



District 7450

# The Rotary Foundation “Informant”



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## THE ROTARY FOUNDATION INFORMANT IS BACK

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### Welcome to the first edition of the new “District 7450 Rotary Foundation Informant”!

For those of you who may be new to Rotary or to our district, for many years we had a printed newsletter sent out from our District Rotary Foundation committee to keep the members of our district informed on topics related to our foundation. Unfortunately, for budgetary reasons, that was discontinued a number of years ago.

Now that we have a majority of our district members with email and internet access, we will be producing a quarterly electronic format. (The newsletter will also be linked to the Rotary Foundation page on the district website.) We are indebted to **Holly Lankin** for stepping forward to edit this new communication tool. I hope you will find this initial issue insightful and informative!

The Rotary Foundation is truly “**our foundation**”, yours and mine. We want to keep you informed on how your generous donations are being utilized to change and save lives around the world. It’s also important for you to be aware of changes as they occur, and the Rotary Foundation is indeed evolving to better serve the needs of our world community and to better adhere to our core values.

Please remember that all of us that are part of The Rotary Foundation Committee are here to serve the needs of our clubs and their members. If you have any questions or issues that you would like addressed, please let us know. The committee is comprised of a variety of sub-committees with members that have specialized expertise in the given areas and can best help you achieve your goals. Over the last several years, we have also introduced the position of **Area Coordinator**. These nine members are a valuable link between the district committee and our clubs for greatly improved communication. You can also think of them as an aide to your Assistant Governors for issues related to TRF; we hope you will utilize these terrific resources for your clubs.

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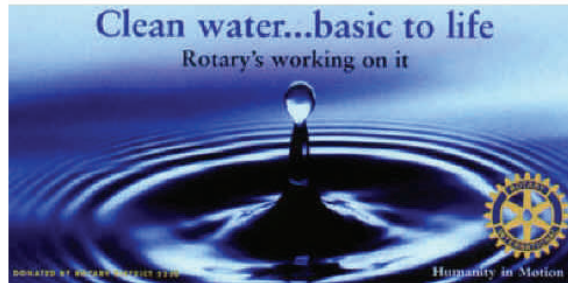
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District 7450 Peace Fellowship Winner Studying in Bangkok This Summer!

[More Information](#)

The District 7450 Rotary Foundation Committee website has been redesigned to help users keep informed about opportunities and accomplishments. Our goal is to quickly guide you to the information that you need.

As the year progresses, the home page will feature current activities of the District 7450 Rotary Foundation Committee.

Each sub-committee provides content and updates for their individual page. To learn about a specific sub-committee's responsibilities and activities, click on their button. Some sub-committee pages will offer additional links to information.

For example, if you wish to learn about grants, click on “Grant”. The next page gives a brief description of available grants and contact information for assistance. You can then click on “Funded Grants” to view the types of projects that have been funded. Also, you can click on “Grant Process Details” to learn how to apply for a grant. Other committee pages offer similar links.

To visit directly go to [www.rotary7450.org/foundation](http://www.rotary7450.org/foundation) or access the page through the district website [www.rotary7450.org](http://www.rotary7450.org). Any suggestions for improvements are welcome and should be forwarded to Rick Berger at [rickberger@mail.com](mailto:rickberger@mail.com).



### **How your club can participate in projects of The Rotary Foundation**

We thank you for your contributions to the Rotary Foundation. However, since it is *your* Foundation we also invite you to participate in the programs of the foundation. Below you can find a listing of programs available which can benefit your club:

