



District 7450

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Inbound GSE Team from District 4530 in Brazil by Kerry Costello-Null

The Brazilian team arrived in District 7450 on Sunday, April 3, 2011. They were greeted at the airport by a host of Rotarians from across the district including our District Governor Joan Batory, who welcomed the team and presented them with District 7450 pins. The team which consists of Rotarian Team leader Dulce Vasconcelos, who is a economist and team members; Flavia Porto, who is a dentist, Greyce Vaz who is a non profit business organizer, Luciana Silva who is in business marketing and Luciano Ribeiro who is an electrical engineer. The team embraced the experience with open arms and has truly enjoyed all our District has to offer and was eager to see it all. Their stay stretched for six weeks and spanned across our entire district.



Week 1- hosted by the Ardmore Rotary Club, under the coordination of Rotarian Bernie Rosenberg, and was able to go to a Phillies game, the Barnes Foundation, the Liberty Bell, the Constitution Center and get tours of the City.



Week 2- hosted by the Rotary Clubs of Philadelphia, Chestnut Hill and North Philadelphia-Madrugadores under the coordination of Assistant Governor Frank Hollick. The team was able to attend both the Centennial Gala where they met RI President Ray Klinginsmith, and the Pan American Conference at the Union League. They also saw the Woodmere Museum and Morris Arboretum.

Week 3- hosted by the Rotary Club of West Chester, under the coordination of Wendy Hoffman. The team was able to visit Washington DC and Lancaster while there and had tours of West Chester University and West Chester Friends School. During their fourth week, the team was hosted by the Area 9 clubs, under the coordination of Assistant Governor Rosalie Wells. The team was able to do shopping in the state of Delaware, go to NYC, go to Longwood Gardens and the Brandywine River Museum.

Week 5- hosted by the Area 2 Rotary clubs, which was coordinated by District GSE Coordinator Kerry Costello-Null. The team visited Arcadia University, Abington Hospital, historical Bryn Athyn and caught a Camden Riversharks game.

In their final week, the team was hosted by the Area 1 Rotary Clubs, under the coordination of Rotarian Jim McPartlind. The team was able to visit the Mercer Museum, the Pearl S. Buck Peace Center and Princeton University. During each week, the team members were able to individually experience various vocational sites to help them gain a better understanding of their American counterparts.

A farewell dinner was held on May 11, 2011 at the Cannstatter Restaurant in Northeast Philadelphia. The event was planned by the Frankford-NE Rotary Club under the direction of Assistant Governor Margaret Kelly.

A great time was had by all and the team will truly be missed but not forgotten.

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RI and the Foundation are on Solid Financial Ground

By Ed Futa/Rotary International News 4/25/2011 Contributed by Russ deFuria, PDG



While serving as your general secretary over the past decade, I've watched Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation grow considerably in terms of size, effectiveness, public prominence, and financial assets. During that time, we also experienced some very challenging financial situations, most recently the economic crisis of 2008. As I write to you in the final quarter of fiscal year 2011, I'm happy to report that both RI and our Foundation continue on solid financial ground.

Due to strong performance of the financial markets during the past two years, Rotary International has more than recovered its investment losses of fiscal 2008 and 2009. With investment returns of 22 percent for the first nine months in fiscal 2011, our reserves now stand at US\$134 million. The Rotary Foundation is also experiencing healthy investment returns this fiscal year and has recovered about 80 percent of its fiscal 2008 and 2009 losses. RI and Foundation investment performance has exceeded market performance during the nine months ended 31 March 2011.

As a result of actions taken last June by the RI Board and the Foundation Trustees, RI's General Fund and the Foundation's Annual Programs Fund have been restructured to mitigate the impact of large losses in the financial markets and to provide protection against inflation.

The generosity of Rotarians also helps ensure our financial stability. Through 31 March, contributions totaled \$69 million to the Annual Programs Fund and \$11 million to the Permanent Fund, increases of \$6 million and \$3 million, respectively, over the previous year.

