

District 7450 Rotary Leader



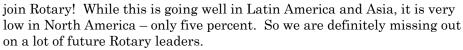
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Message from DG Charles Engage our Rotary Youth and Change Lives!

Perhaps your Club has sponsored an Interact Club (high school age) – 32 of you have. Or perhaps your Club has sponsored a Rotaract Club (college age) – eight of you have. But I ask you: When was the last time your club directly engaged with them to do a service project or to enable a grant for one of **their** projects to become a reality?

RI President Ron Burton will hold five conferences around the world to highlight Rotary's strengths when it comes to empowering the next generation of leaders. We need to ask Rotaractors to



Why? They are from Generation Y – known to desire community service as an integral part of their ideal quality of life. What an opportunity not to miss for Rotary! Interact is a part of this magnificent generation as well. Go to YouTube or Facebook and see what they are up to. You will be amazed. There is also Rotary Club Central, a new feature of where Clubs (including Interact and Rotaract) are featuring their projects.

Think about the age profile of your Club. Without younger members joining, Rotary will not grow. Our impact on our communities will diminish. But it does not have to be this way. Several Clubs in our District have been energized very positively by adding younger members. However, their time is limited, so we need to be more flexible in how we measure attendance. A service activity – whether it be project planning or actual work, is a valid make-up credit. If they feel fulfilled, that they are making a difference by engaging Rotary, they will bring in new members as well.

This month is unveiling its new website. Please look it up and see what our Rotary Youth are doing to change lives all over the globe. It will be time well spent.

For our District Conference (November 22-23rd), I urge you to sponsor the attendance of some of our Rotary youth. It costs \$45 per student for Saturday alone, which is when they can attend. This opportunity will give them a chance to network with many people and to feel a sense of belonging to our Rotary Community. We will feature a hands-on service project with "Stop Hunger Now" in which our goal is to package 10,000 meals. With such valuable experiences, their reasons for joining Rotary in the future will surely multiply because they will know that through Rotary, they can change lives.

Delco Fair set for September 12-15

The Rotary Clubs of Glen Riddle and Concordville/Chadds Ford are co-hosting the Delaware County Fair at the Granite Run Mall property in Media, September 12 through 15.

The fair will be open Thursday and Friday, September 12 and 13, from 6 to 10 p.m.; Saturday, September 14, from 4 to 10 p.m.; and Sunday, September 15, from noon to 6 p.m. The Special Kids Night will be Thursday, September 12. Through corporate sponsorship, students of special needs schools can enjoy the fair at no cost

The fair, begun in 1996, is about to hit the million dollar mark in fundraising which is shared with organizations such as Operation Warm, CADES (Children & Adult Disability Education Services), Don Guanella School, Elwyn Institute, and scholarships.

On the road for Rotary



District Governor Charles, who has begun his visits to the 51 Rotary Clubs in District 7450, smiles as he gives his vision for the

year to Central Delaware County Rotary Club August 28.

Rotary PP Wilkinson to attend Peace Pole dedication

Rotary International Past
President Wilf Wilkinson will participate in the September 25 dedication
ceremony for the Peace Pole which
Ardmore Rotary Club recently erected
in the Sensory Garden in Wynnewood
Valley Park, 1500 Remington Road in
Wynnewood. Wilkinson will join Ardmore Rotarians, Lower Merion Township officials, visiting Rotarians and
members of the community at the
2:30 p.m. ceremony.

The peace pole project started in Japan in 1955 to spread the universal prayer message of "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in response to the bombings on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The poles are international symbols of peace, and their purpose is to spread the message around the world on wooden poles with different languages and in Braille.



Peace Pole in Sensory Garden in Wynnewood Valley Park.

Ardmore Rotary Club led a drive to restore the previously named Garden for the Blind which had been a gift to the community from Ardmore Rotary Club and the Men's Garden Club of Delaware Valley in cooperation with Lower Merion Township over 30 years ago. The Sensory Garden is completely accessible with new walkways and parking area. All plantings in the Sensory Garden have Braille markers.

Ardmore Rotarians help maintain the Sensory Garden with regularly scheduled cleanup days under the leadership of PP Dr. Doug Klepfer who chaired the restoration.

Funding for the restoration came from Ardmore Rotary Club, Tokyo Rotary Club, Shreiner Tree Service, Gundaker Foundation matching funds, the community, Lower Merion Township, Kistler-Tiffany Foundation, Ronald A. Krancer, Lower Merion Conservancy and federal funding.

