

District 7450 Rotary Leader



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Message from DG Doug:

Thank you one and all

Thank you one and all for allowing me to serve you as your District Governor during Rotary year 2014-2015 and for supporting me, and my wife Julianna, as we learned how to serve you during my Nominee and then my Elect year.

I have tried to share what we have learned with you during our various times together including the various training events that preceded my Installation last June and at my Installation, during my Official Visit to each Club, and during our November 2014 District Conference at the Villanova Conference Center.

I hope to continue that sharing during the wonderful Installation event that Governor-Elect Chad has prepared for all of us on Wednesday evening, June 24.

Having just come back from the International Convention in San Paulo, Brazil, I would like to share a bit more, right now about the somewhat intangible experience of attending such an event. A Rotary International Convention is a unique experience: some fun, some confusion, some learning, some sharing, which together provide festive annual opportunities to appreciate what Rotary and Rotarians are sharing and accomplishing all around this Globe in the spirit of peace, friendship and assistance to those in need.

The Host Committee had arranged two primary independent (from the Plenary Sessions) entertainment events. One was a reprise of the traditional March Carnival Parade. It was big, colorful, incredibly energetic, and it was noisy. It was Brazilian!

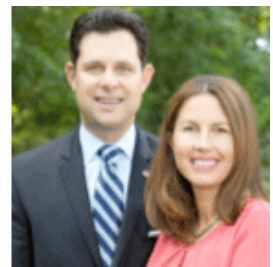
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Aboard Spirit of Philadelphia

Chad Rosenberg will be installed as 65th 7450 DG

DGE Chad Rosenberg will be installed as the 2015-2016 District 7450 Governor June 24 at a dinner cruise on "The Spirit of Philadelphia." Chad will be the 65th District Governor of the District dating back to 1952-1953 Rotary Year, He is the first DG from the Upper Main Line Rotary Club which marks its third anniversary this month..



Chad and Jennifer Rosenberg

DGE Chad Rosenberg has been a Rotarian since 2001; however, his first exposure to Rotary occurred in the 1970s when he attended meetings of the Philadelphia Rotary Club with his father, Harry, at the Bellevue Stratford Hotel. At that time, the Philadelphia Rotary Club was the third largest in the world with over 700 members.

At age 15, Chad participated in a short-term summer exchange to Finland in 1980 that began his life-long love of the Youth Exchange program. He joined the District Youth Exchange Committee in 2007, and in 2013, his son, Milo, participated in a long-term exchange to Germany.

To date, Chad and his wife have been host parents for three foreign students from France, Sweden, and Ecuador.

In 2006 Chad started the Harry C Rosenberg Youth Exchange Scholarship. Named after his father, this need-based scholarship helps students, who could not otherwise afford to participate in the Rotary Youth Exchange Program. Over \$70,000 has been raised from the Aim for Exchange Sporting Clays tournament held each October. Over \$45,000 in scholarships have been awarded to deserving students from Delaware Valley.

Chad served as president of the Bala Cynwyd-Narberth Rotary Club from 2004 to 2006 and as the chair of the District 7450 Public Relations and Communications Committee from 2013 to 2015.

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Farewell Message from DG Doug:

Thank you one and all for allowing me to serve you as your District Governor for this Rotary year

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The floats were huge, but they were pushed by a cadre of men (and maybe some women); the costumes were dramatic, large and colorful; and the noise being emitted from each float was deafening. Think of our Mummers' Day Parade on "steroids", and many times over!

The other event was an evening concert exclusive to Rotarians at the city's beautiful concert hall with its symphony orchestra, Samba group and singers capable both of orchestral, operatic and popular song. We were thrilled by the elegance and sophistication of this event.

Confusion also abounded given that Brazil, somewhat like great U.S.A. is so big and so self-contained that English and other foreign languages are not commonly spoken. Thus, communication was not often easy. Concerns over water safety meant one always was looking for that "next bottle" of beer, soda or clean water, and concerns over personal safety (especially since these warning were repeated by locals, hotel staff and fellow visitors) made many hesitant to venture out. Finally, traffic congestion combined with the lack of English facility made sightseeing problematic as one could not easily book a tour or depend upon a particular schedule.