1. Matching Grants. There are new rules but a great deal of money available on a matching basis. The minimum size is \$5,000. Clubs are urged to first contact the District Grants Chair, Vasanth Prabhu who will guide you through the project.
2. District Simplified Grants are administered by our district, which makes them easier to get. Small grants are also available. Speak to Govinda Malya as soon as you get started. Funds are limited and the most compelling projects are selected. They require matching funds from your club.
3. Depending on funding three years earlier, at least one, sometimes two \$23,000 scholarships are given out by our district committee each spring. They are nearly always given to graduate students who must study overseas. Next spring, we will award a grant to someone for 2011-12 funding. Your club could publicize this and invite applications. A grant of such a scholarship to someone in your club's vicinity would be terrific publicity for you. Contact Joe Batory, Scholarship chair.
4. The Group Study Exchange committee is looking for 4 Non-Rotarians age 25-40 [age is enforced] who have been in a business or profession for at least two years, plus one Rotarian team leader of any age, to go to Greece in the spring of 2010 for 28 days. Your club's membership chair should be involved in the search for GSE team members as these applicants would make terrific membership prospects, whether or not they go to Greece. Contact Kerry Costello-Null, GSE Chair and Michael Buchkeit Membership Development Chairperson.
5. There are two programs for study in Peace and Conflict Resolution: a 3 month program in Thailand, and a \$50,000 scholarship for a two year Masters degree program given at Universities all over the world. Your club could advertise these programs and possibly obtain a scholarship for someone in your vicinity. Start by speaking to Joe Batory.
6. Clubs or groups of clubs are needed to host our visitors from Greece in the spring of 2010. Members who have participated report an enjoyable and busy week that promotes goodwill and friendship. To apply to be a host club, please contact Kerry Costello-Null. Hosting includes housing, taking them around during the day and arranging for evening activities and transportation. Contact Kerry Costello-Null.

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## District Grants Subcommittee

The District Grants Subcommittee is responsible for assisting clubs to develop ways to participate in international service projects. The subcommittee guides Rotary clubs and districts about which grant types can help them implement their project. The subcommittee serves as a local resource for Rotarians wishing to participate in The Rotary Foundation (TRF) grants explaining criteria and submission deadlines and helping clubs to cultivate successful projects. The subcommittee chair's role is to guide and assist Rotary clubs through the Humanitarian Grant process – from application submission to project completion.

Specifically in relation to Matching Grants, the district grants subcommittee chair (DGSC) will:

- Review all grant applications sponsored by member clubs and district itself, and certify that the applications are complete and accurate before submission to TRF by signing the application
- Authorize district sponsored Matching Grants
- Maintain records of grant activity within the district
- Work with District Rotary Foundation (DRFC) members to determine the distribution of DDF
- Encourage the highest levels of stewardship and transparency for the accounting of Matching Grant Funds. This includes working in cooperation with the DRFC to encourage and support the timely submission of reports to TRF from sponsors of all approved grants.
- Manage District Simplified Grants (DSG) program for the District working with members of the DSG Committee.

The current DGSC is Vasanth Prabhu of RC of Central Chester County who can be reached at 610-917-1097 or [vprabhu39@aol.com](mailto:vprabhu39@aol.com) for all grants activities of the district except DSG.

Dr. Govinda Malya of RC of Westtown-Goshen will be in charge of DSG program for 2009 -10. His contact number is 610-358-1075 and e-mail address is [gmalya@comcast.net](mailto:gmalya@comcast.net).

### **Rotary Grants Availability as of August 1, 2009 for Humanitarian Service Projects:**

District Designated Funds (DDF): \$70,629



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### **Ambassador Scholarship Update**

The 2008-2009 Rotary District 7450 Scholarship Committee (Tom McCarthy, chairperson; Joe Batory; Cindy Petty; and John Washington) has just completed the latest round of Ambassador Scholarship interviews as of June, 2009. Two candidates were selected and have been recommended to the Rotary International Foundation. The two names of these Ambassador Scholar nominees (who will study abroad in 2010-2011) are being withheld pending the endorsement of Rotary International which is expected to occur this fall.

“This was the strongest group of Ambassador Scholar candidates I have ever seen,” said Rotary District 7450’s new 2009-2010 Scholarship Chairperson Joe Batory. “Our two recommended candidates are truly exemplary! The announcement of the names of the 2010-2011 Ambassador Scholarship winners will be promptly shared throughout Rotary District 7450 when it is received from Rotary International.”

