

District 7450 Rotary Leader



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Message from DG Dave

Good day to each of you.

March is Literacy Month in Rotary. What will you and your club do to honor this emphasis? Many Clubs provide dictionaries to third-graders at local schools. Others get involved in reading to classes of younger students. Some Clubs provide books of various kinds to school students.



We have a District Literacy Committee with Bruce Larkin of Westtown-Goshen Rotary Club in charge. He can be reached at his cell number (610-357-1262) or email (funnybruce@aol.com.) If you need some ideas or help, feel free to contact him or any of the committee. The Literacy Committee and the District leadership are interested in recognizing Clubs which have had an emphasis on Literacy. We ask that Clubs submit their District Literacy Award applications to me at dellis817@comcast.net by April 15th.

To qualify, a Club is asked to participate in at least five Literacy projects during this Rotary year. In your application, please give a brief description of each project. Further information can be found on the District Literacy page on our District website, www.district7450.org.

As we share about recognitions, please note Clubs are asked to submit their Presidential Citation applications to me as well. The qualifications are at http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/900a_en12.pdf. Completed forms should be sent to me at dellis817@comcast.net by March 31st.

As you read this Rotary Leader, your Club President-Elect will have just completed the PETS weekend. This is a time when our Presidents-Elect gather with the Presidents-Elect from four other Rotary Districts to learn what it means to lead a Rotary Club and where to turn for the resources that are needed. Congratulations to each President-Elect and best wishes for a great Rotary year. Will each of us as Club members help to make this happen?

As you do so, I know that you will keep in mind my message to each Rotarian: "When you have the choice to sit it out or dance, **I HOPE YOU DANCE.**"



Among attendees from District 7450 at March 1-2 Multi-District PETS at the Radisson in King of Prussia were (back, from left) PDG/ District Foundation chair Bonnie Korengel; PETS faculty member/ New Generations chair-elect Dawn deFuria; Area 6 AG-elect Grover Koon; and PDG/assistant regional Rotary Foundation coordinator Russ deFuria; and (front row, from left) DG-nominee designate Chad Rosenberg; Area 8 AG-elect Bronwyn Martin, and Philadelphia Rotary Club president-elect Jeb Brookman.

Message marks Rotary's 108th birthday: PECO champions 'Rotary's war on Polio: 2 billion children inoculated'

Rotary's remarkable battle to eradicate polio worldwide was highlighted on the PECO Crown Lights display towering over center city Philadelphia on Tuesday, February 23, the 108th anniversary of first Rotary meeting in Chicago, Ill. in 1905.

Displayed at top of the PECO building was a motion ad "Rotary's War on Polio, Two Billion Children Inoculated Worldwide," which was part of Rotary International's public image effort to highlight the "End Polio Now!" campaign in cities all around the world.

Because of the location of the PECO Crown Lights "motion messages," which are visible from the Schuylkill Expressway and Center City, tens of thousands of motorists and pedestrians could view Rotary's message.

Go to: rotary7450.org/happenings to view the lights.

Membership update from DG Dave:

Clubs induct 112 new members, but lose 110

Our District (7450) started this Rotary year with the "100 in 100" membership program. During the first 100 days of the year we introduced 70 people to Rotary who were not a part of it prior to July 1st. Since that time, we have continued to introduce new people to Rotary, but we have said goodbye to a number of Rotarians as well. As of February 20, 2013, we have inducted 112 new Rotarians in Clubs throughout the District, but we have said goodbye to 110 for a net gain of two Rotarians. This is based on the reporting that Club secretaries have done through our database on www.dacdb.com. We recognize that this may not be an exact number, as there were terminations and new member listing during the first eight months of the year reflecting dates earlier than July 1st.

The question for each club is what are you doing to help with new members and to minimize the departure of our current membership? As District Governor, I have come to realize that there are legitimate reasons why people can no longer continue in Rotary as reflected through their current membership. It's possible that they may have a new job in a different community or that their employment hours may have changed. It's also possible that their responsibilities at

home may have changed.

Finances may have become a problem. My suggestion is that we, as Club members, look at each situation individually – it may mean that we introduce a Rotarian to another Rotary Club that is better suited to the individual because of location or timing. It's also possible that the Rotarian may be able to join an e-Club that gives credit for attendance on line any time during the week. These E-Club members can do service with the local Club where he or she resides and where they may

have been a member in the past. Let's work with every individual to find a way to serve our communities and the world.



Ardmore Rotary Club president Rob Burnham (left) presented PDG/PP Hogie Hansen with a "New Member Sponsor" pin last month for sponsoring Mary McAuley of Bryn Mawr (center).

Presidential Citation

Each year the president of Rotary International establishes a set of criteria that he asks Rotary clubs around the world to meet. When they do, the club is recognized with a Presidential Citation.

You may find the criteria for recognition this Rotary year at http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/900a_en12.pdf.

When a Club is recognized with a Presidential Citation, it is being thanked by the RI president for contributing to Rotary's organizational goals. The impact of each Club meeting these minimum standards is multiplied when another Club joins them and then again when another Club joins. Club presidents are asked to submit the form found on the webpage above to your AG and to me by March 31st.

DG Dave Ellis

Dinner scheduled for District Rotarians at 2013 Convention

Are you headed to Lisbon in June? Upwards of 35,000 fellow Rotarians and family members will join you. What a great time of fellowship and inspiration!