These figures are especially heartening when you consider that Rotarians have also been providing tremendous support to Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge. Since its inception, contributions to the challenge have totaled \$166 million through 31 March, illustrating Rotarians' unwavering commitment to achieving a polio-free world. Equally encouraging is the significant progress being made in our fight to eradicate polio in the four endemic countries, particularly India and Nigeria.

The Foundation's improved financial outlook ensures that Rotarians will have substantial resources to help support their vital work. Having previously restored the current year's Matching Grants budget, the Foundation Trustees recently approved a comparable budget for 2011-12. In addition, the budget for the Future Vision pilot will enable pilot districts to adequately test the new grant model before it launches for all districts on 1 July 2013.

A crucial piece of any financial picture is spending. The Secretariat staff is constantly considering how we can keep costs down while meeting Rotarians' wide-ranging expectations for service. By aligning our resources more closely to the strategic plan, taking full advantage of available technology, and closely monitoring our budgets, we have consistently kept expenses at or under budget.

More information about Rotary's financial position is available online at www.rotary.org/financials. And on 23 May, the RI treasurer's report to the convention will be posted as part of our 2011 RI Convention coverage.

As you may know, I am retiring as general secretary on 30 June. Thanks to the vigorous efforts of the volunteer leadership and the Secretariat staff, I will be leaving Rotary in a strong financial position. My successor, John Hewko, brings a wealth of experience to the job. With the help of our senior leaders and our staff, he will continue to provide the level of careful financial stewardship that Rotarians so rightly expect.

I leave wishing you all the best as you continue in Rotary service.

Sincerely,

Ed Futa

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Almost 100% Goal Success in District 7450 will Help Ensure Continued Rotary Efforts Worldwide by Bronwyn Martin



The Rotary Foundation's endowment, the Permanent Fund, helps support Rotary Foundation programs that advance Rotary's mission. This fund enables individuals to combine their gifts into a significant force to address the world's greatest needs for generations to come.

In the 2010-2011 year 4 people have become Bequest Society Members. These thoughtful people are a part of Rotary's legacy of doing good in the world, *in perpetuity*.

Committee Chair of the District 7450 Permanent Fund, Bronwyn Martin, spoke to several clubs this Rotary year on estate planning and leaving a legacy to Rotary International Foundation. Gifts of *any* size to The Rotary Foundation are appreciated and will support educational, humanitarian, and cultural programs and projects throughout the world. Any dollar amount left in one's estate plan to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) enables one to be called a Benefactor. One can also directly give to the Permanent Fund during one's lifetime. If one's intention is known to TRF and it is \$10,000 or more, then one becomes a Bequest Society Member and is recognized with a diamond pin and a crystal.

All the dollars are pooled, the principal never used, and in a Rotary year, about \$8 million from the Permanent Fund is made available to support Foundation programs.

There are currently 102 Benefactors in our district.

More work lies ahead, especially when you consider that there are over 1,800 members in our district. There are less than 6% giving under \$10,000 through their estate or have directly given cash; and under 20 people, or less than 1%, giving \$10,000 or more.

Becoming a member of the prestigious Bequest Society happens with simply letting TRF know of your *intention* to leave \$10,000 or more from your estate to TRF i.e. through your will or as a beneficiary on an account or life insurance policy. You can set up more complicated ways to donate (including securities and real estate) during your lifetime such as receiving a lifetime payout to yourself with the principal going to TRF at your passing. Think of all the good your money will do long beyond what we can possibly know what TRF will need to be supporting or eradicating in the next 100 years of Rotary.

We are a few Rotarians shy of the 2010-2011 goal set with DG Joan Batory. Are you a dedicated Rotarian? Will you include The Rotary Foundation in your will or other estate plan to forever be a part of Rotary's legacy of doing good in the world?

Please call Bronwyn Martin 610-453-7215 if you'd like her to give a brief presentation to your club, or directly contact RI at 866-976-8279 and get connected to the Permanent Fund team. The Foundation's tax identification number is 36-3245072.

