

# District 7450 Rotary Leader



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## Message from DG Doug

Fellow Rotarians and Friends,

Our International President Gary C.K. Huang wants us to "Light Up Rotary!"

However, as cheerful and energizing as this theme may be, I suggest that this goal is easier said, than done! I think the problem is not that we lack dedicated Rotarians who are and do "Light Up Rotary", but that perhaps our Rotary windows to the outside world are somewhat "draped"! We have great Clubs with enthusiastic members seeking to help their fellow man, both locally and internationally. Their "Light" is shining brightly, but given the challenges our world faces, and the number of well-intentioned people and organizations seeking to address those challenges, we can ask whether our Rotary "Light" stands out sufficiently among all the other activities of life to be recognized for the treasure that it really is?

Is our window sufficiently open or undraped enough for non-Rotarians to become aware of our good works and intentions?

As I listen to our Rotary leaders at the Zone Institutes and the International Convention, I realize that they worry that Rotary is not growing fast enough in resources, membership and visibility to meet the great challenges of our time.

So our challenge is to not only maintain what we love about our Clubs and their accomplishments, but to also to accept, as part of our Rotary mission, the need to make all Clubs stronger, to grow the wide resource base of Rotary, and to make our worthy efforts so visible to others that they wish to join with us in building that healthier, more prosperous and more peaceful world.

We need to meet this challenge of being recognized by others for what we do, not because we want the praise, but because we want others to join us in this worthy effort!

I am sharing with you my thoughts on how we might build upon the good and well-intentioned efforts already made by our International, our District, and more importantly our Clubs.

I am seeking feedback and insight from our District leadership and you, my fellow Rotarians, on these thoughts, so view this as a work in progress. Elements of these suggestions or emphasis may change, but please join with me in thinking about and then acting to make our Rotary Stronger and More Effective.

We want to "Light Up Rotary" so that we can help "Light Up the World!" I suggest that the plan needed to achieve this goal is based on "Addition", not "Subtraction":

The Process of "Addition" does not require or seek any diminution in Club authority or practice; in other words, no "Subtraction" of those projects and programs important to District Clubs.

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## DG Doug presents plaque: District thanks DG Charles



2014-2015 DG Doug Blazey presents 2013-2014 DG Charles Streitwieser with a plaque "in honor and with deep appreciation for your unselfish dedication, leadership and continuous support of the ideals and principles of Rotary International" at the June 29 Installation Brunch at the Montrose Mansion at Villanova Conference Center in Radnor. During the ceremony, a number of Clubs and Rotarians were honored with awards for membership and service during the 2013-2014 Rotary Year. (See page seven).

## Doug leads way on July 4th

DG Doug leads the 75 District 7450 Rotarians from District Rotary Clubs in the Wawa Philadelphia July 4th Celebration. People of all ages walked behind Club banners, many wearing yellow and blue Rotary shirts. This year marked the fourth time Rotary Clubs were invited to be a part of the Independence Day parade. (More photos on page 5.)



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However, I do hope that we do more "Sharing" with other District Rotarians, of information and content regarding successful membership initiatives, fund-raising projects, and, very importantly, service projects that will serve to enable every Club to become more effective and active, both by themselves and in partnership with other Clubs.

I also hope to identify strategic partners from our Delaware Valley community who will join with us in Service and Outreach as we seek to do good and do good more broadly.

We want to make Rotary more visible and relevant; not for our own good, but for the additional good we will be able to do! I'll speak more about this in a moment.

We need to seek to grow membership, but I think the path to membership success is to show to prospective members what we do as Rotarians for others, and, along the way, what we enjoy by way of fellowship and learning.

I hope to make the goal of increasing membership less a "stand alone" goal and more the result of increased visibility and action—i.e., a derivative goal because our Rotary Clubs have become more visible in their local communities and have worked successfully with strategic local partners in our six Areas of Focus.

I believe we will attract new members more "naturally" by letting our light shine more visibly and effectively.

**Youth** programs must be maintained and enhanced via invigoration of our Early Act, Interact and Rotaract programs. We need to actively seek to increase the number of Early Act, Interact and Rotaract Clubs.

**Consider** a formal program to financially assist youth leaders' attendance at Youth events along with selected RI events. We should seek, where appropriate, to include Rotaractors in Area of Focus missions.

**Consider** a Youth Sponsorship Fund (such as a Talent Night event) or a portion of General Sponsor Funds being devoted to Youth Programs and Travel.