Register at http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/c13_registration_form_en.pdf

We anticipate a number of District 7450 Rotarians will join us. PDG Bob Lankin has arranged for us to gather in fellowship for dinner Tuesday, June 25th at 7 p.m. with dinner starting at 7:30 p.m. The restaurant is Vela Latina and is located on the banks of the River Tagus just 15 minutes from the Convention Center.

The menu includes many local dishes and will be served family style, allowing for the sampling of many of the Portuguese specialties. The total including wine, tax, and tip is 70€ per person.

Information and reservations can be obtained from PDG Bob Lankin at bob.lankin@raymondjames.com.

DG Dave Ellis

Membership starter: Review classifications

Classifications help us to identify individuals who may be future Rotarians. Where have you looked for potential members? Consider the classifications that we offer each month and look for a potential Rotarian in each of them. Find other classifications and look for someone to fill them. Here are this month's classifications for you to search within your community:

Athletic Club
Auto-Rentals
Barbering
Carpet-Sales
Dentistry-Orthodontics
Management Consulting
Pet Shop
Security Systems

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

Dave Ellis

Where to look

EarlyAct: rotary7450.org/earlyact
Rotary Foundation: rotary7450.org/foundation
Gundaker: rotary7450.org/gundaker
Interact: rotary7450.org/interact
Literacy: rotary7450.org/literacy
Rotaplast: rotary7450.org/rotoplast
Youth Exchange: d7450youthexchange.org/
RYLA: rotary7450.org/RYLEA
Rotary International: rotary.org

At Pre-PETS February 5:**2013-14 Leadership Team begins training for upcoming year**

Gundaker Foundation president-elect Art Klein participates in pre-PETS luncheon session February 5 at Desmond Hotel in Malvern. The District's 52 president-elects, 10 assistant governors and District Leadership Team attended. DGE Charles Streitwieser is at the table.



PDG Jeffry Cadorette, 2013-2014 District trainer, interviews Rotaract AG Cynthia Lyman, who is a past president of Downingtown Rotary Club.



Concordville-Chadds Ford Rotary Club president-elect Sondra Eisenman listens to one of presenters at pre-PETS program at Desmond Hotel in Malvern February 5.



DG Dave Ellis wraps up the pre-PETS dinner February 5 at Desmond Hotel in Malvern. Behind DG Dave are DG-nominee Doug Blazey (Wayne Rotary Club president) and PP/past AG Dawn deFuria of West Chester Rotary Club, who will chair New Generations in 2013-2014 Rotary year.



Area 6 assistant governor-elect Grover Koon, (left) a member of the Coatesville Rotary Club, and Area 7 assistant governor George Whitfield, a member of the Swarthmore Rotary Club, exchange greetings at pre-PETS at Desmond Hotel in Malvern February 5.



Ardmore Rotary Club president Rob Burnham, one of 10 AGs for the 2013-2014 Rotary year, and Wayne Rotary Club president-elect Mary Ann Cusack, are ready for dinner.

Above are a number of presenters, assistant governors, AG-elects, Rotaractors, District trainer Jeffry Cadorette (kneeling in front) and District chairs gathered around DG-elect Charles Streitwieser of the West Chester Rotary Club (third from left) after the closing dinner at the 2013 pre-PETS at Desmond Hotel in Malvern February 5.

February 9 Polar Plunge raises \$1,235

Longwood Rotarians/Interactors share Golden Plunger Award

A combined Longwood Rotary Club/Unionville High School Interact team again won the Golden Plunger Award by raising \$1,235 for the Brandywine Valley Association (BVA) Annual Polar Plunge at the Brandywine Picnic Park in West Chester February 9. For the first time, the Longwood Rotary group was tied with another team in raising the most money.

Longwood Rotary Club members donated Happy Dollars at a recent meeting to mandate that president-elect John Marble take the plunge. Funds quickly reached the agreed amount, so John had virtually no choice about getting wet.

Joining him were several other Club members, including Unionville/Chadds Ford School District Superintendent John Sanville, an avid supporter of the BVA and instigator of the annual ritual.

The BVA is a nonprofit organization dedicated to restoring, preserving, and conserving the Brandywine Valley's natural resources. All of its funding comes from membership dues and private donations.



Longwood Rotary President-Elect John Marble (in foreground) was joined by fellow Club member John Sanville, Unionville-Chadds Ford School District superintendent, at the annual Brandywine Valley Association Polar Plunge fundraiser February 9, the Brandywine Picnic Park.

District Rotaract Representative Tierny Ulmer Installed



Celebrating the DRR installation at Merion Fire Company of Ardmore February 20 are (seated, from left) Downingtown Rotarian/Rotaract AG-elect Cynthia Lyman, North Philadelphia "Madrugadores" Rotarian Joan Harris, Main Line Rotaractors Katie Lomberg and past DRR Trish Dantis, Philadelphia Rotaractors Ross Carrington and president Emily Hsaio, Lincoln Rotaractors Khairi Scott and past president Jhoneil Cooper, West Chester University Rotaractor Caitlyn Tumulty, Main Line Rotaract president Devon Pennington, West Chester University Rotaract president Hannah Peters and District Rotaract Representative Tierny Ulmer, Temple Rotaractor Olivia Charles, PDG/Longwood Rotarian Bonnie Korengel, Greater West Chester Sunrise Rotarians New Generations chair-elect Dawn deFuria, and District Rotaract chair Barbara DeBaptiste; and (standing from left) past Rotaract chair/ Ardmore Rotarian Jane Williams, DG/ Great Valley Rotarian Dave Ellis, and PDG/ Upper Darby-Lansdowne Rotarian Russ deFuria.