But overall, the community is exceptionally vibrant, its landscape is often beautiful, and so very many of the people we met were very welcoming. Brazil is a great place to visit!

Now on to learning and sharing, which work "hand in glove" with each other. There are at least four "venues" for learning at the International Conference.

First, the Plenary Sessions are packed with examples of people displaying creative and, often, courageous effort devoted to



DG Doug presents incoming RI President Ravi Ravindran new District 7450 banner during the RI International Convention in Brazil.

establishing projects for the benefit of others. Many we can directly support while all offer examples for us to follow even if in much more modest ways.

Second, the numerous break-out sessions provide hands-on content and an opportunity for interchange. These are "real" Rotarians doing something and seeking to share their challenges and successes with the rest of us.

Third, there is the enormous House of Friendship with hundreds of Rotary Action Groups, Fellowships, Club, District and Multi-District booths championing various projects and identifying real human needs around the globe. I think it fair to say that one could spend one's entire conference stay in the House of

Friendship.

Finally, there are the many Rotarian to Rotarian discussions during meetings, meals and moving on foot or vehicle between venues that help us understand how much Rotarians around the world have in common.

One returns home, tired, but also full of new energy forged by friendships and knowledge that encourage each of us to be a more effective Rotarian, seeking to have our own efforts also lead the world towards greater Peace and Prosperity.

We came home ready to "Light Up Rotary" as so encouraged by President Gary C.K. Huang in order to be that "Gift to the World" as so hoped for by President Elect K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran.

So let's celebrate what we have achieved in Rotary year 2014-2015 and welcome wholeheartedly the new Rotary year 2015-2016 along with our newest District Governor of District 7450, Chad Rosenberg, when he is installed in his office on Wednesday, June 24, abroad the Spirit of Philadelphia.



Julianna and Doug Blazey will complete their year as DG partner and DG with the installation of DGE Chad Wednesday, June 24. Julianna has already been installed as president of the Wayne Rotary Club.

District Grants Chair attends Ecuadorian District 4400 Conference, explores global grants with District 7450

District 7450 Grants chair Vasanth Prabhu, a member of the Rotary Club of Central Chester County, was invited to attend the District 4400 Conference in Quito, Ecuador in May to present the Rotary International "Service above Self" award to PDG and current District 4400 Rotary Foundation chair Juan Prinz.

Prinz has been a Rotarian for more than 40 years and is quite active in Rotary activities. The "Service Above Self" award is the highest award a Rotarian can get for the humanitarian service work inside and outside the Rotary areas. Each of the Rotary Districts in the world is requested to nominate one candidate for this coveted award and 150 candidates are then selected by the RI Board of Trustees. Prabhu reports "Our District



PDG and current District 4400 Rotary Foundation chair Juan Prinz (left) displays the "Service Above Self" award which District 7450 Grants chair and Central Chester County Rotarian Vasanth Prabhu was invited to present to him at District 4400 Conference in Quito, Ecuador in May.

and Clubs have participated in and completed successfully more than 14 Matching Grant and Global Grant Humanitarian Service projects in Ecuador. The main focus of these projects is health-care, education and pure drinking water. But for the great help, encouragement and active participation by Prinz, we would not have completed these projects." In the photo, you see Juan Prinz with his SAS plaque with Vasanth Prabhu of our District.

Pranhu also reported, "During my visit, I met other Rotarians along with Prinz to explore the possibilities of new Global Grants projects for 2015-16. The proposals are being finalized and any District 7450 Clubs who may want to do an International project in 2015-16, please contact

me at 610-917-1097 or email me at vprabhu39@aol.com

Wednesday, June 24:

Chad's installation as DG set aboard 'Spirit of Philadelphia'

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In November, 2011, after a visit to Longwood Rotary Club, Chad was inspired to start The Rotary Club of the Upper Main Line, which was officially chartered June 14, 2012 with 32 members. Chad served as the Charter President until 2014.

In his professional life, Chad is a Principal of Rosenberg & Parker, a 69-year-old international, boutique surety bond broker with offices in King of Prussia, Toronto, and Istanbul.

His clients include large commercial construction firms as well as Fortune 500 sized multi-national corporations.

Chad has five children and he lives with his wife, Jennifer, in Berwyn.