Develop a "matching fund" or "Challenge" type initiative so that youth learn about the need to support themselves while simultaneously receiving support from the District.

**Seek** to include Rotaractors, where appropriate, on Vocational Training Teams as they are the professionals of tomorrow!

**Increase** the Gundaker Foundation's Utility to District Rotary Clubs.

**Seriously** evaluate the issue of establishing a Donor Advised Fund or Community Foundation within the Gundaker framework so that local Clubs can attract donors who wish to make tax-deductible contributions in support of a their local Rotary Club.

**Seek** to make both Gundaker and Rotary Foundations' charitable contributions more visible to the broader commu-

nity so that both may attract additional donations and thus be able to do more good at home and abroad!

**Establish** either within the DRF Committee structure, or as an Independent District Committee, a "Six Areas of Focus Committee" and associated "Individual Area of Focus Subcommittees." The Committee and each Subcommittee would be responsible for within each of the six areas of focus.

**Identify** local partners (colleges and universities, churches, local NGOs such as Engineers Without Borders, etc.), and business entities that are engaged in service projects both locally and abroad that match our Areas of Focus.

**Engage** those so identified in a Rotary project, or, in the alternative, have our District and perhaps other Rotary Districts support a project developed or proposed by the non-Rotarian entity with which we share a common purpose.

**"Mine"** the relevant Rotary Action Groups (RAGs) to identify good projects that can be shared with both local Rotary Clubs and with our area third parties actors in hopes of

encouraging either independent or coordinated action and seek the support of RAG volunteers to define projects and achieve success.

**Seek** ways to share funding, share credit, and share outcomes, to everyone's satisfaction, in order to multiply results.

**Identify** good Vocational Training Team opportunities for both District Rotarians and Third Party Cooperating entities.

**Seek** project sponsors and financial contributions and

participants for various six Areas of Focus projects from the Business and Not-for-Profit Entities and Foundations that work in or have skills and resources specific to each area of focus.

**Actively** seek additional "outside" financial resources for the District, primarily to support District Rotarian and Youth travel to projects and the District Conference.

**District** 7450 Rotary Clubs are filled with individuals possessing critical vocations skills and the work/service ethic that will enable them to be useful members of a service project, but who may lack the financial resources to participate. Using sponsored funds to help underwrite some portion of travel costs, used in conjunction with a challenge grant model, would encourage and allow broader Rotarian participation in service projects and make our Clubs more visible and viable, thus also attracting new members.

**Support** appropriate youth involvement in either projects or other District activities.

**Use** Sponsor Funds to support travel and speaker fees for training events and the District Conference.

**Encourage** District-wide sharing of projects and skills. The theme of "Addition, Not Subtraction" contemplates Clubs doing what they do best, but being willing to share "secrets" of that success with others. This is not a zero sum game, but a growth game.

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**"Thank you Rotarians of District 7450 for allowing me to serve as your Governor as we seek to "Light Up Rotary" this new Rotary year.**

**If I had to "sum up" my goal for myself in a very few words, those words would be: "Serve as friend and helper to each and every club so that the Rotarians of District 7450 can succeed in placing "Service Above Self" and can achieve the high goals they set for themselves and their clubs." We are in Rotary together; we can and should learn from each other; and together we are more effective.**

**I, as your District Governor, those Governors coming after me, those Governors who served before me, your Assistant Governors, and our District Committees all seek to support you to achieve your worthy goals. Please make use of these resources and let us know if you have a need we are not meeting!**

**DG Doug Blazezy**





### 4th annual

## **‘Kick Polio Off the Planet’ September 20, PPL Park, Chester Benefits **END POLIO NOW****



Come see Amobi Okuga, born in Nigeria where polio is still endemic, help score goals against the Houston Dynamo and polio. Tickets are \$30 with \$10 being returned to our Polio efforts along with the match by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The standard pre-game Tailgate Party will be back again, thanks to the Chester Rotary Club starting at 4:30 p.m. followed by the 7 p.m. Philadelphia Union– Houston Dynamo game. Goal is to raise enough to vaccinate 65,000 children. Thus far, **END POLIO NOW** fund has received almost \$7,000 from three previous games. For tickets and more information, contact AG Bronwyn Martin, 610-453-7215 or [district7450.bronwyn@gmail.com](mailto:district7450.bronwyn@gmail.com).