On hand for the formal installation of Tierny Ulmer as District Rotaract Representative February 20 are (front row, from left) Emily Hsaio, president Rotaract Club of Philadelphia; DRR Ulmer; Jackie Riloff, past DRR; and (back row, from left) Dawn DeFuria, member District 7450 Rotaract Committee; PDG Bonnie Korengel; DG Dave Ellis; and Barbara DeBaptiste, District Rotaract Committee chair.

Glen Mills-Thornbury Rotarians' 'Comedy Showcase' a hit

The Glen Mills-Thornbury Rotary Club had a blockbuster night for its 3rd Annual Comedy Showcase at the recently renovated Penn Oaks Golf Club in West Chester. The evening was a spectacular kick-off to the Club's 2013 charity year.

Nationally known comedian-impersonator and WIP Radio celebrity Joe Conklin, provided the laughs along with some of his comedy cohorts who were on the program.

The evening also included music and a wonderful Italian themed buffet, drinks and desserts.

The proceeds from this gala will be used benefit local special needs and at-risk children in the community.

Although young and small in numbers, the Glen Mills-Thornbury Rotary Club is active and involved in the community. Club president John Munro was instrumental in planning and execution of the plans for the event. For more photos of the event, contact John at john@munroprinting.com.



Standing-room-only crowd enjoys Glen Mills-Thornbury Rotary Club's Third Annual Comedy Showcase. All 300 tickets were sold.



Glen Mills-Thornbury Rotary Club president John Munro (left) welcomed Comedy Showcase featured performer Joe Conklin before the show began.



West Chester past president/AG-elect Dawn deFuria and PDG Russ deFuria (Upper Darby -Lansdowne Rotarian) were in the audience.

Past assistant governor Tom Gibson, a member of Concordville-Chadds Ford Rotary Club, and his wife, Margaret, were among the 300 plus at the event. Many District Rotary Clubs were represented at the show which benefits special needs and at-risk children.



Shady Brook Rotarians help the homeless



Members of the Rotary Club of Shady Brook took up a collection for the "BUCK UP BUCKS COUNTY FUND," which assists the homeless of the county, at the February 13 breakfast meeting. The sum collected was matched by the Club's Board of Directors and a check was forwarded to the organization. Among those participating in the collection were past president/past AG Bob Morris (left) and Club Foundation chair Bruce Klugman.



2013-2014 Rotary theme

Rotary District 7450 update on scholarships

By Joe Batory, *Past president Rotary Club of Philadelphia*

District's final Ambassadorial Scholar

Lindsey Elkin, the final Ambassadorial Scholar from Rotary District 7450 has arrived in Cape Town, South Africa to study for a master's degree in International Relations at the University of Cape Town.

Rotary International has discontinued the Ambassadorial Scholarship program effective July 1, 2013,

After the 19+ hour trip, she was warmly greeted by her Rotary host counselor in Cape Town. Lindsey has already met a number of Cape Town Rotary members whom she describes as gracious and diverse. She is living with four other Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars from around the world.

Global Grant Scholarship candidate

The Rotary District 7450 input for the Global Grant Scholarship candidate (name deliberately withheld because the scholarship has not yet been awarded) for study in 2013-2014 has been entered online by Joe Batory.

Our Rotary District 7450 nominee is working to complete her required section, the online profile, as part of the application which should be finalized sometime in March.

Her university choice is the prestigious Universidad de la Paz (chartered by the United Nations) in Costa Rica where she would study in the master's degree program in Sustainable Economic and Community Development. Her life goal is to work with the poor and underserved of Latin America to create economic opportunities where these are limited or non-existent.

Scholarship chair Joe Batory has established a successful linkage with the Rotary Club of San Jose which would be the host partner for this scholarship.

Rotary International will begin reviewing Global Grant Scholarship applications in April. The District 7450 Global Grant Scholarship award will be \$30,000 with \$15,000 coming from the Rotary District 7450 DDF and the other \$15,000 coming from the Rotary Foundation World Fund. Annual tuition at the Universidad de la Paz is

\$27,250 so if our nominee is awarded this scholarship, she will have to use more than \$10,000 of her own money for living expenses and travel.

Seek Peace Fellowship recommendations

Information regarding the next round of Peace Fellowships for study in 2014-2015 has been circulated to all universities in the Greater Philadelphia area as well as all Rotary District 7450 Club presidents. There are two types of Peace Fellowships:

Peace Fellowship 1 is a fully paid two-year master's degree at one of five overseas university centers.

Peace Fellowship 2 is a totally subsidized three-month certificate program at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand.

Qualifications:

Peace Fellowship 1 requires at least a bachelor's degree and is for persons already out in the world of work, i.e., at least three years of work experience is required.

Peace Fellowship 2 three-month certificate program requires at least some post-secondary coursework and five years minimum work experience.