The District 7450 Foundation Committee, as it does annually, will soon decide about subsidizing the next round of Ambassador Scholarship opportunities depending on available funds. In that context, an announcement regarding available Ambassadorial Scholarships for study abroad during the 2011-2012 academic year will be released this fall.

Valued at about \$25,000 each, Ambassador Scholarships are for one academic year of study in a foreign country. Applicants must be permanent residents of Rotary District 7450, and must have completed at least two years of college, and must apply through a local Rotary club. All application forms for Ambassador Scholarships must be downloaded online and will be available on the Rotary International website – [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) this fall.

**Deadline for submitting completed applications to the District 7450 Rotary club where the candidate has permanent residence is no later than April 1, 2010 and the District 7450 Scholarship Committee will accept approved applications until May 1, 2010**

#### **District 7450 Has A Nominee for the “Master’s Degree” Peace Fellowship**

In June of 2009, the District 7450 Peace Fellowship Committee (Joe Batory, chairperson; Anne Hansen; Tom McCarthy; and Lee Bowie) unanimously endorsed a candidate for the Master’s Degree Program that will commence in 2010-2011.

The name of the candidate is being withheld because he is now one of nearly 200 Rotary District endorsed applicants from around the world for these Peace Fellowships and only about 60 will be awarded. The winners of this prestigious competition for Peace Fellowships will not be announced until late November or early December.

“Local Rotary clubs are the key to this program,” said Joe Batory, Peace Fellowship chairperson. “Our success in locating qualified candidates really depends on how well local clubs publicize and encourage applications each year.”



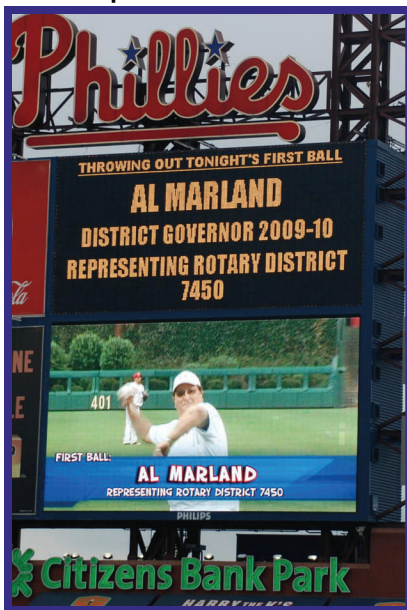
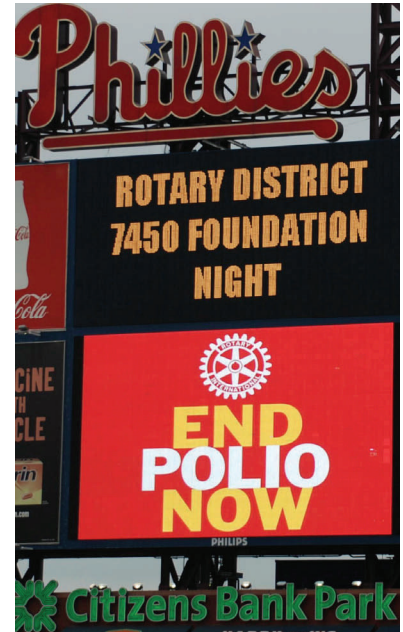
### This Year’s First Pitch for Polio

District 7450’s first pitch for polio eradication funds in the new Rotary year came on July 21 with, quite literally, a first pitch. Wearing a t-shirt emblazoned with the END POLIO NOW logo, DG Al Marland threw the first ball of the baseball game, Phillies versus the Cubs.

Minutes before, the stadium’s jumbotron featured a Rotary END POLIO NOW video customized by Dave Haradon, past president of the Longwood club. The video aimed to raise spectators’ awareness that the debilitating and sometimes fatal disease polio still exists and that Rotarians are working to end

it. It also made the pitch, “Text POLIO to 90999,” asking spectators to donate \$5 to The Rotary Foundation to help end polio by sending the 5-letter text message to 90999 from their cell phones.