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In addition, I would like to encourage the smaller Clubs to coordinate with neighboring Clubs, directly or with the assistance of the AGs and myself, to generate effective community projects.

**Encourage** and train Clubs to undertake “A Community Needs Assessments” to identify what the community perceives are its needs that could be met in whole or in part through Rotary working with the community. Invite all Clubs to consider how they can identify and meet the needs of their communities so that they effectively devote their time, talent and treasure to their local community. The assessment process should not burden Clubs, but be a positive tool.

**Use** District events, especially Team Training and the District Conference, as learning, sharing, and networking opportunities. Make the “inspiration” that of example and not just of exhortation and oratory!

**PDG Bob Lankin** agreed to serve as the chair of our District Conference Committee. He and I will be seeking your input into and assistance with planning and delivering an informative, useful, stimulating and fun District Conference this November 14-15 at the attractive and welcoming Villanova Conference Center. This will be a sold out event so please plan to attend and please register early. The theme of the District Conference is “Peace, Projects, and Pfun – A Celebration of Service!”

Finally, before I conclude, let’s quickly review what we’ve already accomplished and what remains in the next two months on our District calendar:

- We had a very successful Award Celebration and Installation event on Sunday, June 29, at the Villanova Conference Center.
- We had about 75 Rotarians parade colorfully and



**DG Doug and Julianna Blazey**

enthusiastically in the Philadelphia 4th of July Parade. Thank you to the UML Rotary Club for supplying many of the bright yellow shirts we wore. We all felt we became more visible to our wider community and that we will attract some new interest from other like-minded folks.

- Support Rotary Night at the Phillies on July 23rd by selling your Club’s assigned tickets.
- Meet our International President Gary C. K. Huang at the Cherry Hill Crowne Plaza Hotel on Thursday evening, August 7th. Dinner with President Gary is \$35. and we’ll be making sign up information available shortly.
- And, plan to support our Polio Eradication Effort by purchasing tickets to “Kick Out Polio” at the Union on Saturday, September 20.

**DG Doug Blazer**

## DG Doug installed, iDG Charles thanked, awards presented



Julianna Blazey pins DG pin on DG Doug following installation by PDG Russ de Furia.



Julianna Blazey attaches Club banner to the District Banner which will travel with DG Doug to Club visits and to District events. Each Club president has been asked to submit a banner.



DG Doug pins PDG pin on iDG Charles.



Julianna Blazey pins Rotary pin on son Christopher as his sister, Elizabeth, looks on.



Wayne Rotary Club past presidents Mary Ann Cusack and Margaret Kuo cheer DG Doug.



At brunch are (back to front) PDG/Past RI Director Lynmar Brock, 2013-2014 Central Delaware County Rotary Club President Mikeal Nordstrom, Philadelphia Rotarian Warren Kuo, and Central Delaware County Rotarian Norman Watts.



PDGs Lynmar Brock, Mark Z. McGill, Hogie Hansen, Jeffry Cadorette, Jack Grant, Joan Batory and Bonnie Korengel wait to speak.



District treasurer Gary Zebrowski.



2013-2014 Swarthmore Rotary Club President Hillard Pouncy III, Swarthmore Rotarian Joe Lesniak, and Ardmore Rotary Club PP/PAG/Polio Plus chair Jane Williams.



## DG Doug installed, iDG Charles thanked, awards presented



Joining iDG Charles and Leslie Streitwieser at the June 29 Installation and Celebration Brunch are 2013-2014 West Chester Rotary Club President John Schwab, Julianna and DG Doug Blazey, and West Chester Rotarian Cathy Palmquist.

Over 125 Rotarians and guests were on hand for the annual Rotary transition of leadership Sunday, June 29 at the Villanova Conference Center in Radnor. The ceremonies were preceded by a reception and brunch at which the traditional Parade of Past District Governors and their spouses took place. PDG Russ deFuria was chair of the day and installed Wayne Rotarian Doug Blazey as DG for the 2014-2015 Rotary year. Among DG Doug's first duties was to salute 2013-2014 DG Charles Streitwieser and present him a plaque honoring his service to the District and Rotary International. The November 12-14 District Conference also will take place at the Conference Center.



Diana Larisgoita of North Philadelphia Madrigadores Rotary Club with centerpiece.



Assistant Governors Cindy Lyman of Central Delaware County Rotary Club and Coatesville Rotary Club PP Grover Koon are among 125 at the Installation and Celebration Brunch.