Be a gift to the world

Concordville-Chadds Ford Rotary Club event**Standing room plus enjoys 5th annual Twisted Vintner**

Concordville-Chadds Ford Rotary Club treasurer Carol Swerdon is surrounded by three winemakers at the Twisted Vintner.



Concordville-Chadds Ford Rotarian Jim Murphy



Among Rotarians on hand are Concordville-Chadds Ford president nominee Bill Bertolet, AG Bronwyn Martin, Sue Mardinly and Sondra Eisenman.



The Strangers entertained the more than 500 people who turned out for this year's 5th annual Twisted Vintner at the Concordville Town Center in Glen Mills.

About 500 people turned out for the 5th annual Twisted Vintner amateur Wine-Making Competition and Wine, Beer and Food-Tasting from local restaurants Thursday, June 4, at the Concordville Town Center at Routes 1 and 322 in Glen Mills. The Concordville-Chadds Ford Rotary Club sponsored the three and one-half hour event which is projected to raise more than \$30,000 for the Club's local and international projects. Title sponsor was Garnet Ford followed by Acme Markets, Concordville Subaru, and John Williams Real Estate. Participants included 10 restaurants, three wineries, two breweries and about 30 amateur winemakers. Benefactors include Rachel Kohl Library, Bornelyf special needs camp, Darlington Arts Center, Brandywine Youth Club, scholarships, a school in Haiti, Rotaplast and PolioPlus.



Concordville-Chadds Ford Rotarian Eric Belcavage presents first-place red wine award to John Gallow.



Displaying the facsimile of a \$3600 check to the Bethel Springs Elementary School Home and School Association for the school library are Concord Township supervisor Kevin O'Donoghue, Rotarian Dominic Cappelli and Peggy Courtney from the Bethel Springs Home and School Association.



Accepting the facsimile of a \$3600 check from Concordville-Chadds Ford Rotarians Rob Hayes and Greg Chestnut (at left) and Dom Cappelli (right) are Amy Abella, Lynn Mahoney, and Owen Divers.

Julianna Zekan Blazey:**Reflections on Rotary Year 2014 – 2015**

Thank you to all of you wonderful Rotarians and friends for making this an exciting, productive, and memorable year! My journey with Rotary began decades ago, as a high school senior recognized by our local Rotary Club in northwestern Pennsylvania, continued with my husband joining the Wayne Rotary Club nearly 20 years ago, and has become most especially rewarding for me in these past three years of Rotary training, travel, hard work, and happy fellowship with fellow Rotarians alongside the person whom you chose to be your District Governor, Doug Blazey.

Rotarians in our District 7450 and all over the world have impressed me with the dedication, creativity, and resourcefulness that demonstrate service above self and that truly makes a difference in improving the lives of others. The success of our District is the cumulative success of each and every Rotarian and the collective strengths of all of our Rotary Clubs, so please accept our thanks and appreciation for contributing to making this 2014-2015 year successful. You have each played a significant role!

There are so many local and international projects engaged in by the Clubs in our District! Our Rotary fundraisers are sometimes also known as Rotary "fun-raisers!" All the persistence and energy that goes into the success of Rotary service in all of its facets is accompanied by the cheerfulness and effectiveness that creates such a great atmosphere for everyone who participates.

Among the high points for me were the wonderful welcoming visits to Rotary Clubs throughout the district, meeting so many of you, sharing in your projects and fundraising activities, learning from you, participating in the local leadership training programs, the Zone Institutes, the Rotary International Conventions, and most importantly, our own District Conference and other local events.

"Peace, Projects, Phun – A Celebration of Service" – the theme of this year's 2014 District Conference – really fit the bill! Peace was a big theme in the Rotary International Convention in Brazil this month, so our District is at the forefront! We also had fantastic presenters from our district in several innovative programs such as breakout sessions for newer Rotarians to "fast-track" them into the world of Rotary; for "small but mighty" clubs; for clubs to consider 501(c)(3) status to

enhance fundraising; and breakout sessions with networking opportunities addressing all six areas of focus.