To serve on the polio subcommittee, please contact subcommittee chair, Carol Metzker, 610-793-4387, [echmetzker@aol.com](mailto:echmetzker@aol.com).



### Alison Castel Wins “Short Term” Peace Fellowship

Alison R. Castel, a nominee from Rotary District 7450, was recently named as the winner of a “short term” certificate Rotary International Peace Fellowship. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Ardmore, Alison is currently attending the July-September Peace Fellowship session at the prestigious Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand. Alison described her reaction in one word: “Thrilled!”

Alison currently manages the international programs at the Haverford College Center for Peace and Global Citizenship (CPGC), including oversight of student internships at NGO’s doing peace and social justice work as well as on-campus seminars and symposia on peace and social justice issues. Previously, Alison has taught English in a rural village of Nepal, engaged in volunteer service in South America, and worked in the office of international programs advising students at the University of Pennsylvania.

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## FIFTEEN DISTRICT CLUBS EXCEED \$100 PER MEMBER

Congratulations and a big thank you are in order for the eighteen clubs who exceeded one hundred dollars per capita in annual giving for the 2008-2009 Rotary year.



Club	Per Capita Annual Giving
<b>Wayne</b>	\$230.38
<b>Kennett at Longwood</b>	225.93
<b>Abington at Edge Hill</b>	200.92
<b>Thorndale</b>	181.58
<b>Springfield</b>	174.77
<b>Bala Cynwyd Narberth</b>	169.29
<b>Greater W. Chester Sunrise</b>	163.26
<b>Glenside</b>	156.35
<b>Bryn Mawr</b>	154.85
<b>Kennett Square</b>	148.44
<b>Cheltenham-Rockledge</b>	145.60
<b>Coatesville</b>	129.32
<b>Central Delaware County</b>	129.00
<b>NE Sunrisers</b>	122.41
<b>Paoli-Malvern-Berwyn</b>	114.63
<b>Exton-Frazer</b>	112.00
<b>Westtown Goshen</b>	106.05
<b>Chesterbrook</b>	100.36

The highest clubs in actual annual giving are:

Club	Actual Contributions
<b>Kennett at Longwood</b>	\$17,396.50
<b>Ardmore</b>	7,245.00
<b>Greater W. Chester Sunrise</b>	6,857.00
<b>Coatesville</b>	6,466.04
<b>Wayne</b>	5,990.00
<b>Westtown-Goshen</b>	4,030.00

The district with 1,842 members contributed \$140,737.55. Regrettably, the Rotary Foundation message needs to get out to more members as twenty two clubs had per capita giving less than \$50 per member.

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## **Officers and Sub-Committee Chairs of your Rotary Foundation.**

Feel free to contact them for information regarding their committee.

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<b>Paul Harris Society</b>	
	<b>Joe Batory * josephbatory@comcast.net</b> Anne Hansen - Tom McCarthy - Lee Bowie
<b>Rotary Peace Fellows</b>	
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<b>Polio Plus</b>	
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Area Coordinators of your Rotary Foundation . Feel free to contact them for assistance.

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## A Message from the Editor

The Rotary Foundation “Informant” is back!!! The plan is to issue 4 newsletters over the course of the Rotary year. If you notice, the Informant has been formatted to fit on 8.5 x 11 paper so that it can be easily printed. **Please print it out and bring it with you to your Club meetings** to share with your members. There will be useful information in it to help your club become more familiar with the workings of The Rotary Foundation. You are also **invited to forward it to all your club members as part of your regular email program.**

We will be publishing our **next edition in time for November– Foundation Month**. Please email me any articles with pictures related to either your Foundation committee doings or your Club Foundation projects– and please send pictures to **[hlankin@comcast.net](mailto:hlankin@comcast.net)**.

**Thanks to all who submitted articles for this edition. We had such a wonderful response that it was impossible to include all the articles. I will forward all to the website as well as trying to incorporate them in the next newsletter.**

Enjoy the rest of your summer. Until next time.... Holly Lankin, NE Sunrisers