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Enjoying the event are Cheltenham-Rockledge Rotarians (from left) Club secretary Martha Bowman, Eileen Humes and Sally Dannel.



PDGs on hand are (above right) 1978-79 DG Lynmar Brock, 2007-08 DG Russ deFuria and 1991-92 DG Mark McGill, who are sharing a laugh; and (bottom, left) 1993-94 DG Hogie and PAG Anne Hansen, and (lower, right) 2003-04 DG Jack Grant and Lois Francis Grant, who are among the Parade of Governors during the Installation and Celebration at the Villanova Conference





# 75 District Rotarians walk in July 4th parade







## 2013-2014 Rotary District 7450 Awards

Presented June 29 at Villanova Conference Center

### Literacy Awards

Northeast Sunrisers  
Feasterville  
Chestnut Hill  
Philadelphia  
King of Prussia  
Chester  
Swarthmore

### Highest Growth in District

Upper Main Line

### Most New Members

West Chester  
Upper Main Line  
Longwood

### Highest Retention Rate

Broomall  
Cheltenham Rockledge  
Feasterville  
Glen Riddle  
Langhorne  
Westtown Goshen  
Central Chester County  
Greater West Chester Sunrise  
Abington at Edge Hill  
Eastwick  
Thorndale  
Shady Brook  
Upper Main Line

### Club Growth to 10 or greater

North Philadelphia  
Madrugores  
Eastwick  
Edge Hill

### Club Growth to 15 or greater

Great Valley

### Club Growth to 20 or greater

Conshohocken Plymouth  
Whitemarsh  
Thorndale  
Feasterville

### Governor's Citation

Outstanding Service as AG  
Bronwyn Martin

## ROTARY FOUNDATION AWARDS

**Vasanth Prabhu (Central Chester County)** — building relationships with Rotary clubs around the world and bringing projects and partners back to District 7450

**Russ deFuria (Upper Darby-Lansdowne)** — building relationships locally and globally and providing training for the District Foundation committee

**Mike Korengel (Longwood)** — building relationships globally and supporting Rotary Action Group against Human Trafficking and Slavery

**Carla Chieffo (Paoli-Malvern-Berwyn)** — for inspiring her club to sponsor global and District projects and learning the new Grant model

**Govinda Malya (Westtown Goshen)** — for challenging his Club to reach new heights in Annual Fund giving by providing a match of members' funds; Westtown Goshen Rotary Club per capita is an all-time district high of \$431.

**Dennis Wallace (Greater West Chester Sunrise)** — for being inspired by a plaque stating "This Project provided by funds from Rotary International" while on a sailing trip, catching on to the system of Rotary matching funds for projects and saying "I can do this too." He put together a \$70,000 project between three countries, five Rotary Clubs and friends with Rotary matching dollars to provide an ultra sound machine for a hospital that had none.

**Anne Hansen (Swarthmore)** — for pulling together a "reverse" global grant, \$160,000 work training project to benefit young people of Chester, involving funds from several countries, Districts, and Clubs with Rotary matching funds from all over the world, and learning how to make it happen with the new grant model and application process.

**Bronwyn Martin (Kennett Square)** — for her leadership in the "Kick Polio Off the Planet" soccer event which is on its way to being an international project. In addition to District 7450 soccer match to raise funds and awareness for polio, it is spreading to the Northeast and will cross over the Canadian border soon. And for her leadership in providing Rotarians a way to support Rotary with Endowment Fund.

**Jane Williams (Ardmore)** — for her leadership in raising awareness and funds for Polio through following the monthly polio reports and raising funds throughout the Clubs and her leadership with the polio soccer event.

**Andy Jenkins (Longwood)** — for Area 9 leadership in pulling 6 Clubs together to do a global water project and successfully navigating the new grant application process.

**Ward McMasters (Langhorne)** — for leadership and inspiration to Area 1 Clubs to support each Club's giving and increasing the Clubs' involvement in meaningful projects.

**Joe Hetherington (Bristol)** — for thorough and careful minutes of Foundation meetings and as editor of the "Informant" — District Foundation newsletter.

**Joe Batory (Philadelphia)** — for passion and leadership as retired chair of Scholarship Committee. With his personal interest and efforts, District 7450 has had three successful peace candidates and several global scholars who will make a difference because of Rotary.