Did you know that 86% of our Rotary Clubs were represented at this District Conference! Also, for the first time, Rotaractors held their own District Conference concurrently with the Rotary District 7450 Conference, and participated in joint sessions. We hope that every District Conference will be so successful and even better attended than the one before! Our District Conference funded itself, thanks to the great leadership of DG Doug

and his Conference Chair Bob Lankin, and to Gary Zebrowski, Treasurer. My personal thanks to all the presenters, participants, officers, and especially to Dave Haradon, and to Kevin Katarynick, Stacey Ballard, Norm Watts, Jeffery Cadorette, Karen Mazzarella, and Brian Casey. Really, all of you who had a hand in the success of our District Conference or in your own club events, please put your own name here - thank you! We have new Interact Clubs, new Rotaract Clubs and a new Rotary Club, all started this year! Another high point this year was observing the enrichment of nearly 120 high school students participating in the Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) weekend in March, where Dave's vision of full capacity was reached through Karen's drive and energy and Rotary Clubs' generous contributions.

And the youth exchange program flourished under the leadership of Donna Henry and others. The opportunities for the students' enthusiasm and excitement are created by all of you in the District who help identify the candidates and fund their experiences!

There is a newly designed District banner with the new Rotary logo and more visibility for District 7450, and newly designed District lapel pins for all Rotarians in the District to know they are valued in their own clubs and in our greater communities. To represent all of our Rotary Clubs at District 7450 functions we have created two large All Rotary Club "ARC" display banners, with trading banners from every Rotary Club in the District displayed according to the date of chartering. Thank you for making this possible by providing your trading banners, and in some cases, designing new ones!

A special note of appreciation to Jay Childress and Joan Toennissen for all of your dedication and service throughout the years, and for your documentation through photos and newsletters and other media that helps publicize our Rotary District 7450.



Julianna Zekan Blazey, incoming president of Wayne Rotary Club, presents new District 7450 banner to incoming Rotary International President Ravi Ravindran at the recent RI Convention in Brazil.

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Seeks volunteers to collect, sort, display books:**District Literacy Committee joins Read2Dream initiative**

The District Literacy Committee has announced an exciting collaboration between the Rotary Clubs in District 7450 and Read2Dream, a 501(c)3 nonprofit group based in West Chester. This literacy service project requires no financial support or obligation from the District because it will operate out of donated space with an all - volunteer staff. The idea behind all of the Book Projects is to recycle quality used books into classrooms and homes which lack adequate reading resources.

The Delaware Valley Children's Book Project plans to distribute new books and classroom supplies when possible, but expects the majority of its assistance to schools will be in the form of gently used books which other children have outgrown.

The District Literacy Committee notes, "The concept is so simple that you wonder why it hasn't been done on a large scale in this area before."

Volunteers will collect, sort, and display books which teachers can examine and take free of charge for classroom use during scheduled distributions. operation and expects to give away its second million books before it celebrates its 15th anniversary.

The Delaware Valley Children's Book Project has been building shelves and sprucing up its sorting and distribution center as you read this in anticipation of making its first distribution early in the 2015-2016 school year.

If interested in helping with this project, contact Bruce Larkin of the Westtown - Goshen Rotary Club at KingJackalopeMan@aol.com. or at (610) 357-1262.

PMB Rotarians read books to kindergarten students

Paoli-Malvern-Berwyn Rotarian Carol Robinson reads to a class at Charlestown Elementary School .

The Rotary Club of Paoli-Malvern-Berwyn has focused on community service this year, and its effort for the 2014-2015 concluded with the distribution of personalized "I Like Me" hard back books to every kindergarten student in the Great Valley School District in Malvern. Seed money was generated by the Club's Charities Committee, with additional grants from The Rotary Foundation and The Gundaker Foundation. Each book mentions the child's name, the names of his or her two best friends in the class, the teacher, the school, the principal, and the town. The message of the books is very affirming and encouraging. Research indicates that personalized texts are very motivating and helpful for emergent readers. Club members delivered books and read a book. The club will spend the second half of the Club's and grant money in the 2015-2016 Rotary year providing books to other area kindergartens.



PMB Rotarian Dr. Mike Neeb reads to K.D. Markley School kindergarten students in Malvern.

Reflections on Rotary Year ...