Application Procedure:

Peace Fellowship applications must be downloaded from the Rotary International website. Candidates must initially seek and receive the endorsement of a Rotary Club in District 7450.

Applicants will need to demonstrate how they possess the Rotary ideals/goals of building peace, preventing violence, mediation and compromise.

Applications will be accepted by the Rotary District 7450 Scholarship Committee until April 3, 2013. Interviews will occur in May of 2013. It is anticipated that Rotary Foundation will announce the fellowship recipients for 2014-2015 in November.

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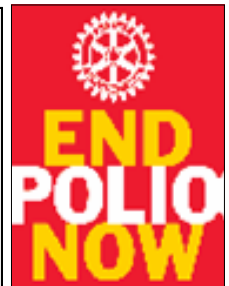
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Time to
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difference.



Great Valley Rotarians support Fire Company Building

The Great Valley Rotary Club (formerly Exton-Frazer Rotary Club) donated \$500 toward the capital building fund for East Whiteland Fire Company's Station 5 following its weekly breakfast meeting February 27. Station 5 will break ground in the near future for the new facility on Route 401 near Mill Lane.

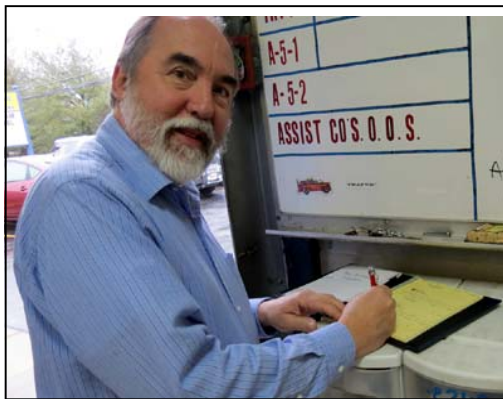
Built in 1958, the existing station is too small to house fire and ambulance apparatus, equipment, and support functions.

The current firehouse is not centrally located, which negatively impacts response time and the firehouse does not meet building, fire, or ADA codes. The deteriorating condition of the facility and the outdated nature of the structure hinders 24/7 capabilities, equipment maintenance, training, community outreach, and ongoing recruitment of volunteers.

The volunteer fire company provides fire, rescue, Basic Life Support EMS, HazMat, and fire-police services for East Whiteland Township and parts of Charlestown Township. The company also is the primary EMS provider to

parts of neighboring West Whiteland Township.

In addition to residential neighborhoods, the "first due" coverage includes Routes 29, 202, 30, 401, the Pennsylvania Turnpike, Immaculata University, and numerous business



Great Valley Rotary Club treasurer Ed Bauer writes the \$500 check for the East Whiteland Fire Company Building Fund during February 27 visit to firehouse following the Club's weekly breakfast meeting.



Great Valley Rotary Club president Jeff Kofsky (right) presents a facsimile of the \$500 check for the Building Fund from the Great Valley Rotary Club to East Whiteland Fire Company president Gary Sheridan during a visit to the firehouse February 27. On hand for the presentation are (in back, from left) Al Hardy of the East Whiteland Fire Police Unit, and Great Valley Rotarians DG Dave Ellis, AG Dan McGonigle, Ed Bauer and Art Klein, who also is president-elect of Gundaker Foundation.

parks and retail centers.

To help the dedicated volunteers protect the community, the Friends of East Whiteland Fire and Ambulance Company (FEWFA) was created in 2007 by business leaders and members of the East Whiteland Township community to lead the fundraising efforts for a new fire station.

Each year, the Great Valley Rotary Club donates funds to non-profit organizations as well as community organizations.

More information on the Fire Company is available at www.Sta5Tion.org. The Great Valley Rotary Club site is www.greatvalleyrotary.org.

RYLA weekend March 15-17

RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) weekend is March 15 to 17 at Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge. The program for high school student leaders offers mentoring by the District Rotaractors and programs about anti-bullying, peace and conflict resolution. Included will be a hands-on program with the ShelterBox.

Each Rotary Club is encouraged to support two juniors or seniors for the weekend at \$250 per student.

Applications are available at www.rotary7450.org/RYLA



District Literacy Website can help Rotary Clubs

Are you looking for ideas for your Club's literacy project or do you have ideas to share?

The District 7450 Literacy Committee website <http://www.rotary7450.org/literacy/>

has space to promote your projects and list resources for Clubs. The website also has downloadable application for this year's District Literacy Award.

WC Rotarians warm hearts with soup

Safe Harbor, a local shelter for homeless men and women, is receiving gallons of homemade soup from members of the Rotary Club of West Chester. Valentine's Day was the kick-off for "Warming Hearts with Soup." Diane Lemonides (left), who headed up the Club project, is getting an assist in loading some of the donated soup into coolers from Pam Costanzi and Eric Wolfer. Beginning February 14 and continuing every Thursday through February, Club members took gallon containers of soup they made and froze each week to Safe Harbor. "This is a nice family activity to do together," said Diane, as she introduced the



project to Club members. "Valentine's Day seemed to be a perfect time for Rotarians to share the love through this Rotary

In Rome, Italy Former Rotary scholar elected Club secretary

Jacopo Carmassi was an Ambassadorial Scholar from Italy when he studied at Penn a few years ago. He earned his Ph.D. in economics and now lives and works in Rome where he had a successful tenure as president of the Rotaract Club of Rome and is a member of the Rotary Club of Rome West. He has been elected Club secretary and plans to run a marathon to support "End Polio Now!"