**Doug Klepfer (Ardmore)** — for leading the way with the new global grant application and continuing his club's relationship with Rotary Clubs in Japan as they cooperate on important projects in both countries.

**Bess Wray (Chestnut Hill)** — for educating and inspiring her Club to increase per capita giving from \$89 last year to over \$206 this year.

## Great Valley Rotary hosts 'Let's Come Together' event



The Great Valley Rotary Club hosted its second annual "Let's Come Together" event Saturday, June 14 at the Chester County Historical Society in West Chester. The program offered entertainment reflecting the diversity of the Great Valley. Entertainers presented songs and dances reflective of a number of genres and backgrounds. The five-hour program began at 11 a.m. and included a silent auction. All in attendance received free car wash at Frankline Auto Spa in Frazer, one piece of dry cleaning from The Clean Store in Malvern, and \$10 auto service coupon in Malvern. The proceeds will help women and children in need through Rotaplast International, The Timothy School, Music Works, and Home of the Sparrow.



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**Concordville-Chadds Ford Rotary Club reports:****'Twisted Vintner' wine competition raises \$40,000**

The Twisted Vintner is a homemade wine competition now in its fourth year, the third as the major fundraiser for the Concordville - Chadds Ford Rotary Club. There were over 450 attendees and revenue from this event topped \$40,000, largely due to the fact that many more local businesses contributed as sponsors this year. The proceeds were 20 percent over last year even though the event was held for the first time in a huge tent which required additional costs. In the past, the event took place at a major sponsor's site.



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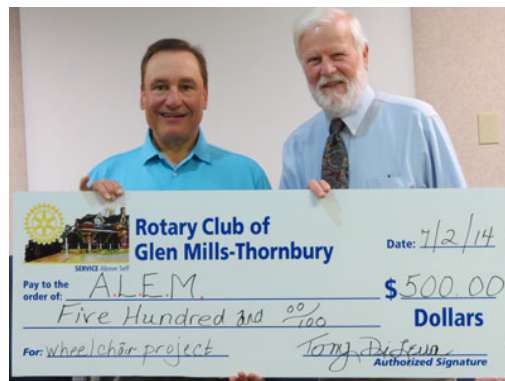
## Bensalem Rotarians honor detective

The Bensalem Rotary Club honored Detective Kevin Cornish as Bensalem Township's "Police Officer of the Year" last month. The award is presented to an officer who exemplifies Rotary's mission of "Service above Self" as well as the Bensalem Police Department's mission of courage, integrity and community involvement. The award was presented to Detective Cornish by Bensalem Township's Director of Public Safety, Fred Harran (left) and Bensalem Rotary Club 2013-2014 President Roger Caine. Detective Cornish received the award in front of Rotarians and guests, which included his wife, daughter and father. Detective Cornish joined the Bensalem Police Department in 1998 and was a member of the SWAT Team and Motor Patrol before moving over to the Special Victims Unit. He was a lead investigator on a case involving two young girls who were removed from an abusive home with nothing but the clothes on their backs and spearheaded a fundraising effort to collect money and gift cards for the girls so they could buy clothing, school supplies and accessories for their bedrooms at their foster home. He also contacted local stores to get the girls discounts and accompanied the girls on their shopping trips. Detective Cornish's commitment to helping children move on from abusive situations quickly became a department-wide initiative. Today, partnerships with local stores and incoming donations are a constant so that every child who is saved from abuse by the Bensalem Police Department can receive additional support from the department and the community. Detective Cornish also volunteers as a coach at the United German Hungarian Club and presents programs on bullying and computer forensics.



## Glen Mills-Thornbury Rotary Club donates \$500 to ALEM

Glen Mills-Thornbury Rotary Club President Tony DiLeva (left) presented a check for \$500 to ALEM's executive director Howard Friend to support an unique program for disabled workers and recipi-



ents. ALEM has a workshop in Cuernavaca, Mexico, where a highly-trained team of people with disabilities, design, fabricate and repair specialty wheelchairs, ecumbent 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. But the terrain of the city is rugged and the wheelchairs inevitably break down within two years. 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 a significantly smaller portion of the repair cost. The grant also provides money to purchase a full inventory of repair parts, special equipment and a utility trailer which is used to transport equipment and ALEM team members to other cities as part of an outreach program. This project is unique in that the disabled individuals are the workers in the wheelchair shop.

## Rotarians plan to rebuild homes in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Longwood Rotarian Bob Curran will again lead a trip to Tuscaloosa, Alabama, October 26 to November 1, to continue to rebuild homes and structures destroyed by the April, 2011 tornado.