Disaster Relief Trip to Alabama

Longwood Rotarian Bob Curran will lead a Disaster Relief trip to Tuscaloosa, Alabama October 27 to November 2. The April 2011 tornados damaged over 5,000 structures in the Tuscaloosa area and the group will work with Habitat for Humanity Tuscaloosa. Construction skills are not required; volunteers will learn skills while on-site. For more information, contact Bob at 610-316-3109 or curranbob@verizon.net

YOU ARE INVITED TO A VERY
SPECIAL ROTARY CLUB MEETING!
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBED 25

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25,

NOON TO 1:30 PM MERION CRICKET CLUB

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HOSTED BY:

BALA CYNWYD-NARBERTH ROTARY CLUB VERY SPECIAL GUEST: WILF WILKINSON Past President Rotary Foundation

Cost for luncheon is \$30. Reservation deadline: September 16.

Go to <u>rotary7450.org/Calendar</u> to register on-line

Rotary Zones 24 & 32

Membership Retreat. Tickets: \$15/each Lunch with RI President Ron Burton.

> Tickets: \$45/each September 21, 2013

Crowne Plaza, Cherry Hill, NJ

If you are already registered at the Institute, luncheon is included in package.

Membership Retreat ticket holders are encouraged to attend the RI President luncheon. All ticket holders are invited to attend any plenary or breakout session in the <u>Saturday afternoon program</u>. Registration link can be viewed on the Zone website

home page: www.RotaryZones24-32.org.

PDG Bonnie Korengel

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: http://www.rotaplast7450.org/ Youth Exchange: d7450youthexchange.org/

RYLA: <u>rotary7450.org/RYLA</u>
Rotary International: <u>rotary.org</u>

District Calendar: www.DaCdb.com; and

rotary7450.org/Calendar

Through PMB Rotary Club partnership with Cuernavaca, Mexico Rotary Club

TRF Matching Grant funds Karitas Foundation's ALEM Project

What started as a \$1000 donation turned into a \$17,000 matching grant from the Rotary Foundation which enabled the Rotary Club of Cuernavaca, Mexico and the Paoli-Malvern-Berwyn (PMB) Rotary Club partnership to support the Karitas Foundations ALEM Project. With Districts 4180 (Mexico) and 7450 matching funds and donations from Media, Bryn Mawr and Greater West Chester Sunrise Rotary Clubs, the dream of ALEM became a reality.

ALEM (Autonomia, Libertad en Movimiento / Autonomy, Liberation Through Movement) is a workshop in Cuernavaca Mexico, where a highly-trained team of persons with disabilities design, fabricate and repair specialty wheelchairs, recumbent tricycles, sports wheelchairs, and custom wheeled devices for children and adults with severe physical challenges.

In Cuernavaca, there are a number of organizations that provide free wheelchairs to people with disabilities. Because the terrain of the city is rugged, the wheelchairs inevitably break down within two years but people cannot afford to have their wheelchairs repaired.

Until ALEM, there were no wheelchair repair services available. The grant subsidizes the repairs, charging clients only for labor, which is the much smaller portion of the repair cost.

The grant also provides funds to purchase a full inventory of repair parts, special equipment and a utility trailer which is used to transport equipment and ALEM team to other cities as part of an outreach program. This project is unique in that the disabled themselves are the workers in the wheelchair shop.



Displaying the \$17,061 check to ALEM are (from left) Paoli-Malvern-Berwyn Rotarians Richard Scott, Carla Chieffo, and Jim Brown, Howard Friend (president of Karitas Foundation), PAG Dawn DeFuria of West Chester Sunrise Club, PDG Russ DeFuria, PDG Bonnie Korengel, who is Rotary Foundation chair for District, Michael Koregel, and Erik Friend, member of Cuernavaca Mexico Rotary Club.

ALEM is steadily growing toward sustainability and recently became an official worker/owner cooperative. "We already foresee reaching out to Rotary Clubs across Mexico to coordinate Wheelchair Repair Tours and hopefully train local teams to continue making repairs with our support," said Erik Friend, the project's director.

What was not anticipated as part of the project but has become its cornerstone is awareness in the local community that persons with disabilities are capable of working. In Mexico and in many Third World countries, persons with disabilities are considered less valued and rarely find work. ALEM is changing this attitude within the communities it touches. Recently a father came to ALEM to have his disabled son's wheelchair repaired. When he saw that the people repairing the wheelchair were themselves disabled, he started to weep. He said, "Now I know my son has a future."

