

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

Peace and Understanding

District 7450

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Message from the District Rotary Foundation Committee Chair
Bronwyn L. Martin

Thank you to District Governor (DG) Dawn for nominating me to this position. I am honored that she, DG-E Paul, and DG-N Peter are confident that I can carry out the responsibilities required. I have been involved with our district Rotary Foundation for over 8 years, coming on board when PDG Russ deFuria asked that I serve on, what is now, the Endowment Fund. I worked under Russ, PDG Al Marland, and PDG Bonnie Korengel. I'm glad to say that both Russ and Bonnie will continue to work on our District Rotary Foundation Committee; Bonnie as Annual Fund chair and Russ as interim Global Grants chair.

I became involved in the district's End Polio Now (EPN) campaign when PDG Joan Batory went out to all clubs and asked for a donation to sign a soccer ball that was going off to India on a National Immunization Day (NID) trip.



When Carol Metzker came back to my club to show her beautiful photos of that NID trip—there were 3 young Indian boys holding up that soccer ball and my name was right in the middle of the screen. That was my ah-ha! Rotary moment, and I got permission from PDG Al Marland to work with the Philadelphia Union (our local Major League Soccer team) to use soccer as a means to raise funds to End Polio Now. Working with my good friend, Rtn. Jane Williams, we have raised over \$26,000 from 6 events thanks to district Rotarians, friends, and the Gates Foundation matches. The last 3 years Jane Williams and I have coordinated the Hit Polio Outta the Park Phillies event raising over \$50,000 for EPN, with the Gates Foundation Match.

Since 1985, more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries, like these children in Tiga, Nigeria, have been immunized against polio.

It is my position that the Annual Fund is at the crux of us Rotarians being able to make the world a better place. In 2015-16, there were 494 District grants fundedsmall-scale, short-term, district-sponsored activities that Rotarians used to address local or international needs

= \$25.5M

and 1,165 Global grants supportedlarge international activities that had sustainable, measurable outcomes in Rotary's areas of focus

=\$76M

We don't get Rotarians to donate *and* maximize the impact by volunteering if we don't have Rotarians. I believe we can use our good efforts to encourage people to join Rotary. Clubs and districts have resources to effectively tell the stories of their projects and achievements. The Rotary Brand Center offers the templates and tools needed to prepare visual and digital materials, with many new resources to come. Get your message out not just to club members but in your local media! You are all making the world a better place one person, one dollar at a time. Help get others 'on board' to do the same by promoting your club's successes to the world!

Please contact me if you have any questions about our work or if you'd like to join our committee.
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**ANNUAL FUND
Bonnie Korengel PDG**

Rotarians are an inspired and generous people. The number one reason for joining Rotary is to “give back to the community”; we are also thankful for the lives we have, and want to share.

Rotary projects are one way we earn our keep on this earth; we work locally within our communities and we work globally with clubs all over the world to make life better for someone. As we work together, we take steps toward peace.

The Annual Fund is Rotary’s funding method for current projects. The theory is simple, and it works: If Every Rotarian gives something Every Year (EREY), we will have enough to do the projects we want.

We all work better with a goal. This is the time for each club Foundation Chair to set their club Annual Fund goal for Rotary Year 17-18. Inspire Rotarians with your Rotary story! Gifts to the Annual Fund earn Paul Harris points. How close are you to the next designation?

Last year Rotarians globally donated \$140M to the Annual Fund – a record breaking year! \$52M was donated by North American clubs. Our District gave \$158,000, not a record breaker for us. Let’s aspire to \$200,000 this Rotary Year as we honor 30 Years of Women in Rotary!

Unfortunately, as Napoleon Bonaparte noted in his reflections on the human soul, people struggle much more intensely for their interests than for their ideals!

Fortunately, Rotary affords a means to: “PRAY as though everything depended on God. And to ACT as if everything depended on ourselves”
Gilbert Chesterton

DISTRICT 7450 TRAVELS TO BRAZIL

Vasanth Prabhu (Central Chester County RC) and Bonnie Korengel (Longwood RC) traveled to Brazil to meet with our partners in Rotary projects. Our district has been working with clubs in Brazil since 2010. We have completed 21 projects with a total project cost of \$888,377!

“The best way to find your own self is to lose yourself in the service of others.” - *Mahatma Gandhi*

We were present at the dedication of hospital equipment for a neonatal ICU which included life supporting respirators specially designed for these tiniest of babies. The first respirator was given to a little girl born at 620 grams. Her body was the size of my hand. Each machine bore a Rotary sticker celebrating the work we do.

