to deliver the supplies.

Still on the job, Ardmore Rotary Club has planned a relief fundraiser for Tuesday, Dec. 4, at Brownies in Ardmore. The proceeds will be forwarded to the Five Rotary Clubs Foundation in Staten Island to provide funds for the people who are among the hardest hit by the storm. See notice above. For more information about how to help and donate, go to statenislandrotaryrelief.com.

Rotary Club recognition, awards

Rotarians work hard. We plan different ways to "Do Good in the World." We do it so we can help those in need and while we don't do it for the recognition, it's good to know that the good we do, is noticed. We seek publicity so that others may find us and join us so that we can multiply the resources that we have. Each year there is an opportunity for Clubs to be recognized in any of our Avenues of Service. The list of areas of Club recognition by either Rotary International or our zone include:

Rotary Club Awards for 2012-13	Award Given By
Presidential Citation	RI
Peace through Service	Zone
Six Areas of Focus	Zone
New Generations	Zone
Public Image	Zone
Community Service	Zone
Membership	Zone
Service to Club Award (Individual Rotarian)	Zone

Rotaract Club Awards for 2012-13

Presidential Citation	RI
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Interact Club Awards for 2012-13

Presidential Citation	RI
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To receive any of these recognitions, there is a list of criteria that must be met. I encourage each Club to review the list and submit the application for your Club's recognition. Do so in as many areas as you qualify and submit them to your AG no later than March 15. The criteria for each of these awards is located in the District Drop Box folder labeled Presidents 2012-13. Each Club president is invited and encouraged to access this folder for his or her Club.

DG Dave Ellis

PECO lights up skyline with Rotary message



Rotary District 7450 was spotlighted above Philadelphia on November 20 and 21. Atop the PECO building was a motion ad each morning and evening with the message:

*"Want to Change the World?
Join your local Rotary Club."*

www.Rotary7450.org

April 27, 2013

Rotarians at Work Day set

Can you believe it? We're looking at spring and winter hasn't even come yet.

Yes, we want each Club to look for a spring work day. The date in 2013 will be April 27th.

This will be the third year that our District has coupled with Rotarians around the world to conduct a service project on the same day.

What will your club do? Now is the time to consider your options to provide the most meaningful "Rotarians at Work Day" for your members and your community.

Where to find information

Rotary Foundation: rotary7450.org/foundation ;
Gundaker: rotary7450.org/gundaker;
Rotaplast: rotary7450.org/rotaplast;
Interact: rotary7450.org/interact;
Youth Exchange: rotary7450.org/yep
Rotary International: rotary.org

Membership starter: Review classifications

Classifications help us to identify individuals who may be future Rotarians.

Here's a few classification of individuals who might be good Rotarians:

Audio Visual Services
Bicycle Retailing
Computer Software
Education – Special
Restaurant – Family
title Company

Call and invite one or more to your weekly Rotary Club meeting. After the visits, ask them to join your Club.

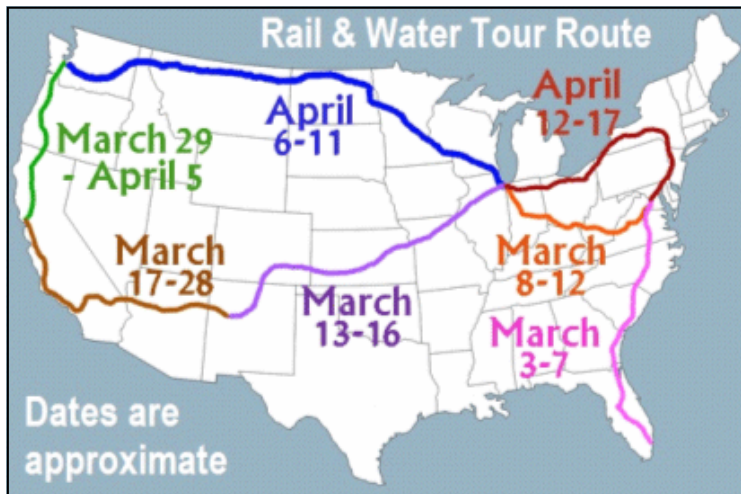
DG Dave Ellis

Club supports WIN



Longwood Rotary Club Foundation representative John Marble (right) presents a \$2,000 check to Larry Strawley for the Kennett High School WIN program. The funds will be used to support programming and scholarships for students who are very unlikely to think of going to college without WIN.

HOST THE RAIL & WATER TOUR



District 7450 is on the planned route of the fundraising and educational “Rotary Rail & Water Tour 2013.” What is the Tour about? It is about sharing with Rotarians across the USA stories of Rotary’s programs to provide clean water in developing countries and how these efforts deliver sustainable solutions for thousands of people. The goal of the 45-day tour (scheduled for March-April 2013) is to visit 15 Rotary Clubs in 15 states and develop partnerships to implement Rotary water projects around the globe.

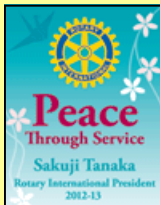
Central to creating successful, sustainable water projects is the development of talented young professionals to help design and manage these water systems for communities and Rotary clubs around the world. The Rail & Water Tour is an integral part of that educational process. Embarking upon this year’s tour will be 28- year-old Martina Frycova, a Rotaract immediate past president from Pilsen in the Czech Republic (District 2240). Martina has been in Florida the past year working to develop new water projects for a school and clinic in Afghanistan. She will share her experiences and talk about how your Club and District can become a partner in what will be an annual projects briefing tour, bringing in visitors and water projects from around the world.



Martina will cross the entire USA by train from Florida to California and back again, passing through 65 separate Rotary Districts and more than 300 AMTRAK stations. She’s looking for 15 special Clubs along this expansive journey to serve as hosts for her visits and presentations. So, if your Club wants to become part of this innovative water partnership and can send a host Rotarian to a nearby AMTRAK station, then we invite you to send an email to Rail@RotaryWater.org and visit www.RailAndWater.org.

This program is guaranteed to be an incredibly creative American and global Rotary service adventure. All aboard!

DEADLINE for the
January District 7450
Rotary Leader is December
15. Please identify all people
in photos. send photos/news
to info@Rotary7450.com
and mombugjoan@msn.com.
Thank you.



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- ⦿ Send photos (with names and information) to info@Rotary7450.org
Please identify people in photos.
- ⦿ 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.

Looking for District 7450 calendar?

The District 7450 Calendar can be accessed by going to District 7450 Database at www.DaCdb.com. For help, call Sharon Quick at 215-735-5984 or Brian Casey at 484-483-8423.



HURRICANE SANDY Relief Benefit



Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Ardmore

Date:

Tuesday

12/4/2012

Location:

Brownie's

23 East Lancaster Ave
Ardmore, PA 19003



Time:

6pm - 8pm

Please come out and support the Rotary Club of Ardmore in our efforts to bring much needed relief to those affected by Hurricane Sandy. Proceeds donated directly to the "Staten Island Rotary Relief" fund.

**\$30.00 Admission Includes- Live Music, 2 Hour
Open Bar and catering provided by Jack McShea's.**

(Posters donated by Hayden Printing Company)

Share your successful fundraising ideas

If your Club has a successful fundraiser or service project, please share the details of the event or project with other Clubs. Send to mombugjoan@msn.com for listing in *District 7450 Rotary Leader*.