Global Grant scholar begins master's program in Costa Rican's University of Peace

Amanda Rahi, first Rotary District 7450 Global Grant Scholarship recipient, began her master's degree program of study (community and economic development) at the United Nations chartered University of Peace in Costa Rica in mid-August. On the first day of classes, a helicopter delivered Costa Rica president Laura Chinchilla to the campus. President Chinchilla, the first female ever to lead her country, addressed the international student body and wished them well in the academic year .

Longwood Rotarians deliver almost 200 book bags filled with variety of school supplies for students

Longwood Rotary member Dave Chopko ably spearheaded the recent Longwood Rotary Club School Book Bag project.

Each of the nearly 200 book bags has a retail value about five times its actual cost thanks to donations and Dave's careful shopping for supplies. Bag contents were adjusted to fit the needs of each grade,



Kathy Hrenko (left) and Marianne Maye fill some of almost 200 school bags with school supplies for students in the Kennett Square area.

one through five.

About the only negative aspect of this great project is that the book bags met only 45 percent of the local need that has been identified by the Kennett Food Cupboard. Thanks to the efforts of Rick Bois. another Longwood Rotary member. the Crozier-



Helping with the Book Bag project are Forrie Johnson, Fran Maye, and Ted Trevorrow.

Keystone Regional Cancer Center at Brinton Lake in Glen Mills, became a major contributor to this year's Book Bag program with a \$1,250 contribution.

This is the first time the project benefited from

an outside donation dedicated specifically to the cause, and the hope is to further develop this relationship in 2014.

Longwood Rotarian Sue Clayton was among the Rotarians who helped pack the nearly 200 book bags before the start of the new school year.

Shady Brook Rotarians present \$500 check to fight leukemia

The Shady
Brook Rotary
Club presented a check
for \$500 August 14 to
Kirsten Sebright from
the Leukemia
and Lymphoma Society. It represented one-



half of the amount pledged by the Club for the "Light The Night" in October. On hand were (from left) Past President Fred Edelman, Dolly Sokol, Maurice Sokol, Kirsten Sebright, Rotary Club President Irv Perlstein and President-Elect Alan Agree.

Newtown Square Rotary Club presents scholarships



Newtown Square Rotary Club presented \$1,500 scholarships to (second from left) Olivia Caldwell, engineering senior at Penn State, and Nicole Todd, special education senior at Millersville University. Taking part were Club scholarship chair Fran Franchi and Club president Tony Galiffa.

Rotarians support MS with three summer Fundraisers



The Kennett Square Rotary Club sponsored an MS Awareness FUNdraiser at Kildare's Irish Pub, West Chester last month. Rotarians from West Chester, Media and Longwood Rotary Clubs attended. Included were (from left) PDG Bonnie Korengel of Longwood Rotary Club, Kennett Square Rotary Club President Jenny Armitage, and RAG-MSA member Bronwyn Martin, AG and past president of Kennett Square Rotary Club. Bronwyn Martin and Dana Mancini will be behind the bar for the final of three FUNdraisers at Diego's Cantina and Tequila Bar in Media, September 12. See dacdb.com calendar for details. Bronwyn and Dana have raised \$2,300 this summer to support the National MS Society.

To Russia

West Grove-Avondale Rotary Club sponsors student for 2013-2014 Youth Exchange

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 different.

Morgan Cyron, a student at Avon Grove High School, learned at a Rotary Youth Exchange announcement party, that she would be able to go on a Youth Ex-



change 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 took Russian courses to become as fluent as possible before she left 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.

<u>At Philadelphia Rotary Club meeting:</u>

PAG Govinda Malya discusses health program for India

Westtown-Goshen Rotarian Govinda Malya, Ph.D. (center), delivered an inspiring presentation about a special project that he has initiated in India called Community Health Advocacy Program at the September 5 Rotary Club of Philadelphia luncheon meeting. He is flanked by Philadelphia Rotary President Jeb Brookman and Past Rotary District 7450 Governor Joan Batory, chairperson for the program. Past Assistant Governor Govinda has been in partnership with a Rotary Club



in India to improve the health status of impoverished peoples. He has a PhD in biochemistry and clinical endocrinology and is a successful entrepreneur and administrator in the hospitality industry and the pharmaceutical industry.

