



District 7450 Rotary Leader



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Message from DG Dave

As I write this column, I'm wondering what each Rotarian will be doing on April 27th, "Rotarians At Work Day," a time when many Rotarians will be joining in a community project, knowing that their fellow Rotarians will be doing something for their community, as well. What did your Club do? The Rotarian fellowship of the day only amplifies the value of the projects. Thanks to each of you who participated.



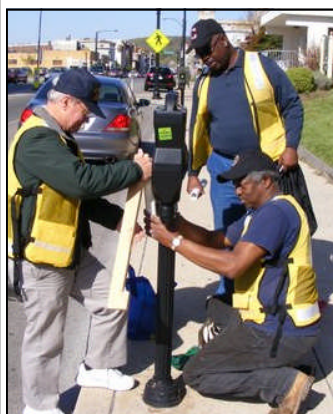
Our Rotary theme for the year is "Peace Through Service." Certainly when we hear of the problems encountered in Boston at the end of the marathon, we have a better understanding of the need for peace. We have talked about peace as I have visited with each of you. It can be elusive, but we know that peace is more than the absence of armed conflict. Peace begins in each of our hearts and expands when we welcome one another.

As Rotarians, we open our arms and our homes to exchange students, to ambassadorial scholars, to Rotarians on a Friendship Exchange and to GSE team members. Our District has a GSE team visiting South Korea at this moment. They will be home very shortly, but they took peace with them, as we all learn more about our similarities and ways to be open to each other. Share your peace today.

Membership is a subject for each month's *Rotary Leader*. It appears that we have inched ahead this month by gaining three more members than we have lost (for the year) as a District. As I have reviewed the processes that we use, it appears to me that we don't do a very good job of helping people who have a heart for Rotary, but have had a change in their lives that now prevents them from participating in their present Clubs. We need to help find a new match for them. To this extent, we will be working on the formation of an e-club in the District.

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District Rotarians join 'Rotarians at Work'



Coatesville Rotary Club attached brackets for American flags to parking meters in Coatesville as 'Rotarians at Work' project. Past president Grover Koon (kneeling) adjusts the bracket as president-elect Greg Hines and Harold Yost assist. The brackets will display American flags on national holidays and at

special events in Coatesville. More than 35 Clubs in the District participated with several hundred Rotary Clubs and 20,000 plus Rotarians worldwide in 'Rotarians at Work Day,' 2013.

Philadelphia Rotarians spruce up school stairwells



Kirsty Halliday (left) was among Philadelphia Rotary Club members who painted five floors of stairwells at the Folk Arts and Culture School on April 27. The

team of painters also included Sandy Goldberg, Jeb Brookman, Patrick Feeley, Jeff Cabot, Lisa Leonard, Iain and Kate Campbell, Matt Tae, Chris Kaufer, Qun Zhao, and Joan and Joe Batory.

Looking for members? 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:

- Beauty Salon
- Building Construction
- Clothing Children
- Dentistry General
- Education Private Schools
- Law Commercial
- Public Utilities – Gas and Electric
- Scouting
- Travel Agency

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

DG Dave Ellis

District 7450 Assembly set for May 28 at West Chester East High School

District Governor Elect Charles Streitwieser and his leadership team have scheduled the 2013 Rotary District Assembly Tuesday, May 28, from 5 to 9 p.m. at West Chester East High School in West Chester. Registration starts at 5 p.m. Dinner is included in the \$27 registration fee.

The training at the Assembly is for all major committee chairpersons/ leadership positions in a Rotary Club and our District level leaders: presidents-elect, secretaries, treasurers, assistant governors, chairs of membership, Foundation, Club service projects, public image, etc.

Breakout sessions will focus on Club administration with emphasis on New Generations integration. New topics will be the North American Membership Plan developed by Rotary International and the new grant model of the Rotary Foundation.

Attendance at the Foundation breakout on grants management will be critical for Clubs wishing to qualify for Global Grants from the Rotary Foundation.

The Assembly will feature an Interact project showcase, a moderated discussion about how Interact/Rotaract can work with or be assisted by Rotarians in their respective efforts to do community service projects in the future.