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I am sure many will remember Doug's favorite alliterative phrases: "Time, Talent, and Treasure" and "Sharing, Shining, and Serving," where he commends all Rotarians in our District for such great service to others. DG Doug shares his vision with us of cooperation, assistance, guidance, and encouragement. What many may not know, is that throughout the year, Doug facilitated the transitions in leadership and involved others in policy and decisions. DG Doug brought about harmony regarding the relationship between the District and the Gundaker Foundation, which culminated in unanimous consent to the revisions of the Gundaker By-Laws. Drafted with the help of Peter Mardinly and others, those revisions and those to the Articles of Incorporation for District 7450 brought the Articles into compliance with existing laws.

Perhaps some of you met with Rotary International President Gary Huang when he visited our area last

August? DG Doug arranged a private meeting with him for any Rotarian in our District who wanted to come! (Have you noticed by now that I'm a big fan of Doug?) It was a very special memorable event for those who were able to participate. Gary's theme, "Light up Rotary!" encourages all of us to be happy, to be motivated, and to continue to help others.

Finally, I want to wish Chad and Jennifer best of luck as you continue with Rotary's mission of service in District 7450 - it is such a pleasure to witness your energy and enthusiasm and plans, and please know we are happy to continue to help!

It has been a most special year in so many ways. So many people to be recognized and congratulated – please know that you are so appreciated – by us, by your fellow Rotarians, and by those who benefit from your service. As the new President of Rotary International, Ravi Ravindran, says in his theme, let us continue our Rotary service and "Be a Gift to the World!"

Julianna Zekan Blazey

Seven students honored by Rotary Club of West Chester

The Rotary Club of West Chester honored seven students in three categories from the West Chester School District high schools last month. West Chester Rotarian and Superintendent of West Chester School District Jim Scanlon (left) and Rustin High School joined the students for a photo after the presentations. The students are at the meeting Dr. Jim Scanlon, superintendent of the West Chester Area School District and a Rotarian, are (from left) Mary Joy Kozak and Luca Greco from Rustin High School, students of the year, Jessica Jaramillo, student of the year from



East High School, Justin Cooper of East, who attended RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards program), Maddy Stiebritz, East student of the year and Mike Marano, Principal at Rustin. Seated front (from left) are Katarina Darmofal from Rustin and Julia Sabrick of East, who each won a \$5,000 college scholarship from the Rotary Club, based on winning essays detailing their volunteer efforts in their schools and community. Other students of the year (not pictured) who were honored and awarded \$50 gift cards included Caitlin Brown of East High School and Brittany Saello of Rustin High School. Additional students sponsored by the Rotary Club at RYLA (not pictured) included Christina Chawn, Roseline Gouesse, Andrew Henry, Mercedes Mengel, Alicia Monaco, Tuyen Nguyen, Laura Richardson and Manasseh Washington, all from East High School.

District 7450 'Rotary Night at Phillies' August 4

The 2015 "Rotary Night at the Phillies" is Tuesday, August 4, at Citizens Bank Park at the Sports Complex, in South Philadelphia. Game time is 7:05 p.m., subject to change.

The Philadelphia Phillies will meet the Los Angeles Dodgers, whose team includes former Phillies MVP and All-Star shortstop, Jimmy Rollins.

All Club presidents received an allotment of tickets at the District Training Assembly May 11. Each ticket sold will result in a contribution of \$9 to the Rotary Foundation Annual Fund and each Club selling tickets will receive the Annual Fund credit.

Children under 18 attending the game will receive a Phillies Phan gift bag.

Rotarians and guests are invited to a pre-game networking event from 5:35 p.m. in the

rooftop above Ashburn Alley. 2015-2016 District Governor Chad Rosenberg will be among those to throw out a first ball prior to the game and the District 7450 Glee Club will lead the National Anthem.

Rotarians interested in joining the Rotary Glee Club to sing the National Anthem should contact Paul Welde at paulwelde@verizon.net.

AG Bronwyn Martin is chairman of the "Rotary Night at the Phillies" and reports unsold tickets must be returned to her by July 11 with list of returned tickets. Check(s) (made out to "The Phillies") for sold tickets should be sent to AG Martin by July 24.

For more information, go to Bronwyn.D7450@gmail.com.



Rotarians at Work Day” projects:**Phoenixville Rotarians clean up Freedoms Foundation grounds and historic Revolutionary War Memorial**

Rotarians Steve Porter and Chuck Benz are working at the Congressional Medal of Honor area at the Valley Forge Freedom Foundation.