Trade skills are needed; however Curran says the desire to spend time helping those in need is the sole requirement for a successful trip. Volunteers will stay at a former YMCA camp which is owned by Habitat. For more information, contact Bob Curran at 610-316-3109 or

## District hosts exchange students' Bon Voyage party



District 7450 Youth Exchange Committee hosted a Bon Voyage party for the Youth Exchange students June 1, with 70 people in attendance. Next year the District will send 10 students to eight countries and will host 10 students. They also are sending three short termers this summer; one to Spain, one to France, and one to Austria. The District Committee has six long-term students who are out now. The Youth Exchange Committee is looking for host families for one-third of the school year. Host families do not have to be members of Rotary Clubs but they must live in the school district in which the students will attend school. For more information, contact Donna Henry at [dmhphilly@aol.com](mailto:dmhphilly@aol.com).



## District 7450 Clubs install new leadership teams

### Upper Darby-Lansdowne Rotary Club



AG George Whitefield (left), Member of Swarthmore Rotary Club, officiated at the installation of Ron Cole (second from left) as 2014-2015 President of Upper Darby-Lansdowne Rotary Club June 25. Also installed were (third from left) Vice-president Sean Murphy, President-Elect Maureen Inglesby, Secretary Hank Van Zanten, Treasurer Karen Doherty, Past President Matt Quigley, Sergeant-at-Arms Jim Moran, Directors Rev. David Shaheen and John Strayer. Missing for the photograph were new Directors Rick Dunlap, and Richard Heron. The installation took place at Drexelbrook in Drexel Hill.

### Bryn Mawr Rotary Club



The Bryn Mawr Rotary Club celebrated its 45th Anniversary at La Collina Restaurant in Belmont Hills. DG Doug Blazey (center) inducted the new Board and 2014-2015 President Dick Cuff, (left). Cuff and Dave Fish (right), charter members of the Club, were instrumental in the formation of the Bryn Mawr Club and have been in attendance for most of the meetings during their 45 years of service. DG Doug was accompanied by his wife Rotarian Julianna, a member of the Wayne Club as is DG Doug.

### WC Rotary Club presents scholarships

Alison Neilon (left) and Karly Dahlroos accept certificates and \$2500 scholarship checks from Linda Hicks, chair of the Scholarship Committee of the Rotary Club of West Chester. Ali, graduated from West Chester East High School, and Karly graduated from Henderson. They were selected from among 11 applicants for the scholarships, based on their essays about their community involvement and the impact on their lives and community. Both young women expressed their passion for volunteering for many years, and the positive impact their service has had in their lives. Ali helped grow the Interact Club at West Chester East High School from 20 to 200 students, and helped gather and put together backpacks full of school supplies for elementary students for over 11 years. Karly was active in the Interact and Environmental Clubs at Henderson High, and tutored numerous elementary students.



### Philadelphia Rotary Club: Inducts new Rotarians



The newest members of the Rotary Club of Philadelphia are (from left) Paul Lee, Dr. Randall Drain, and Kareem Booker, who were installed by Past Rotary International Director Lynmar Brock at the Philadelphia Rotary Club's July 10 Club Assembly.

## Bensalem Rotarians present college scholarship to Tim Schwartz

The Rotary Club of Bensalem honored Bucks County Technical High School student Tim Schwartz at the July 15th luncheon meeting. President Joel Perkins (right) presents Tim the college scholarship in recognition of his stellar academic record and dedication to his future career. Tim attended BCTHS throughout high school education and completed the school's Emergency Medical Services program with a 3.9 GPA. Tim earned his EMT and Firefighter 1 certifications, which enabled him to volunteer at Bensalem EMS and Nottingham Fire Company. Tim plans to attend Penn College of Technology in Williamsport to study Emergency Medical Service toward a career in EMT work and a firefighter.



## RYLA participants report back to sponsoring West Chester Rotarians

Rotary exchange students (from left) Yu-Hsuan "Froggy" Wei from Taipei, Taiwan, and Caitlin Brown, reported on their participation in the 2014 RYLA program at a recent West Chester Rotary Club meeting. The Club sponsored three students for the program at Freedoms Foundation in Valley Forge. A third participant, Mariah Park, was not present for the report.