The registration fee includes a surcharge to support 30 Interactors, who will be working at the Assembly. Interact and Rotaract leaders and emerging leaders from both groups are invited to attend and will not be charged a fee.

Online registration details will be available at www.DaCdb.com. For information, contact DGE Charles Streitwieser at streitwieser@verison.net.

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To this extent, we will be working on the formation of an **e-club** in the District. At the same time we have noted some interest in forming a new Rotary Club in the Naval Base area. As we sort out the needs and who will meet these needs, I ask that anyone who is aware of someone in the Navy Base area to contact me. Please also contact me with name of anyone who is experiencing difficulty with the timing of his or her current Club but still with a heart for Rotary. It's exciting that we can offer more opportunities for people to serve.

I'm also reminded that there will be an appearance of the Shen Yun Performing Arts team in Philadelphia May 3-5. I mention this because its volunteer promotional team has presented a program to a number of Clubs and those of us who have experienced the program see a great deal of peace in their presentation and in the performance. If anyone is interested, more information is available at www.shenyunperformingarts.org.

As we move toward the end of this Rotary year, I remind you that you will be given the opportunity to serve many times in your life and in many different ways. As you face these opportunities and are given the choice to sit it out or dance, - I HOPE YOU DANCE.

DGs Installation/Celebration June 30 at WC Country Club

The installation of Charles Streitwieser as 2013-2014 District Governor and the celebration of DG Dave Ellis' Rotary year will be Sunday, June 30, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at West Chester Country Club, West Chester. Dinner fee is \$40, with admission by ticket only. District secretary Sharon Quick will handle registration online and by mail. Tickets will be sent out by return mail. Detailed registration information will appear in June *Leader*.

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/protoplast
 Youth Exchange: d7450youthexchange.org/
 RYLA: rotary7450.org/RYLA
 Rotary International: rotary.org
 District Calendar: www.DaCdb.com; and rotary7450.org/calendar

Polio survivor Ramesh Ferris brings hope to fight polio

Rotarian and polio survivor Ramesh Ferris inspired over 600 students at West Chester East High School in the early afternoon of April 12, and then made a second inspiring presentation to members of area Rotary Clubs, university students and community members in the early evening at West Chester University.

Ferris, a polio survivor and Rotarian in Canada, brought his message of survival, advocacy and hope to hundreds of people in the West Chester area, providing information and urging them to help eradicate polio in the last three countries still fighting the dread disease, Afghanistan, Pakistan and Nigeria.

He amazed students and adults alike as he made his way to the stage, demonstrating the fate of those who must live with polio because they did not get the polio vaccine or have not had access to resources to help them function with weak limbs. He told moving stories of his visits to countries where Muslim



parents are resistant to their children receiving the vaccine. His visits and personal story have won over many of these parents, and they have become advocates for the vaccine developed by Dr. Jonas Salk, and supporters of the eradication of this crippling disease.

Ferris travels worldwide, sometimes as often as two to three times per month to bring his message and help eradicate polio. Since the 1980s, polio eradication has been a top priority of Rotary International and Rotarians worldwide. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has provided thousands of matching dollars to the Rotary effort.

Born in India, put up for adoption by his birth mother who could not get him the resources to survive the disease, Ferris was adopted by a Canadian couple who provided him the needed corrective surgeries to enable him to walk.

At 33, Ramesh Ferris has completed high school, received a college degree, and works in his hometown of Whitehorse, Yukon, as a social worker with at-risk youth and persons with mental and physical disabilities.

Ramesh Ferris is a personable and dedicated advocate for the eradication of polio worldwide, and inspires others to join his efforts.



Ramesh Ferris met with officers and members of the West Chester East Interact Club after his talk to students. The Interactors helped with the program at the high school.

Ramesh Ferris (fourth from left) joins Rotarians from area Rotary Clubs, West Chester University students and community members at West Chester University as they make the sign to "End Polio Now," including (front row, from left) West Chester Rotarians John Schwab, DGE Charles Streitwieser, and Jeannie McGinn, Ramesh, West Chester Rotarian Denise Wine, Ardmore Rotarian Jane Williams, and Kennett Square Rotary Club president and AGE Bronwyn Martin. Ramesh's inspiring evening presentation was preceded by a reception, hosted by the Rotary Club of West Chester, aided by members of the Rotaract and Friars Clubs at WCU.