Rotarian Lew Osterhoudt cleans up a flower bed at Freedoms Foundation in Valley Forge.



Among the workers at the Rotarians at Work Day project at the Freedoms Foundation in Valley Forge, are (from left) Rotarians Mike Polin, Steve Porter, Lew Osterhoudt, Chuck Benz and Julian McCracken plus an unidentified young girl and a woman.



The Rotary Club of Phoenixville maintains the Revolutionary War Memorial at the entrance to the village and was Rotarians were on the job cleaning up the area and sprucing up the gardens as part of 2015 “Rotarians at Work Day” in April. The Revolutionary War Memorial is located at the point which, according to documented history, is the farthest spot the British Army advanced in the Revolutionary War during the battle at Valley Forge.

PDG Robert Poole, wife honored as Major Donors to RF



Past District Governor Robert Poole (right) and his wife Anne were honored as Major Donors to the Rotary Foundation by District Governor Doug Blazey (left) during a meeting of the Rotary Club of West Chester last month. Poole, a member of the West Chester Club, and his wife have been donating to RI for a number of years, motivated by a childhood friend of Bob's who survived polio. The couple received several items in recognition as Major Donors at the second level. Poole said he is also inspired by the dictionary description of "philanthropy" as "love for mankind." He received a standing ovation from Club members following the presentation.

Bensalem Rotary Club presents scholarships to two students



Bensalem Rotary Club presented \$1,000 scholarships to Bensalem High School students Abhinav Sundaresan, who will attend Georgia Tech, and study biomedical engineering, and Anish Shah, who will attend Temple University to study chemistry.. They are joined by Marc Cohen, Bensalem Rotary Interact representative, and Val Reti, Community Service Club advisor. Both students were sponsored by Bensalem Rotary Club and attended the Rotary Youth Leadership Program in 2014! In addition to performing other community service, this year they raised all the money for the advocates for the homeless to purchase paper plates to feed the homeless for the whole year! They both also are active in the Bensalem High School Community Service Club.

Shady Brook Rotary Club honors 'Student of the Year' Brian Thomas

The Rotary Club of Shady Brook presented the Club's "Student of the Year Award" to Brian Thomas, a senior at Neshaminy High School, at the May 20 dinner meeting of the Club. As part of the award, Brian received a check for \$1,000. On hand for the presentation were (from left) Past President Dr. Augie Adrid, Baby Thomas (Brian's father), Brian Thomas and Past President Irv Perlstein.



Ray Garcia and Harry Rosenberg:**PMB-UML Rotary Golf Outing honors two veteran Rotarians**

Paoli-Malvern-Berwyn Rotary Club and the Upper Main Line Rotary Club joined forces for a successful golf outing at Paxspn Hollow Golf Club on June 4. The Paoli-Malvern-Berwyn Rotary Club made \$20,000 and the Upper Main Line Club made \$11,000 to \$12,000.

What began as the PMB Rod Armstrong Annual Golf Outing has evolved into a wonderful joint effort between the PMB and UML Rotary Clubs. Golfers came forth to give their best, both athletically and philanthropically. Rich Scott, long term chair from PMB, joined forces with his Club co-chair, Mike Alofsin, and Steve Smith, president, and Dave Alleva, president-elect, of UML Rotary Club, to move this charity-driven event forward. Club members came forward to support on many levels. The silent auction and the Chinese Auction were well supported by members of both clubs. The event honored long-time Rotarians Ray Garcia of Paoli-Malvern-Berwyn Rotary Club and long-time Philadelphia Rotar-



Among the golfers at the annual PMB-UML Rotary Golf Outing is Cindy Petty, in the white hat, who has at least 19 years of perfect attendance.

ian Harry Rosenberg, father of 2015-2016 District Governor Chad Rosenberg, of Upper Main Line Club.


To Philadelphia Rotarry Club
West Catholic Interact Club presents report

The West Catholic Prep Interact Club was the program at the Rotary Club of Philadelphia luncheon June 11. Participating were (from left) West Catholic President's representative Aaron Spence; faculty advisor Jen Davis; Interact Club president Robel Gebrehiwet; Interact vice-president Chris Daniels; and Interact Director Charles Kelly. The three students described six different service projects completed by the Interact Club during 2014-2015.