**Welcome Bonnie and Mike Korengel and Dawn and Russ deFuria!
As Bequest Society Members!!!!**

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District Grants by Vasanth Prabhu

During the year 2010-11, the DSG Committee received a record number (20) of applications for local community oriented service projects and 17 projects were approved.

- Due to the shortage of funds, Committee had to reject three applications and restrict the matching to 95.9% of the requested amount in the last round of applications.
- The available DSG funds amount was \$17,528 and all of that sum has been distributed to 17 clubs for their community projects.
- The maximum DSG grant was \$3,403 and the minimum grant was \$168.
- This is the first time in several years, DSG Committee did not have to return the residual DSG funds to The Rotary Foundation.

DISTRICT SIMPLIFIED GRANTS (DSG)

Congratulations to all these clubs who have received District Simplified Grants and best wishes for the successful implementation of the projects.

- Upper Darby/ Lansdowne
- Bensalem
- Central Chester County
- Swarthmore
- Broomall
- Northeast Sunrisers
- West Chester Downtown
- Feasterville
- Oxford
- Chestnut Hill

A friendly reminder to the recipient clubs: Your report is due in June 2011.

INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN SERVICE MATCHING GRANTS

Our district and clubs in collaboration with international districts and clubs have successfully gotten the approval for 14 international projects – again a record number for our district. Ten clubs in our district participated in these projects in areas of education, water and health. The participating countries in this program are:

- Brazil
- Egypt
- Antigua, West Indies
- Mexico
- India

• The total funding for these 14 projects Matching Grant projects was \$279,595 (a new record for our district) with cash contributions of \$37,809 (13.5%) and \$59,150 (21.1%) coming from cash contributions from clubs in our district and our district's District Designated Fund (DDF), respectively.

• The rest of the funds came from host clubs, host districts and The Rotary Foundation. It is worthwhile to note that all cash contributions from the clubs are matched 50 cents to a dollar and the match is dollar for dollar for DDF contributions by The Rotary Foundation.

• The Grants Committee would like to thank the participating clubs. Implementation of these humanitarian projects help the economically challenged peoples of different parts of the world get a better quality of life and prepare them for the challenges they face in their daily life.

Overall, this Rotary year was the best ever for our district and our clubs. More clubs have participated in the local as well as international projects. **Our contributions to The Annual Fund of The Rotary Foundation enabled us to carry out record number of projects this year. 50% of our contributions are returned to the district as District Designated Fund (DDF) in the third year after the contributions are made.**

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Points! Points! Points!

By Dave Ellis, DGN

Who's got points? What are points?

When any Rotarian contributes dollars to The Rotary Foundation, the dollars accumulate until they total \$1000. At that time the Rotarian is recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow, but what happens to the dollars that are contributed beyond \$1000?

Dollars contributed beyond the initial \$1000 contribution are called Foundation Recognition Points and every dollar contributed can be used to recognize another Paul Harris Fellow. When you have points in your name, you can designate the points to another Rotarian, a family member, or any one whom you may wish to recognize. It will take either \$1000 contributed in that person's name or the transfer of the points from someone else's account in order to reach the Paul Harris plateau. Clubs may also have points that can be used, as a result of club support of our Night at the Phillies or perhaps a club contribution to a Matching Grant, or some other club contribution. Designating your points to another's account can be a good way to give a boost to a fellow Rotarian or to recognize a community leader or to say thanks to a family member. Some Rotarians are members of the Paul Harris Society by contributing \$1000 each year. As a result they have the opportunity to designate a new Paul Harris Fellow each year. --- So use your points to encourage others.

Speak with your Club Foundation Chairman or ask a member or the District Foundation Committee for more specifics. Check www.dacdb.com for names and contacts.

All District Clubs to be visited with a Rotary Foundation Program

by Bob Lankin Chairperson-Elect

In order to start the new Rotary year off right, our Rotary Foundation committee will be giving a program to every club in the district. The speakers will be provided with sample texts, compelling program stories and expressions of appreciation from project beneficiaries. It will also include the hard information on contributions at all levels.