Looking at 'Rotarians at Work Day' 2013



Glen Riddle and Chester Rotary Clubs joined forces to spruce up the Salvation Army Chester Corps Center in Chester. Working in the kitchen are past presidents Kathryn Flagg (left) of Glen Riddle Rotary Club and Franci Cross of the Chester Rotary Club.



Helping organize the Salvation Army trailer are Joe Saunders, Bill Atlee, and Art Sybrandy, who are members of the Chester Rotary Club.



Glen Riddle Rotarian Carl Thomas works in Salvation Army Chester Corps kitchen.



Glen Mills-Thornbury Rotary Club planted flowers at the Historic Newlin Grist Mill using flowers purchased from the Rustin Interact Club with assistance of Boy Scouts (front, from left) Eric Chapman and Stephen Mooney. Rotarians who helped include (back, from left) Ted Varney, treasurer Dave Barrett, past president Karen Mazzarella, Chris Zawawski, and president John Munro. Also helping was Scoutmaster Jim Davis.



Newtown Square Rotary Club president Marie Richards (left) and a team of Rotarians (right) spent the morning helping out at the Newtown Square Railroad Museum on Route 3.



Chichester Rotarians and helpers cleaned up trash along Meetinghouse Road in Boothwyn.

Photos wanted

Please send photos of your Rotary Club's 'Rotarians at Work Day' to info@rotary7450.org for consideration for the June *Leader*. Thank you!

Looking at 'Rotarians at Work Day' 2013



Upper Darby Rotary Club spent Saturday morning, April 27, weeding, clearing and planting shrubs in Naylor's Run Park in Upper Darby Township. Among those who participated were (from left) past AG Richard Heron, David Hennessy, past president Hank VanZanten, Jack Shulman, president Matt Quigley, Sean Murphy, Hugh McElhenney and Karen Doherty. Also helping out were Bob Donohue and daughter Isabella, and Ron Cole and daughter Ellie

About 30 Ardmore Rotarians, Main Line Rotaractors and local residents (below) spent three hours pulling weeds and spreading mulch in the Rotary Sensory Garden in Wynnewood Valley Park, Wynnewood on "Rotarians at Work Day" followed by cookout lunch in the park.



West Chester Downtown "Fridays" Rotarians, who helped sort books at the West Chester Public Library in West Chester during "Rotarians at Work Day," include (from left) Dominic Marinucci, Marie Holland, Chris Feryo, Dennis Wallace, treasurer Clint Wiggins, charter president Carol Metzker, and Eric Metzker. The Club meets at the Library at 415 North Church Street at 2 p.m. Fridays on weeks when the meeting is not moved.



(Bill Kemmerer Photos)

Weeding continues in Rotary's "Sensory Park" where cherry trees from Japan Tokyo Club were in full bloom.

Glen Riddle Rotary Club presents Delco Fair check



Glen Riddle Rotary Club president Pete Frigiola, and Club secretary Lisa Grech present a check for \$750 from the Delco Fair Board to Heather Childs for K-9 Parents for Life, who is accompanied by Nala, a service dog. Glen Riddle Rotary Club is one of sponsors of the annual Fair.

Rotarians select Jason Trupp 'Trooper of the Year'



(Photo by iPP Al Schmitt)

Pennsylvania State Trooper Jason Trupp, DRE (left) was honored by the Kennett Square Rotary Club as "State Trooper of the Year" at the Club's April 9th meeting. Club president Bronwyn Martin presented the award. Club member Chris Henderson worked with the Avondale State Police Barracks to select the honoree. Trooper Cruz (right), was on hand to highlight Jason's efforts to keep peace in the community and people safe.