Check out Speaker's Bureau at <http://rotary7450.org/foundation/resources>

Looking for interesting speakers for your Rotary Club?

Rotary Clubs often search for speakers or programs for their meetings. Rotary has a number of appropriate programs for meetings. Some are in person such as our GSE team members (listed below). Others are videos or PowerPoint's that detail something special about Rotary.

Rick Berger of the Twin Valley Rotary Club has pulled many of these together for your use.

Speakers may be found as part of District database at www.dacdb.com by selecting the speaker tab on the top banner. Clubs are asked to submit available speakers to Sharon Quick at Sharon.C.Quick@gmail.com. Include name, topic and contact.

In-person presenters who have been suggested by various Clubs include:

Rotarian Claudio Cerullo; Anti-bullying; 610-597-8101; info@drclaudiocerullo.com.

Rotarian Tim Birch; Membership; tjbirch@verizon.net; 215-949-4018.

Tonia Adleta; GSE team to Brazil; tadleta@gmail.com; 484-886-6295.

Anna Dennery; GSE team to Brazil; 267-679-7731; annadenry@gmail.com.

Max Lovitz-Wolfson; GSE team to Brazil; 215-439-23789; maxlov@gmail.com.

Evan Black; GSE team to Brazil; evaleigh@gmail.com; 405-612-6161

Lavell Kirby; GSE team to Brazil; gmsworld1@gmail.com; 215-787-4410.

Club Programs suggested by Clubs:

Ray Ishman, secretary of the Broomall Rotary Club, is a medical doctor who emphasizes wellness through nutrition, exercise, nutritional supplements, along with metabolic and hormonal deficiencies. He is available to speak on this range of health-related topics. Contact him at office (610-940-1620) or rishman@cenegenics.com.

Mark Beauchamp, a landscape designer with the firm of clr Design which designs zoo landscapes and they do it for zoos throughout the United States. Mark can be reached via e-mail at mbeauchamp@clrdesign.com.

George Jones, president of Central Delaware County Rotary Club, who had a career as investment advisor, will share what elements need to come together to maximize the return on your Social Security investment. Contact George at gjjonesjr@comcast.net or 484-410-5552.

District Youth Exchange Committee seeks opportunities to speak with Clubs about the Youth Exchange program. Contact Page Huey at 215-726-5719 or via e-mail at pagehuey@gmail.com.

PDG Ron Smith of District 7430 approached District 7450 Rotary Foundation Committee to seek Clubs to join in one of TRF's new programs called a Vocational Training Team, similar to the GSE program, but more focused. Ron is developing a medical team exchange with Uganda and would welcome the opportunity to share his ideas as a Club program. Clubs interested can send an e-mail to PDG Bonnie Korengel at bkorengel@ukacpa.com with open dates.

To help area seniors:**Northeast Sunrisers will do 'Spring Cleaning Day' tasks**

The Rotary Club of Northeast Sunrisers - will participate in a seniors "Spring Cleaning Day" as part of "Rotarians at Work Day."

The special community program is Sunday, April 28, of the same weekend as the official world-wide "Rotarians at Work Day."

Rotarians and other volunteers will help seniors in Northeast Philadelphia get ready for spring by cleaning up yards, replacing smoke alarm batteries and hard-to-reach light bulbs, removing weather stripping, turning over mattresses, uncovering air conditioners or installing window air conditioners.

The volunteers can select times of 10 a.m. to noon, noon to 2 p.m. or 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. by calling 215-320-0351.

Northeast Sunriser Rotary Club has participated in the Spring Cleaning Day for several years and also does the reverse in the fall to help winterize homes and yards for seniors.

Northeast Sunrisers president Mark Michelman invites Rotarians from other District 7450 Clubs who would like to volunteer to contact him at m.michelman@verizon.net.

In final Rotadown**Rotary Club of Downingtown salutes 9 remaining members**

The Rotary Club of Downingtown saluted the Club's 9 members in its final February 19 Club newsletter, *Rotadown*. Those honored and their years as Rotarians are: Joseph McCahon, 49 years; David Kirkner, 36 years; Cynthia Lyman, 25 years; Eileen Schafer, 20 years; Elva Wright, 16 years; Dee Karras, 12 years; Carl Gregory, 10 years; Leandro Porciuncula, 6 years; and Amrita Grewal Trueblood, 3 years. All have been encouraged to join other Clubs in the District.

The *Rotadown* reported the Club will send two students from the Brandywine Technical High School College to RYLA and funds are available for the Lucas Device which the Club and Thornedale Club are scheduled to present to Minquas Fire Company next month. In addition, the sponsorship of the July 4th Good Neighbor Day Canoe Race in Downingtown will be handed over to the Rotary Club of Thorndale.

The Hope Children's Home orphanage in Guyana also will receive funding as planned from the Downingtown Rotary Club and the Club's college scholarships will be increased to two \$3,000 grants this year and the same number for the next three years.

The *Rotadown* also reports Eileen Schafer was asked to deliver the remaining 200 dictionaries to St. Joseph's School in Downingtown, and to explore possibility of donating Club banners and records to the Downingtown Historical Society.