District Glee Club seeks Rotarians to sing at Phillies game

Paul Welde, director of the Rotary District 7450 Glee Club, has issued an invitation to Rotarians, who enjoy singing, to join the District Glee Club for the annual "Rotary Night at the Phillies" game, August 4. The Glee Club is scheduled to lead the National Anthem during pre-game ceremonies. If interested, contact Welde at paulwelde@verizon.net.

Chichester Rotarians present funds to help needy students



Chichester Rotarian Tom Brazill presents check for needy students to Joan Irwin, Chichester School District social worker.

Interactors join Rotarians at cleanup



Members of Chichester Rotary Club and Chichester High School Interact Club cleaned up the area at Chichester and McKay Avenues in Boothwyn.

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**For every table of 10 from your club,
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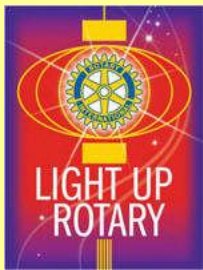
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All reservations must be paid when bookings are made.

Deadline is July 15, 2015



Joan and Jay say thank you to all who helped make the Leader an interesting newsletter for District 7450. It has been fun and most rewarding to do. Keep up the great work in your Clubs and "Be a gift to the World." God bless all.



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Rotary District 7450 Calendar

1. Independence Day Parade - July 4th

Come and share your Rotary Pride and Philadelphia Pride to the world (yes, this is televised across the world) in the WaWa Independence Day parade that features dozens of floats, marching bands, antique cars, Miss America, and more than 6,000 marchers who begin at Independence Hall and wind through Philadelphia's most historic streets.

Imagine walking past Independence Hall (the image, by the way, on our District 7450 banner) where the Founding Fathers of the United States signed the Declaration of Independence in 1776 and the Constitution in 1787. Philadelphia was one of the nation's capitals during the Revolutionary War, and the city served as the temporary U.S. capital while Washington, D.C., was under construction. Rain or shine, the parade goes on. This is the 4th year of District 7450 participation on July 4th. Come and show Philadelphia that we are Super Heroes having 110 years of being committed to "Service above Self" as we celebrate "the free right to the unbounded exercise of reason and freedom of opinion" [Thomas Jefferson, 1826].

Please participate in this fun and prideful march 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Bring Rotaractors, Interactors, Earlyactors, Club members, family members and friends to make up the 200 participants, that the the WaWa parade organizers are expecting. Please make sure you have someone designated to carry your Club banner. Smile and wave to the camera! Our goal is at least 4 participants from each Club.

Consider wearing a Rotary shirt and khaki pants, shorts, skirts. We are required to have homogeneity in our outfits and carpool into the city. We have never had a problem with street parking. Consider staying after the parade to socialize and network in a local pub or restaurant; or go to the successive July 4th festivities (see www.welcomeamerica.com/).



Register NOW for WaWa Welcome America Independence Day Parade

or send your regrets that you cannot attend by clicking here.

Each participant is required to provide a signed release. Please forward your signed release (available by clicking here) to:

Bronwyn Martin, 107 W State Street, Kennett Square, PA 19348

2. Rotary Night at the Phillies - August 4th

Join District 7450 Rotarians and friends to watch the Phillies vs Dodgers. DG-E Chad will throw out the first pitch at 7:05 pm. All children, 18 and under, attending with a Rotary Club will get a Phillies Phan gift bag. Join us on the Rooftop above Ashburn Alley 5:35-8 pm for networking. Concession stands nearby to purchase food and bevies. All children will have the opportunity to meet the Phanatic 5:45-6 pm. Great photo opp! See your Club President-Elect or their designate for tickets before they sell out.

3. District Family Picnic - August 16

Mark your Calendar for the 2015 District Picnic August 16. More details to follow. about the day of Family fun with your fellow Rotarians and family.

4. 5th Annual Rotary Night at PPL Park - September 12th

To date, we have raised almost \$10,000 through this event to fight polio. With atching funds from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation last year, close to 16,000 children were immunized from proceeds. Let's raise the bar this year and surpass last year's mark. Please join us for a great game and fellowship, and help Rotary get across the finish line in this critical battle against Polio. For more details, visit www.Rotarydistrict7450.org/soccer.