Langhorne Rotary Club partners with 'Quilts for Kids'



Rotary Club of Langhorne joined forces with the Rotary Foundation to make a difference in the lives of children in need in the community. A District Simplified Grant from the Club enabled the Quilts For Kids, Inc. to purchase fabric and create workshops at the charity's headquarters in Fairless Hills. Volunteer quilters brought their sewing machines and dedicated an entire day to quilting. The quilts will be delivered to children's hospitals in the Philadelphia area by the Langhorne Rotary club. Displaying some of the "Quilts for Kids" quilts at Langhorne Rotary Club meeting are (from left) Kathy Harr, president David Carson, "Quilts for Kids" CEO Linda Arye and Ward McMasters. "It's been a great partnership with the Langhorne Rotary Club" says Founder Linda Arye. "This grant enables us to turn tears to smiles in many children fighting a life battle with an illness, in our community. It touches our hearts to have their (Rotarians) support - they bring home the meaning of 'it takes a village' with their commitment to "Quilts For Kids."

Glen Mills Rotarians select two Students of the Month for March

Rich Giduck and Savannah Dysard, Glen Mills Rotary Club's March Students of the Month were welcomed to the Club at the April 17 breakfast meeting by president John Munro. Both students participate in a number of activities within and outside of the Rustin School community and through their activities demonstrate the motto of the Rotary "Service Above Self."



Art for polio plus

An unique fundraiser for "End Polio Now" fund was held on April 17 by the Rotary Club of Philadelphia at Philadelphia's Studio Incamminati, the art school



founded by the world renowned portrait painter Nelson Shanks. The "sold

out" event began with hors d'oeuvres and drinks followed by the opportunity for each attendee to be an artist after instruction by experts at Studio Incamminati. Among the Rotarians who tried out their artistic talents was PDG Joan Batory, past president of the Philadelphia Rotary Club. Proceeds from the event will benefit "End Polio Now" fund.

West Chester Welcomes 13 PH Fellows



District 7450 Governor-elect Charles Streitwieser (left) offered words of welcome to the newest Paul Harris Fellows of the Rotary Club of West Chester, including (front, from left) Elizabeth Guman, Rabbi Sue Greenberg, Cathy Palmquist, Cristina Combee, Pam Costanzi, Katie Decker, and (back, from left) Denise Wine, Bert Volger, Jim Langer, Faith Woodward, Marjorie Wentz, Dan Cosgrove and Matt Holliday.

Philadelphia 'Rotarians at Work Day' workers ready to work



The Rotary Club of Philadelphia's painting crew on Rotarians at Work Day were all clad in the official Rotary attire for their service project of painting five stairwells at the Folk Arts Culture and Treasures Charter School in the northern Chinatown section of Philadelphia. Over 35 Rotary Clubs in District 7450 joined over 130 Clubs and over 20,000 Rotarians on three continents participated in local community service projects on April 27.

Rotary Day at the White House



District 7450 representatives to the Rotary Day at the White House 2013 last month gathered around RI president Sakuji Tanaka between sessions. They are (from left) Kennett Square Rotary Club President Bronwyn Martin, PDG Joan Batory, and District 7910 PDG Carol Toomey. As part of the daylong event, more than 160 Rotarians attended a morning of briefings by government officials on topics including polio eradication, health, violence prevention, and the environment. Noting Rotary brings people together to solve problems that are too large for one person to tackle, Tanaka said, "Alone, we look at the problems of our community and our world and we feel helpless. But together, we are powerful. And through Rotary, we have the power to change our communities and communities throughout the world – now and into the future. We have the ability to build the world we dream of: one that is healthier, happier, and with hope for better things to come."

A Symbol of Freedom: child anti-slavery logo

The new Rotarian Action Group Against Child Slavery (RACSAG), led by Mark Little of the Rotary Club of Norwich St. Edmund (England), celebrates its new logo, a joint effort by RACSAG board members. Cathy Cotter of the Longwood Rotary Club designed the logo and Carol Metzker, charter president of Rotary Club of West Chester Downtown and director of communications for RACSAG, was coordinator of the project.

"The release of doves symbolizes our raison d'être, the liberation of children from the physical and psychological trauma of enslavement and their reintegration back into their natural environment—their own homes," says Little, chairman of RACSAG.



**Rotarian Action Group
Against Child Slavery**



Henderson High Interact Club members inducted

A gala dinner at the West Chester Golf and Country Club was the site of the recent Henderson High School Interact Club Induction, sponsored by the Rotary Club of West Chester. Following dinner, West Chester Area School District superintendent and a Rotarian, James Scanlon, congratulated the Club on its success.