Philadelphia Rotarians mentor At St. Martin de Porres School

Different members of the Rotary Club of Philadelphia have been occasional visitors the St. Martin de Porres School in North Philadelphia. The Philadelphia Rotarians have been acting as mentors and exchanging ideas with the students. Philadelphia Rotarian Kate Joynt is enjoying her recent visit to the school and classrooms.

**Autism Awareness Symposium**

Keynote—Dr. David S. Mandell, Associate Director

Center for Autism Research at

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

March 23, 2013 11:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

D'Ignazio's Towne House Restaurant, Media, PA

Tickets required (\$30 each includes lunch)

Purchase tickets online at

<http://autismawareness-rotarycentraldelco.eventbrite.com/#>

Or send check to: The Rotary Club of Central Delaware County,

P.O. Box 442, Media, PA 19063



Ticket questions please contact Jeanne Lee, 610-306-6901, sunsetlee1950@gmail.com

District Clubs announce upcoming fundraising programs

Central CC Rotary Club Wine Tasting, Auction

The Rotary Club of Central Chester County and Lionville Fire Company present "An Evening of Greek Wine Tasting and Silent Auction" Friday, March 8, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Lionville Fire Hall, 15 South Village Ave., Lionville. The evening will include appetizers and a silent auction.

Tickets are \$35 per person with proceeds to benefit the Lionville Fire Company and other charitable organizations

Rotarians and friends can have a little taste of Greece while bidding on the many interesting auction items donated by local businesses.

Anyone interested in donating an item or service to the silent auction will be acknowledged during the evening, in the program and on our Rotary website.

For tickets or questions, contact Ted Gacomis at 610-903-0023 or tgacomis@ebwalshinc.com.

Ardmore Rotary Club Murder Mystery Dinner

Ardmore Rotary Club is hosting a "Mystery Dinner Theater" Friday, April 19, from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. at the Merion Cricket Club in Haverford.

"Deadly Housewives" is the play and one or more members of the audience could become part of the search to find who murdered the housewife next door. This sounds like a fun night with audience participation as well as votes by the audience to determine "who dun it" while raising funds for Club projects.

Reservations are \$75 per person with a limit of 75 people. For reservation, go to ArdmoreRotary.org or contact past president Chris Hoyt at cchoyt@comcast.net or 610-639-0608.

Send future program notes for this page to mombugjoan@msn.com.

Haverford Township Club offers two project ideas

Haverford Township Rotary Club has developed a relationship with and organization in Montego Bay, Jamaica that provides a home for children with disabilities including cerebral palsy, Down's syndrome, autism, epilepsy, blindness, mental retardation, scoliosis, microcephaly, progeria and others. The home is called Blessed Assurance and it needs funding to complete two projects.

The first is \$3,000 for a walkway to accommodate wheelchairs. The need is of an immediate nature and \$1,500 has been generated thus far.

The second project is for roof guttering that will allow for the capture of rain water to be utilized in their water system. This is planned as a summer project and is estimated to cost \$10,000. Any individual or Club interested in contributing any amount toward either of these projects is asked to contact Haverford Rotary Club president Dara Gans at 610-212-6533 or at dara.gans@sbcglobal.net.

Central Delco Rotary Club hosts 'Autism Awareness'

Central Delaware County Rotary Club is planning an Autism Awareness Symposium Luncheon for Saturday, March 23rd, from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at D'Ignazio's Towne House Restaurant-Jamestown Ballroom, 117 Veterans Square, Media.

Cost for the symposium is \$30 per person.

The Club is looking for individuals to attend the symposium, as well as, sponsors and advertisers. Further information and tickets are available from Club president-elect Mikael Nordstrom at 610-308-3646 or mikael-nordstrom@msn.com.

Great Valley Club says: 'Let's get together'

Great Valley Rotary Club (formerly Exton-Frazer Rotary Club) has developed a multicultural event that is titled "Let's Get Together."

The event is Sunday, April 21st, beginning at noon, at the School of Rock, 511 Old Lancaster Road, Suite 4. Berwyn.

Features include entertainment and food from many different cultures and genres and a silent auction.

Sponsors, advertisers, and guests are welcome.

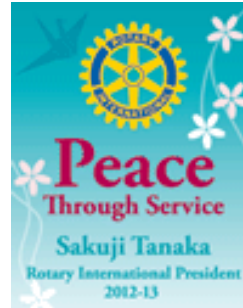
Interested Rotarians and friends can get additional information from Great Valley Rotary Club president-elect Deepak Malkan at 610-241-2449 or dvmalkan@yahoo.com.

Wayne Rotary Speaker Series: April 10 program

The Wayne Rotary Speaker Series continues Wednesday, April 10th, at Margaret Kuo's on Lancaster Avenue in, Wayne with Dr. Dwight Jaggard, professor and director of the Executive Management of Technology Program at the University of Pennsylvania, speaking about: "Decision Making and Persuasion." Using results from management science, behavioral economics and social psychology, the presentation will examine common biases that can derail good decisions and some ways to enhance our own decision-making and persuasion skills.

The program begins at 6 p.m. with cocktails, buffet and networking. The meal service will be personally supervised by Rotarian Margaret Kuo and the speaker will begin at 7 p.m.

For information about program costs, contact Dr. Joseph R. Greenberg at jrgdmd@gmail.com with questions. Proceeds support local, national and international projects.