Exchange students thank Gundaker Foundation



Two students, who recently returned from studying abroad for a year, and a student preparing to leave for a year in Japan attended the Gundaker Foundation August meeting to say thank you for the Foundation's support. Andrew Butler (outbound to Ecuador 2012-13)(center), and Stephanie Norris (outbound to Brazil 2012-13)third from left) thanked the Gundaker representatives for the scholarship they received last summer. Andrew said the scholarship money he received was spent on trips while he was in Ecuador, including one to the Amazon. Stephanie stated that Brazil has a high cost of living and her scholarship helped her with general expenses while she was there. Prayva Hussain, 2013 recipient of a Gundaker scholarship, (second from left) said thank you for her scholarship funds which she will use during her school year (2013-2014) in Japan. Joining the students were Francy Cross (left), Youth Exchange Committee member and Gundaker Chester Club representative: 2013 outbound Prayva Hussain, and District Youth Exchange chair Donna Henry of the Eastwick/Philadelphia Airport Rotary Club.

Broomall Rotary Club sponsors annual Doggy Show Sunday, October 6, beginning at 1 p.m. in Veterans Park, Broomall.



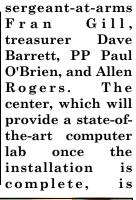
Thanks to Glen Mills-Thorndale Rotarians: Ninth Street Community and Youth Center ready to open



Members of the Glen Mills-Thornbury Rotary Club were on hand to check out the new 9th Street Community and Youth Center in Chester, which is a project of the Club, with financial support from Past Assistant Governor Govinda Malya of the Westtown-Goshen Rotary Club. Among those on hand are (from left) 9th Street director Barron Lacy, and Rotarians PP John Munro, PP Dave Rakow, President Deena Jones,



expected to have the computers installed by end of month and will schedule a grand opening in early October. The center will offer several programs after school, including computer training and mentoring services for students.





K of P Rotarians take St. Barnabas kids, parents to see Phillies



The St. Barnabas Mission serves homeless women and their children, providing not only shelter but case management and related services to address the root causes of homelessness. Each year, about 140 female-headed families (including about 200 children) find safe haven for a typical six-month stay at (ECS Episcopal Community Services) St Barnabas The late Henry Poor, a member of the King of Prussia Rotary Club, gave generously of his time and energy to the St. Barnabas Mission. One of his favorite activities was taking children and their parent to "Rotary Night at the Phillies" using as many tickets as were allotted to the Club.

The King of Prussia Rotary Club continues this program in Henry's memory. This year, Rotarian David Oscar and his new bride went to the game with 14 kids and 15 adults including mothers, a grandmother and two staff members from St. Barnabas. The club provides the Phillies tickets, a bus and driver, and \$15 for each person to buy food or souvenirs. This is the second year that Dave hosted "Henry's Kids" at Rotary Night. "I am so proud to continue this program for the club and we were so moved by the joy it brings to the kids and their Mom's." said Dave.









D7430 ROTARY FOUNDATION SEMINAR Saturday, September 28 HELD JOINTLY WITH D-7450

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Registration/Continental Breakfast - 7:30am; Main Program - 8:00am-1:30pm Grant Management Training - 1:45-3:15pm Cost per member is \$20.00 (includes Continental Breakfast and Lunch) To register, go to **RTF.7450.org**

> HOLIDAY INN LANSDALE 1750 Sumneytown Pike, Kulpsville, PA 19443

Bristol Rotarians fund 30 coats for Operation Warm

Following a talk on the District's Operation Warm participation by Operation Warm development manager Maureen Coulter at a meeting last month, Bristol Rotary Club donated funds to purchase 30 coats for a local school.



The Rotary Club of Bristol has sponsored the work of Operation Warm for many years, purchasing win-

ter coats and distributing them to needy students attending the Bristol Borough Schools. Since 2006, the Rotary Club of Bristol has served 192 children.

Of the 1,500 children in Bristol, over 40 percent are eligible as low income families.

Operation Warm was started in 1998 by Dick Sanford, a member of the Rotary Club of Kennett Square, as a project of the Rotary Club of Longwood. It has grown to over 150 Rotary Clubs participating in 41 States.

(www.operationwarm.org/pages/rotary)

Coulter reported Operation Warm serves over 200,000 children a year, and over the period of 15 years, has served over 1.2 million children. The coats are new, stylish coats that cannot be recognized as Operation Warm coats.

Rotary Clubs have distributed over 75,000 coats through the partnership with Operation Warm. Operation Warm also provides disaster relief with 7,000 coats distributed after Hurricane Sandy in Rockaway N.Y.

Operation Warm has also developed partnerships with the National Association of Firefighters, Housing Authorities, and Universities.

Since Operation Warm goes directly to the manufacturer of the coat, Coulter explained a coat normally selling for \$50 can be sold to a Rotary Club for \$17. FedEx provides free shipping for the coats.



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Save The Dates

THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 22ND & 23RD DESMOND HOTEL

Come and join your fellow Rotarians at the 2013 District Conference that focuses on the new generation of Rotary.