West Chester Mayor and Rotarian Carolyn Commita presented the students with keys to the borough and said their real gift is their gift of service and leadership. Rotary Club president Jeannie McGinn congratulated the students, and Rotarian Rick Dunlap, principal of East High School, attended along with representatives of East High School Interact Club.

DG Dave Ellis, who was attending his first Interact Club induction, talked about the students' commitment to "Service Above Self", the Rotary slogan. In his remarks, Ellis said he has been privileged to be part of Rotary since 1971, and added his wife is a graduate of Henderson High School. "Search for your passion," he told the students. "You will be more joyful and have a more fulfilled life if you do."

Interact advisor and Rotarian Elaine Kempksi presented special awards to Nicole Carter and Chelea Sammarone, Interact co-presidents, saying "You have been the passion behind the club for the past three years. Leadership is not lonely; you have shared and provided outstanding leadership to this club." In response, the co-presidents presented Kempksi with flowers and said "participating in Interact has been an amazing part of growing up."

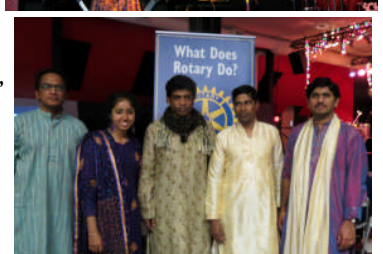
In her closing remarks, Kempksi commented, "Your life changes when you work with young people."



Joining the Henderson High School Interact Club following induction ceremonies are Henderson High School principal and Rotarian James Scanlon (back row, left) DG Dave Ellis (back, right), West Chester Club president Jeannie McGinn (middle row, left) and Interact Advisor and Rotarian Elaine Kempksi (right).

Great Valley Rotary Club inaugural event:**'Let's Come Together': entertaining while raising funds**

Great Valley Rotary Club hosted a Sunday afternoon "multi-cultural taste of Chester County" with multi-cultural music and foods accompanied by a Chinese auction at School of Rock in Berwyn. Beneficiaries were Rotaplast, Home of Sparrow, and Rescue Mission for Children. Among Rotarians in the audience were (top left) Sue Mardinly of Concordville-Chadds Ford Club, and Don Heebner of Conshohocken-Plymouth-Whitemarsh Club, and (lower left) counting out Chinese Auction tickets (left to right) are Arthur Klein; Gundaker president-elect, his wife Judy, and DG Dave's wife Cheryl. For more photos and details, go to greatvalleyrotary.org.



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) 0 949-4018.

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

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

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 gijonesjr@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.

Database Speaker's Bureau

I encourage each Club to visit the Speaker's Bureau page on www.dacdb.com to find appropriate speakers for your Club. I also encourage Clubs to share speakers with other Clubs by listing them on this page. You will find the Speaker's Page listing just to the right of center on the top banner, after you sign onto the [dacdb](http://www.dacdb.com) database.

DG Dave Ellis

— Dave Ellis

District, Rotary Clubs announce upcoming fundraisers

Rotary Night at Union set for September 14 in PPL Park

For the third consecutive year, D7450 Rotarians, families and friends will gather at the PPL Stadium in Chester on Saturday, September 14, to watch a major league soccer game and to raise money to eradicate polio.

The festivities will begin at 5 p.m. with a complimentary tailgate party on the beautiful grassy knoll adjacent to the stadium and overlooking the magnificent Delaware River. Once again, the Rotary Club of Chester, which is hosting us in their "home" territory, will generously sponsor the tailgate party before the 7:30 p.m. game in which the Philadelphia Union will play the Houston Dynamos.

It's the only Union home game during September, so bring your younger soccer players to see how they do it in the majors while they are playing fall soccer. They'll be blown away by the ball handling on the field and the enthusiasm of the Sons of Ben soccer fans in the stands.

Tickets for the event, including the complimentary tailgate, are \$30, and can be ordered from Bronwyn Martin at: district7450.bronwyn@gmail.com. End Polio Now will receive \$10 of the ticket price. Tickets are limited so order yours early and don't be shut out of this fun event. Parking in section B is conveniently located adjacent to the tailgate area and the PPL stadium is easy to get to directly off I-95.