Rotary Foundation Factoids

If your club is considering applying to the Rotary Foundation for a local or international grant the Rotary Foundation staff recommends taking five steps to help assure qualifying:

Conduct a local needs assessment. This should be done whether the project is at home or abroad. Check with local civic and community leaders to learn about their most pressing needs, and the true feasibility of your proposed project helping to meet those needs.

Make use of local resources and funding. Are there local businesses, charitable or civic groups that would have an interest in helping with planning, funding, manpower or follow-up?

Determine the most appropriate human and technology resources to address the issue. Simple and less complicated can often be better and longer lasting than high tech

that demands more maintenance and manpower.

If the project requires technology and/or machinery, assure to provide continuing monitoring and maintenance. Make sure that local talent is available to address any issues that might arise.

Teach those individuals benefiting from the project about the details of the project. If there is equipment and/or technology involved, make sure that community members know how things work and who to contact when they don't.

For more detailed information about the grant application process and all of the wonderful work of Our Rotary Foundation go to www.rotary.org and click on the Rotary Foundation link.

AG Frank Hollick, Chestnut Hill Rotary Club

Gundaker Foundation hosts Rotary Exchange students



Gundaker Foundation hosted the District's 2012-2013 Rotary Exchange students at its March 4 meeting at the Desmond Hotel in Malvern. Students updated the group about themselves and activities and several students played musical instruments. Joining the students for the photo are (back row) Chester Rotarian Francy Cross, DG nominee Chad Rosenberg of Upper Main Line Rotary Club, District Youth chair Donna Henry and Page Huey of Eastwick-Philadelphia Airport Rotary Club, and Ed Graves of Bala Cynwyd Rotary Club.



The Rotary Club of Central Chester County,
for the benefit of the Lionville Fire Company, presents

GREEK WINE TASTING



FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2013

LIONVILLE FIRE COMPANY

An Evening of Greek Wine, Appetizers
and a Silent Auction

Location: 15 South Village Avenue, Lionville

Time: 7:00 PM TO 9:30 PM

Ticket Price: \$35.00

*Proceeds benefit the Lionville Fire Company
and other charitable organizations*

To purchase tickets, please call 610-903-0023
or email tgacomis@ebwalshinc.com

West Grove-Avondale Club to sponsor exchange student to Russia

Over the years, the West Grove-Avondale Rotary Club has sponsored many incoming and outgoing high school students through Rotary International's Youth Exchange program, and this year is no exception.

Morgan Cyron, a student at Avon Grove High School, has been accepted for the Rotary Youth Exchange program for the 2013-2014 school year to her first country of choice: Russia.

Through this long-term exchange, Morgan will spend a year living with host families and attending school in Russia. She is taking Russian courses to become as fluent as possible before she leaves for the exchange in August.

In return for Morgan's exchange, the West Grove Avondale Rotary Club will be hosting a foreign student. The Cyron's will host the student for part of the time and the Club is looking for other families interested in hosting for several months each.

The Rotary Youth Exchange program offers numerous benefits to its young participants and their Rotarian hosts and mentors, as well as to the community at large. Through Youth Exchange, students learn firsthand about all aspects of life in another country. Host Clubs and families and the entire community are enriched by extended, friendly contact with someone from a different culture.

Rotary Youth Exchange offers three types of exchange programs:

- Long-term exchange, open to students ages 15-19 and usually lasts 10-12 months. Most students are 16-18 years old during their exchange year. The student lives with more than one family in the host country and is required to attend school.
- Short-term exchange (ages as above). These exchanges

vary from several days to several weeks; they often take place when school is not in session and usually do not include an academic program.

- New Generations exchange. This specialized short-term exchange lasts three to six weeks and is open to young people ages 18-25. This program may include a vocational element.

Rotary's Long-Term Youth Exchange Program is much less expensive than other exchange programs. It is organized and administered by volunteer Rotarians and their families, working through local Rotary Clubs and Rotary Districts. Host families are selected on the basis of quality, not because they are compensated.

Students and their families are required to provide round-trip transportation, clothing, health and travel insurance, and spending money. For long-term exchanges, the host Club will pay any school tuition fees for required academic programs and provide a modest monthly allowance. Free room and board are provided by host families selected by the host Club.

Because the program is staffed by volunteers, Rotary is able to make Youth Exchange opportunities accessible to young people of all backgrounds and economic means. In some cases there may be scholarships.

Applications for the 2014-2015 school year will be accepted beginning September, 2013. For information, contact Rosalie Wells, Youth Exchange officer for the West Grove Avondale Rotary Club, at 610-869-4315 or www.westgroveavondalerotary.org. Also, visit <http://www.exchangestudent.org/> and www.rotary.org or contact Rotary District 7450 Youth Exchange chair Donna Henry of Eastwick-Philadelphia Airport Rotary Club at dmhphilly@aol or 215-292-1254.



Morgan Cyron, headed to Russia as a Rotary exchange student.

At two sites this spring:

Rotary Leadership Institute offers courses

Now is a good time for Rotary leaders in each Club to decide which of its members should attend the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) which is offering two courses in the Delaware Valley this spring. Courses are scheduled for:

Friday, March 15, in Mt. Laurel, NJ, Wyndham Hotel. Part I, II, III. Registration Fee \$95.00.