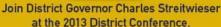
This year's conference is filled with new opportunities for learning and engagement.

Get inspired by great speakers and educational sessions; hear from young
aspiring Rotarians; learn how to start a multi-club International project;
participate in a service project with fellow Rotarians; and much, much more.

Help package 10,000 meals to STOP HUNGER NOW. Be inspired by the next generation of Rotary leaders' stories of service, happiness, and success. Get energized, engage Rotary, change lives...including yours.









Speaker at Bryn Mawr Rotary Club



Rotarian Jack Templeton, who spoke about the Constitution at Bryn Mawr Rotary Club last month, is with AG Rob Burnham.

DG visits Bensalem Rotary Club meeting



DG Charles Streitwieser accepts Bensalem Rotary Club banner from Club PP Roger Caine as president Joe Krug watches during DG Charles' official visit last month.

Soccer game a sellout for Polio Now' benefit!



All 200 plus tickets for the Union-Dynamos Major League Soccer game at PPL Stadium in Chester for the benefit of "End Polio Now" on Saturday, September 14, have been sold.

The Chester Rotary Club is hosting a pregame tailgate party prior to the 7:30 p.m. game in an area adjacent to Section B parking area. Tailgaters can also have their pinky painted purple for \$1.

Once again, Media Rotary Club will donate a fair trade soccer ball to the Union team before the game.

The Rotary Foundation Eradicate Polio jumbotron video will appear during the event and DG Charles Streitwieser will be on the pitch (field) during the recognition of the District's polio eradication efforts.

Central Delco Rotarians enjoy lobster, fellowship and fun



Harry and Ruth Hill were among 130 who enjoyed lobster and corn on cob at 4th annual CDC Rotary Club Lobsterfest which raised close to \$12,000.



Norman Watts earned \$1,025 for Rotaplast from the sale of Silent Auction tickets.



What are these Rotarians pointing to in Broomall Lake? Would you believe DGE Doug Blazey and Central Delaware County's Past President George Jones are pointing at a huge turtle looking for a handout?



Langhorne Rotary Club salutes 44-year member



Langhorne Rotary Club president David Carson presents Distinguished Rotarian Award to Eugene Hieber, a 44-year member who has support ed all Club fundraisers and activities and provided time and labor for the new electronic sign on Route 213.

New member inducted

Langhorne Rotary Club welcomes Keith Pacheco (left) as a new member following his induction in July by Chris Blaydon.



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October *District 7450* Rotary Leader is September 15. Please identify all people in photos. Send photos/news to info@Rotary7450.com and mombugjoan@msn.com,





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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 <u>www.DaCdb.com</u> For help, call Sharon Quick at 215-735-5984 or Brian Casey at 484-483-8423.

Upcoming events

September 12 thru 15

37th annual Delaware County Fair, sponsored by Glen Riddle Rotary Club. For details, go to www.Rotary7450.org/Calendar.

September 14

Third Annual District 7450 "End Polio Now" fundraiser at PPL Field in Chester. Tailgating prior to game in area adjoining Section B parking.

September 25

Bala Cynwyd-Narberth Rotary Club hosts District Rotary meeting at Merion Cricket Club with Past RI president Wilf Wilkinson as special guest. Noon to 1:30 p.m. Lunch cost: \$30. Reservations required by September 16: rotary.org./calendar

September 28

Rotary Grant Qualification Seminar, Holiday Inn, Lansdale, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Register at TRF.D7450.org.

October 5

RLI Sessions Parts I, II, III and Graduate: Saturday, October 5, Raddison Hotel, King of Prussia, PA.- Fee \$95. Go to www.rlinea.com to register. For more information, go to RLI website.

October 6

Ardmore Rotary Pancake Breakfast to raise funds for Merion Fire Company of Ardmore; at firehouse on Greenfield Avenue in Ardmore, 7 a.m. to noon, tickets available at door.

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Broomall Doggy Show, sponsored by Broomall Rotary Club, 1 p.m., Veterans Memorial Park - Lawrence Road, Broomall; free admission for public.

October 8

Bristol Rotary Club golf outing; <u>bristolgardens@verizon.net</u>

November 22 and 23

District Conference at the Desmond Hotel. Go to www.Rotary7450.org/conference



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Rotary Club inducts member

Annalie Lorgus is Kennett Square Rotary Club's newest member following her induction by PDG Bonnie Korengel, her mother. Her sponsor was IPP Bronwyn Martin. Lorgus is past president of West Chester and West Chester Downtown Clubs and is a new minister for Unionville Presbyterian Church.