Froggy and Caitlin gave enthusiastic reports as they highlighted their experiences. They reported making new friendships, meeting interesting students, and hearing fascinating speakers, as well as learning leadership skills. Both students thanked the Club for the opportunity to attend the weekend.

## 10th ECUADOR ROTARY PROJECT FAIR



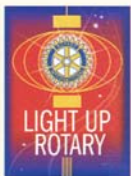
One Country - One District - 61 Clubs

MORE THAN  
100 PROJECTS  
WHERE TO  
CHOOSE FROM!!!



### PROJECTS ON:

- Water and sanitation
- Education
- Disease prevention and treatment
- Maternal and child health
- Community development
- Peace and conflict prevention



After the fair you can enjoy:

- the Amazon Jungle
- and the Enchanted Galapagos Islands



**Dates:** Friday, November 14, 15 & 16, 2014

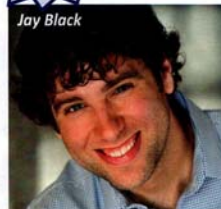
**Place:** Quito, Ecuador

Action and Friends in Rotary + Tourism = The Perfect Combination

## Glen Mills-Thornbury Rotary presents...

**\$50**  
per ticket

4th Annual Comedy Showcase!  
This year featuring



Jay Black

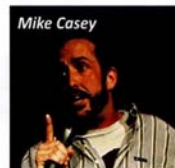
Jay Black has performed at nearly 500 colleges nationwide. In 2013 APCA named him both the College Comedian of the Year and the prestigious College Performer of the Year.

Jay has worked extensively as a club comedian, as well as, appearing everywhere from Atlantic City (The Tropicana) and Las Vegas (The Tropicana, MGM Grand) to Los Angeles (The Improv, The Laugh Factory).

Jay has opened for several celebrities, including Christopher Titus, Greg Fitzsimmons, Bobcat Goldthwait, Emo Phillips, Pete Holmes, and Sinbad. In the Spring of 2014, Jay will be joining Kevin Nealon on his east coast tour, appearing with him at several venues.

Jay has met with equal success as a writer. The TV show he co-created with Brian Herzlinger ("Paulie" starring Paul Sorvino, Janeane Garofalo, and Michael Madsen) was filmed in February of 2013. His first produced screenplay, "How Sweet It Is" will be released into theaters in Spring of 2014.

### Also performing:



Mike Casey



Vinnie Nardiello



Brian Gray

Friday September 5, 2014 @ Penn Oaks Golf Club

Penn Oaks Golf Club is located at 150 Penn Oaks Drive, West Chester, PA 19382

### Event Schedule

7:00 PM • Doors Open  
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM • Beef and Beer  
7:00 PM - 10:00 PM • Free Draft Beer  
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM • Comedy Show  
Cash Bar Available ALL Night!

For Tickets:

Visit [www.GMTROTARY.org](http://www.GMTROTARY.org) (All major credit cards accepted)



Tickets will be available through Eventbrite.

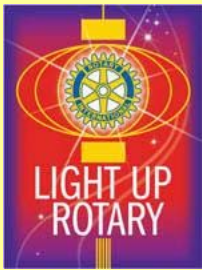
For a reserved table of 10, contact Tony DiLeva at 610-656-2543

Proceeds benefit Local Charities

**NO TICKETS SALES AT DOOR! MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE**



**DEADLINE** for the August **District 7450 Rotary Leader** is July 15. Send photos/news to [info@Rotary7450.com](mailto:info@Rotary7450.com) and [mombugjoan@msn.com](mailto:mombugjoan@msn.com). Please **identify** all people in photos. Thank you.



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## Longwood welcomes new members

Ray Peppers, (left) sponsored by Longwood Rotarian Tom Simperts (second from left), was inducted into the Longwood Rotary Club last month. At the same time, Paul Merluzzi (next to his



sponsor, Monica Buffington), joined as an individual member, changing from his corporate membership through the Kennett Symphony. Ray Peppers is joining his daughter, Margaret (Margo) Rover, who is a member of the club. They are the first father-daughter team in the Longwood Rotary Club.

## Longwood Rotarians build raised-bed gardens, plant at Kennett Food Cupboard



Longwood Rotarians and other volunteers from the community built raised-bed vegetable gardens and planted them Saturday, May 31, at the Kennett Area Food Cupboard. Dave Chopko and Jordan Gushurst organized and led the group for the Rotary Club. Because of the number of volunteers, the job was completed in a little less than three hours.