Thank you to the following Rotarians who have agreed to participate in the project:

Russ deFuria, Dave Ellis, Tom McCarthy, Hogie Hansen, Charles Streitwieser, Jane Williams, Bronwyn Martin, Dave Haradon, Vasanth Prabhu, Joan Batory, Cindy Petty, Mark McGill, and Margaret Kelly. I will also be speaking to a number of clubs.

It is felt that it may have been a while for many clubs to have had a Rotary Foundation program. This project is designed to help members feel proud to be a Rotarian and proud of our foundation.

All club Presidents elect have been notified of the proposed date for their club's program but most have not as of yet, confirmed that date. * next to club name indicates confirmation. Those clubs without an * should send an e-mail confirming that the date is OK to bob.lankin@raymondjames.com

You'll find the district schedule and the speaker on page 6.



Polio Report as of April 29, 2011

The global polio eradication initiative reports that there have been 120 cases reported worldwide in the first third of this year. The leading country is 43 cases in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, followed by 33 in Pakistan and 25 in Chad. Nigeria reported eight cases with nine other countries reporting three or less cases. Immunization days have been scheduled in India, Nigeria, Pakistan, Russia, Chad, Republic of Congo, Gabon, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo all in May.

No new cases have been reported in India since January 13.

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Schedule for Rotary Foundation Programs to be presented to Clubs

The District Rotary Foundation committee has scheduled club programs for each club in the new Rotary year. According to Bob Lankin, incoming chairperson, "The Rotary Foundation needs to increase its contact with rank and file members who do not feel enough affinity to our foundation to make a contribution."

* indicates date was confirmed with club

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Club	Date	Speaker	Club	Date	Speaker
Bala Cynwyd-Narberth	Wed. 7/6 Lunch	Bob Lankin	Wayne	Wed. 8/10 dinner	Dave Ellis
Coatesville	Thurs. 7/7 lunch	Dave Ellis	Longwood	Thurs. 8/11 breakfast	Chas. Streitwieser
Jenkintown	Tues. 7/12 lunch	Tom McCarthy	Cheltenham-R	Thurs. Noon 8/11	Tom McCarthy
Chester	Tues. 7/12 lunch	Hogie Hansen	Frankford-NE	Thurs. Noon 8/11	Bob Lankin
Twin Valley	Wed. 7/13 breakfast	TBA	Feasterville	Tues. 9/6 8 AM	Vasanth Prabhu
Oxford	Wed. 7/13 lunch	Chas. Streitwieser	Chester Pike	Tues. 9/6 dinner	Russ deFuria
Haverford	Thurs. 7/14 breakfast	Dave Ellis	Eastwick-PIA	Wed. 9/7 breakfast	Dave Ellis
Glenside	Fri. 7/15 lunch	Bob Lankin	Bristol	Wed lunch 9/7	Bob Lankin
Kennett Sq.	Tues. Lunch	Chas. Streitwieser	Westgrove-A	Thurs. 9/8 breakfast	Dave Ellis
Central Chester county *	Tues. 7/19 breakfast	Dave Ellis	Swarthmore	Thurs. 9/8 lunch	Vasanth Prabhu
Concordville-CF *	Wed. 7/20 lunch	Dave Ellis	Springfield	Tues. 9/13 dinner	Russ deFuria
Philadelphia	Thurs. 7/21 lunch	Jane Williams	Gr West Chester Sunrise	Wed. 9/14 breakfast	Dave Haradon
NE Sunrisers	Fri 7/22 breakfast	Tom McCarthy	Elkins Park	Thurs. 9/15 lunch	Tom McCarthy
Glen Riddle	Tues. 7/26 lunch	Russ deFuria	P-M-B	Thurs. 9/15 dinner	Dave Ellis
Shadybrook	Wed. 7/27 breakfast	Bob Lankin	King of Prussia	Mon 9/19 lunch	Vasanth Prabhu
Media	Thurs. 7/28 lunch	Bronwyn Martin	Madrugadores	Tues. 9/20 breakfast	Joan Batory
Westtown Goshen	Thurs. 7/ 28 dinner	Chas. Streitwieser	Bensalem	Tues. 9/20 lunch	Cindy Petty
West Chester downtown	Fri. 2 PM 7/29	Dave Haradon	Upper Darby	Wed. 9/21 lunch	Bob Lankin
Levittown FH *	Tues. 8/2 breakfast	Bob Lankin	Chichester	Wed. 9/21 lunch	Mark McGill
Phoenixville	Tues. 8/2 lunch	Dave Ellis	West Chester	Thurs. 9/22 lunch	Bronwyn Martin
Exton Frazier	Wed 8/3 breakfast	TBA	Newtown Sq	Thurs. 9/22 dinner	Dave Ellis
Abington at EH	Thurs. 8/4 breakfast	Tom McCarthy	Broomall *	Thurs. 9/22 dinner	Hogie Hansen
Ardmore	Thurs. lunch 8/4	Dave Ellis	Chestnut Hill	Wed 9/28 breakfast	Dave Ellis
Thorndale	Fri breakfast 8/5	Dave Ellis	Consh. P-W	Thurs. 9/ 29 breakfast	Jane Williams
Bryn Mawr	Wed. 8/8 dinner	Jane Williams	Langhorne	Thurs. 9/29 lunch	Margaret Kelly
Downingtown	Tues. 8/9 breakfast	Dave Ellis	Glen Mills	TBA	Russ deFuria
			Cent Delaware County	TBA	Russ deFuria