We visited a non-profit organization that provided daily programs for adults with Downs’s syndrome. This is a project supported by the Swarthmore Club. We saw the two rooms of equipment provided by the Swarthmore Club that was a combination of physical fitness, physical therapy, occupational therapy and pure fun and play equipment.

As visiting Rotarians from the U.S. who joined with the Brazilian clubs to accomplish so much, we were warmly hosted everywhere we went. We were the honored guests at club meetings and lunches. And we were thanked over and over for our part in making these Rotary projects a reality.

The best part of Rotary is its internationality! Visit your local Rotary clubs, other District clubs and clubs when you travel and vacation. This builds peace and the world will be better for it!

Rotary District 7450 Has Four Candidates in the Running for RI Peace Fellowships
Joe Batory

The 2017 search for Rotary International Peace Fellowship winners is now closed. District 7450 Governor Elect Dawn deFuria, District 7450 Governor Nominee Paul Quintavalla, District 7450 Governor Nominee Designate Peter Mardinly, and Peace Fellowships Subcommittee Chairperson Joseph Batory conducted intense interviews with local applicants on June 7. As a result, Rotary District 7450 has now endorsed/approved four candidates who will be considered by Rotary International in this prestigious competition for these fully subsidized study awards. The applications of these four candidates are currently being evaluated by Rotary International.

Announcements of Rotary International's newest Peace Fellowships recipients are expected to occur in the late October or early November of 2017. There will be about 100 winners from a vast array of international candidates.

There are two types of Peace Fellowships:

- **Master's Degree – Building the leaders of tomorrow**

(1) 15-24 month program at one the Rotary Peace Centers at leading partnering universities

(2) 50 fellows selected annually to earn a master's degree in fields related to peace and security

(3) Each university offers customized curriculum and a 2-3 month applied field experience

(4) Fellows connect with an international cohort of peace fellows, thought leaders, and a global network of Rotarians

- **Professional Development Certificate – Strengthening the leaders of today**

(1) 3 month professional development program at our Rotary Peace Center in Bangkok, Thailand

(2) 50 fellows selected annually to earn a professional certificate in peace and conflict studies

(3) Intended for professionals with extensive experience working in peace-related fields

(4) Diverse interdisciplinary program includes 8-weeks intensive classroom study with guest lecturers and 2-weeks field studies

Wherever Rotary exists, its members are gathered in corporate and professional life, and dispersed in society for the sake of promoting Peace through Service Above Self.

Rotarians gather to receive instruction concerning the Objectives of Rotary; develop programs in support of the Rotary areas of focus; report the progress of their efforts; and to enjoy fellowship.

Rotarians disperse to serve the community in the light of the Four Way Test, at work or at play, in private, or in the life of the world - a Test to emulate if Democracy is to prevail. A Rotarian's daily action in the world and the quality of their relationships with others is the overall objective of Rotary

One of District 7450's endorsed/approved applicants has applied for the master's degree program. The other three endorsed/approved candidates have applied for the three month certificate program.

*****The next round of Peace Fellowships will open to applicants sometime in December of 2017.**
And District 7450 Rotary Clubs are encouraged to seek out eligible candidates for this remarkable opportunity. There is no financial cost to Rotary clubs.

Eligibility: Qualified candidates must have:

— **For the master's program:** a bachelor's degree or equivalent, plus three years of related work experience, and proficiency in a second language (strongly recommended). Applicants should have a strong commitment to peace building demonstrated through professional and academic achievements.

While you are proclaiming peace with your lips, be careful to have it even more fully in your heart.
Francis of Assisi

— **For the certificate program:** (1) A strong academic background, plus five years of work experience in a field where enhanced peace building, violence prevention, conflict resolution and mediation skills would be helpful (2) Proficiency in English (3) Excellent leadership skills

NB—The three month fellowship is an ideal fit for law enforcement and community engagement professionals

Joe Batory welcomes inquiries re the Peace Fellowships (josephbatory@comcast.net)
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******In his 15-year career with the Philadelphia Police Department, Lt. D.F. Pace has taken pride in being level-headed, qualities that helped him rise through the ranks. But he is human. To maintain a level head under pressure, at times he uses several techniques he learned through the Rotary Peace Fellowship program.**

Read Rotary's story: <https://www.rotary.org/en/police-officer-uses-rotary-peace-program>

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