This event is sponsored by the PolioPlus Committee of District 7450 but Rotary Clubs will receive a \$10 credit toward its PolioPlus donation for each ticket bought by a Rotarian.

Swarthmore Rotary Club to host Fun Fair Sunday, May 5

The Swarthmore Rotary Club will hold its 12th Annual Swarthmore Charity Fun-Fair Sunday, May 5th.

At last year's Fun-Fair, there were 57 charities that participated and raised money for worthy causes that helped thousands of people in need.

The Fun-Fair creates the forum for this fun and exciting fundraiser to take place. To add to the fun, there is a parade, pony rides, hayrides, bungee jumping, two obstacle courses, a moon bounce, a 20-foot slide, a Phillies tickets raffle, continuous music on three stages around downtown Swarthmore, and a food court with hot chicken or pork dinners and a roasted pig.

This year's Fun-Fair will be bigger and better than ever, according to Swarthmore Rotarians.

The Fun-Fair is managed by the Swarthmore Rotary Club. All profit from Rotary-operated items such as the Obstacle Courses, and the Newspaper Advertising Supplement are received by the Swarthmore Rotary Charitable Trust and given out in charitable grants during the Rotary fiscal year.

To learn more about the Swarthmore Charity Fun-Fair go to www.swarthmorefair.org. You can also register for a booth on the website if you would like to raise money for a specific charitable cause.

For additional information or questions, contact Marv Gelb, at marvgelb@comcast.net.

Langhorne Rotary Club marks 'Rotarians at Work Day' at park

Thirty five Rotarians from the Langhorne Rotary, Club relatives and friends, spent the morning spreading 15 yards of mulch, weeding and planting at the Mayor's Park in Langhorne. Saturday, April 27. Several years ago the club placed a stone replica of the Rotary Wheel and a water fountain in the playground.

The Rotarians also were assisted by a dozen residents from Wood Services, a facility that works with children and adults with disabilities in Langhorne.

Kathy Horwatt, Langhorne Rotarian, coordinated the "Rotarians at Work Day."

Looking for District Calendar?

The District 7450 Calendar can be accessed at District 7450 Database at www.DaCdb.com. For help, call Sharon Quick at 215-735-5984 or Brian Casey at 610-800-5183.

HT Rotary Club supports HHS After-Prom party

The Haverford Township Rotary Club is stepping up support for the annual after-prom event at Haverford High School, known as the B.L.A.S.T., on tap midnight-5 a.m. May 11.

In addition to a \$750 contribution-it's largest ever--Rotary is helping with plans and preparations for a fun, safe evening for the students.

Now in its 20th year, the Best and Last of All Senior Times is just that. The all-night bash keeps seniors entertained with games like pinball, air hockey, a mechanical bull, human foosball and sumo wrestling. Also offered are simulated casino with roulette wheel, cash and photo booths, fortune tellers, crash rooms, coffee house, raffles and prizes ranging from gift cards to digital cameras, iPads, TVs, laptop computers and cash.

Drawings for grand prizes occur between 4 and 5 a.m. Adult chaperones are present throughout, and students must submit a permission form signed by a parent/guardian to leave prior to 5 a.m. on May 11.

Rotary Rail & Water Tour visits Longwood Rotary Club

Martina Frycova, a native of the Czech Republic in the heart of Europe, visited District 7450 last month in connection with the Rail and Water Tour, which is designed as a repeatable, educational and fundraising effort in support of sustainable water projects in areas where water and sanitation are major problems. Martina, who has a master's degree in economics, is a member of District 2214 Rotaract Club of Pilsen, the town said to brew "The Best Beer in the World!"

Martina has been working for 13 months with Intelligentsia International in Florida in partnership with the Rotary Club of LaBelle, Florida, to organize the Rail & Water Tour. She outlined the program to the Longwood Rotary Club last month. She said previous water projects have been completed in Tanzania, Tajikistan, and Kyrgyzstan. The present goal is to provide clean



DG Dave Ellis and many leaders of District 7450 met Martina Frycova and learned about the goals of the Rotary Rail & Water Tour at a reception hosted by IDG Bonnie Korengel at her home before speaking to Longwood Rotary Club the next morning.

water at a school and clinic with two water systems: sanitary facilities and a safe well near Jalalabad in Afghanistan - "one of the most problematic places on the planet." Martina noted that educating girls in Afghanistan, a practice that is not always forthcoming, is the answer to strengthening the nation because education of girls educates children and ultimately strengthens families.