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Rotary Worldwide Impact Via Scholarships is Staggering!!

By Joe Batory

When someone asks you "What Does Rotary Do?" at a social gathering, there are of course lots of possible answers. Here is one of the more powerful ones



Rotary sponsors the largest independently funded scholarship program in the world. Since 1947, the Rotary Foundation has contributed more than \$500 million to fund scholarships for 38,000 students in 100 countries for study in a country other than their own...it's all about building understanding and goodwill internationally.

In a most recent year, 673 scholars from 72 countries studied in 73 countries funded by \$14.1 million.



Additionally, since 2002-2003, Rotary has funded 339 Peace Fellows from 75 countries at a cost of \$23 million. In a most recent year, 56 Peace Fellows from 33 countries studied in the Peace Fellowship program at a cost of \$4.6 million. Peace Fellow study is all about gaining expertise in building compromise, mediation and violence prevention.

Rotary District 7450 is proud to have two outgoing scholars in the months ahead



David Gau was the unanimous selection of the Rotary District 7450 Committee as the recipient an Ambassador Scholarship to study in 2011-12. David was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Kennett Square. David will attend the University of New England in Armidale, Australia for graduate study in 2011-2012. David has excelled academically as an undergraduate at the University of Pittsburgh with a "triple major" in bioengineering, mathematics and economics. He will commence his senior year at Pitt in the fall of in 2010. He has coupled his scholarly achievements with a solid record of campus leadership and community service.

:Lieutenant D F Pace, a distinguished member of the Philadelphia Police Department, has been named as the winner of a "short term" Peace Fellowship by Rotary International. This Rotary scholarship is for three months of study at the prestigious Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand. Lieutenant Pace was the recommended candidate of the Rotary Club of Philadelphia. The Rotary District 7450 Peace Fellowship Committee---Joe Batory, chairperson; Anne Hansen and Tom McCarthy--- interviewed Sergeant Pace in September (2010) and subsequently offered a very strong recommendation of this candidate to Rotary International. Lieutenant Pace is clearly in the perfect position to influence the next generation of Philadelphia police officers using the skills and knowledge and international perspectives he would obtain from study at Chulalongkorn University. His values and ideals are very much in line with Rotary's goals toward building goodwill and preventing violence.



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Feel free to contact them for information regarding their committee.

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A Message from the Editor

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.** Until next time.... Holly Lankin, NE Sunrisers- hlankin@comcast.net