Saturday, April 13, in Wilmington, DE, Hotel du Pont. Part I, II, III and Graduate. Registration Fee \$95.00.

Attendees return to their clubs motivated, energized and inspired and they share that enthusiasm with other members.

You accepted the invitation to become a Rotarian for a reason. You stay a Rotarian also for a reason. Spending a day at an RLI session will add many more reasons for you to be a Rotarian. Remember, "He profits most who serves best."

For registration visit www.rlinea.com; from drop down menu select **Registration**. For additional information, contact Govinda Malya, District 7450 RLI Chair at govindamalya@gmail.com.

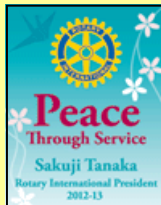
Student of Month

Longwood Rotary Club honored Chrissy Eckman as "Student of Quarter" last month.



Chrissy received her certificate from Longwood Rotarian President-elect John Marble. She is a four-year member of Unionville High School Interact, attended RYLA. She is captain of basketball team, editor of the school newspaper and an honor student.

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



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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.

Rotarians receive Paul Harris Awards

Ardmore Rotary Club president Rob Burnham (with blue tie) surprised Rotarian and Merion Fire Company of Ardmore chief Tom



Hayden (left in uniform) with a Paul Harris Fellow Award in recognition of his heroism in pulling two women from a burning house last August while risking his own life. Hayden was hospitalized and required two surgeries as a result of his injuries. At the same meeting, president Burnham presented past president Doug Klepfer with a fourth Paul Harris recognition pin with four sapphires from the Rotary Foundation.

Polio survivor to tell story April 12:

Ramesh Ferris returning to District: will visit high school, attend event

Ramesh Ferris, a Rotarian, international speaker and polio survivor, will tell the story of his personal journey from surviving polio as a young child in India through his global efforts to "End Polio Now!" to students, public officials, press and Rotarians in two programs in West Chester, Friday, April 12. The visit is co-sponsored by the Rotary Club of West Chester and West Chester University Campus Radio.

Ferris will share his story initially with high school students, community dignitaries, the press and Rotaractors at an assembly for over 600 juniors and seniors at East High School. The event will be televised into freshman and sophomore classrooms simultaneously.



Beginning at 5 p.m., Ferris will attend a fellowship and snacks pre-event in Sykes Student Union at West Chester University, 110 W. Rosedale Ave., West Chester, followed by the presentation of his inspirational talk at 6 p.m.

A limited number of tickets are available for a donation of \$25 in advance (\$35 at the door).

Proceeds will be sent to Rotary's "End Polio Now!" program to eradicate polio in the world.

Contact Wendy Hoffman for tickets no later than Friday, April 5 at

(whoffman@chescohar.org)

The evening program is open to all Rotarians, their families and the public.

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*. Go to page 10 in this issue for this month's listings.

Can We Eradicate Polio? One Man's Story...

Join us for an Inspirational Evening with
International Speaker and Polio Survivor:

Ramesh Ferris



Friday, April 12th, 2013
5:00 - 7:00 PM

FELLOWSHIP HOUR 5:00 - 6:00 PM
PRESENTATION @ 6:00 PM

West Chester University

Sykes Student Union
110 W. Rosedale Ave., West Chester
(Parking available in Sykes parking lot)

\$25 donation* in advance;
\$35 at the door

RSVP to Wendy Hoffman
whoffman@chescobar.org
by Friday, April 5th

**Proceeds benefit Rotary's International's
worldwide polio eradication efforts
(tax-deductible to the extent allowable by IRS regulations)*



Ramesh shares his personal journey from surviving polio as a young child in India through his global efforts to "End Polio Now". His presentation inspires people to support Rotary International's polio eradication efforts. Ramesh has electrified audiences in the U.S. and around the world!

Join us for a special evening of inspiration and fellowship.

LIMITED # OF TICKETS! Don't miss this opportunity to hear Ramesh's personal story that will inspire you to want to help END POLIO NOW!

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SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2013

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- Replacing smoke alarm batteries
- Replacing hard to reach light bulbs
- Taking off winter weather stripping
- Turn over (flip) mattresses
- Uncovering or placing window air conditioners

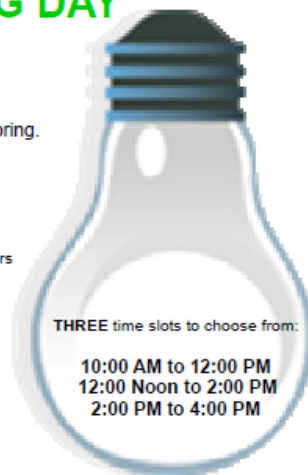
Can't make it on the 28th?
Let us know when you can help.

To volunteer please call 215-320-0351
or register online by clicking [here](#).

Registration ends April 19!

THREE time slots to choose from:

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Saturday, September 14th - 7:30 pm

"Rotary Night at the Union"

Join fellow Rotarians at PPL Park to watch the
Philadelphia Union professional soccer team while helping
generate funds towards Polio Eradication.

Pregame tailgate party with fellowship, food, and beverages
will be hosted by the Chester Rotary Club.

Tickets are \$30 with \$10 of each
ticket being donated to PolioPlus.

To reserve your seats,
please email Bronwyn Martin:
district7450.bronwyn@gmail.com