Martina visited with local Rotarians and saw Longwood Rotary Club's latest project, the new playground at Anson B. Nixon Park. She also toured the Hagley Museum, Stroud Water Research Center and Longwood Gardens with Longwood Rotarians and friends during her visit to the area.

To learn more about Rotary Rail & Water Tours, go to: www.RailAndWater.org.

What's coming up...

May 6: West Grove-Avondale Rotary Club Golf Outing; Hartefeld National Golf Club;

westgroveavondalerotary.org

May 9: Rotaplast Night at the Media Theater, 104 E. State St., Media; Broadway Classic "Mame," starring Andrea McArdle; \$40 (to Rotaplast); hors d'oeuvres and desserts; 7:30 p.m.; Don Heebner: heebnerathome@comcast.net

May 20: Rotary Club of Abington at Edge Hill's Annual Ruth P. McCarthy Memorial Golf Classic; Twining Valley Golf Club; information:

dkelly_rotary@verizon.net

May 31: Upper Main Line Rotary Club Charter Night; Waynesborough CC;

www.umlrotary.org.

June 7: Rotary Night at Media Theatre honoring ShelterBox;

ALeahy@janney.com

July 2 - 7th: RYLA North America at George Washington University; theme, "Peace Thru Dance"; info:

navin@rylanad7620.com

July 31st: Rotary Night at the Phillies vs. the San Fran Giants.

West Grove-Avondale Rotary Club:

April Students of Month

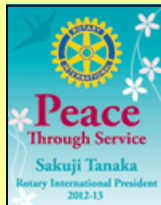
Joining West Grove Avondale Rotary Club April Student of the Month Alondra Cervantes, a junior at Avon Grove Charter School, following the meeting are (from left) Dr. Kevin Brady, school head; Kathy and Alan Conard, friends of the family; Vilma Salguero, her mother;

Justine Walter, guidance counselor, and Paul Tickle, president of the West Grove-Avondale Rotary Club. Alondra's goal is to play college soccer and major in athletic training or physical therapy.



Avon Grove High School junior Natalie Paige Boyd, April Rotary Student of the Month, is joined by her father, Mike Boyd; Paul Tickle, president of West Grove-Avondale Rotary Club; and Gary Benasutti, assistant high school principal School. Natalie hopes to have a career with the FBI or the U.S. Navy JAG Corps.

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



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Chestnut Hill Rotary Chili Cookoff



(Photograph by Carol Bates Photography/Chestnut Hill Rotary)
Members of Philadelphia Fire Company Ladder 21 and Engine 9 had a busy time as official judges of the Third Annual Chestnut Hill Rotary Club Chili Cookoff last month. The winners, after the firemen tasted the entries are: Best Overall Chili, Javelin Caterers; Best Meat Chili, Javelin Caterers; Best Exotic Chili, McMenamin's Tavern; and Best Vegetarian Chili, Weavers Way.

Unionville High Interactors honored for support for Japan relief effort

Unionville High School Interact Club received the District "Service Above Self Award" for raising \$1,000 through T-shirt sales and then turning it into \$4,000 with matching Rotary and Gundaker grants, for earthquake and tsunami relief fund drive coordinated by Ardmore Rotary Club two years ago. On hand for the presentation of the plaques



are (from left) Interact sponsor/ Spanish teacher Cindy Pisauero, Ardmore past president and Japan Relief Fund chair Doug Klepfer, Ardmore past president Bruce Eppinger, DG Dave Ellis and (right) Longwood Rotarian Bob Listerman, District Interact chair. The T-shirt was designed by a member of the Interact Club. Longwood Rotary Club, which sponsors the Interact Club, matched the \$1,000 and TRF matched the \$2,000 giving the students a total \$4,000.00 to donate to the Rotary Childcare House Fund.

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.

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Where's the Calendar

The District 7450 Calendar is at www.DaCdb.com and rotary7450.org at "calendar."