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Greetings From The District Governor



Now that it is January 2007, we all (including me) have six months left to complete the goals we set for ourselves and our clubs. I am confident that we will succeed.

Our RI Foundation has money to give out, in the form of grants and matching grants. It is important that we

utilize these funds for our worthwhile projects. Please check the district web site, Rotary7450.org for more info and details for the opportunities that are available. District Foundation Grants Chair is Vasanth Prabhu and can be reached at: vprabhu39@aol.com. He will be happy to assist you. Remember that for every \$100 that we donate to the Foundation, \$50 comes back to us to be used for district and club projects.

The nominations for District Governor 2009-2010 are in, and the nominating committee will conduct interviews to make the selection.

The Rotary Club of Shady Brook is now a provisional club of 36 charter members. They meet on Wednesday mornings, 8:15am at George's Diner Restaurant, 500 Lincoln Highway., Fairless Hills. Bob Morris, a past president of the Frankford-Northeast Club is the president.

He along with five other long time Frankford Rotarians formed the nucleus of this new club that is sponsored by the Frankford Club.

We are asking clubs to send students to the RYLA program February 23 -25. It would be great if each club would give 2 scholarships to this outstanding leadership program so that they participants can "Lead the Way". Info is on the district web site.

Our wonderful GSE team, under the leadership of Harshad Dodia, is in India and will be returning February 4. Idna Corbett and Jenny Armitage did a wonderful job of organizing the trip. The team members will be available to speak at Rotary Clubs. We will be receiving a team from India in mid April for 4 weeks. This is Rotary in action.

Russ deFuria, District Governor-Elect, is beginning to make plans for the next Rotary year. In fact as you read this he is probably in San Diego participating in the International Assembly with 540 District Governor-Elects from throughout the world. If you would like to become a part of his leadership team, contact him at: dg0708@obrienheatcool.com.

And don't forget to share your club and committee activities with our entire district Rotarians by submitting pictures and articles to info@rotary7450.org and to: mombugjoan@msn.com.

And if you have an opportunity, perform an act of kindness.

GSE Team Spending Month In India

By Idna Maritza Corbett, GSE Co-Chair, President of Greater West Chester Sunrise Rotary Club

The Group Study Exchange (GSE) Committee at 11:30 p.m.. GSE Committee Co-Chairs Jenny Armitage and Idna Corbett saw them off at the Club of Westtown-Goshen, as the team leader and Philadelphia Airport. Their itinerary for the four-week trip includes visits to several major cities in the state of Maharashtra: Mumbai, Nasik, Jalgaon, Akola, Arvi, Nagpur, and Changrapur, among others. They planned

selected three team members: Michael Bing, director of business development at VKG Consultants., and sponsored by the Rotary Club of Glenside. mab@vkgsolutions.com; Rodney Mader, associate professor of English Literature at West Chester University and sponsored by the Rotary Club of Greater West Chester Sunrise. rmader@wcupa.edu; and Kristan Ware, trainer/educator at LHK Partners, Inc. And sponsored by the Rotary Club of Eastwick - PHL. kristanware@gmail.com



Group Study Exchange Team is (from left) Harshad Dodia (Team Leader), Rodney Mader, Kristan Ware, and Michael Bing.

Before the trip, the team met regularly once per week. The team received an introduction to Rotary and the GSE program, as well as general guidelines and recommendations for the trip. They also prepared a PowerPoint presentation, which they will use on their visits to Rotary Clubs in India. The team had the opportunity to practice its presentation at the farewell dinner December 21, at Margaret Kuo's in Wayne. Among those who attended were DG Marty Phillips and his wife, Elaine, DGE Russ deFuria and his wife, Dawn, Rotarian Eleanor Sylver, and several committee members.

The team left Monday, January 1 at 6:55 p.m., on the Air France flight to Paris. In Paris they boarded a flight to Mumbai, arriving that evening

They will visit several sites such as the Ajanta Caves and the Lonar Crater and will have the opportunity to participate in the Republic Day Celebrations. The team is in for an amazing treat, when the trip will end with a visit to the Taj Mahal in Agra. The return flight is scheduled for February 3. The GSE team from India is expected to arrive in Philadelphia in mid-April. A notice was sent to all club presidents asking for host clubs. The GSE Committee is meeting to begin preparations for the inbound team.

For more information, contact: Jenny Armitage (co-chair) jarmitag@vet.upenn.edu; Idna Corbett (co-chair) dridna@comcast.net; and Harshad Dodia (team leader) hdodia@comcast.net after February 3.

Interact Students Add Color To Water System



Marple Newtown High School student artists, who created the signs on the sides of the water filtration container before it began its trip to Nigeria last month, are (from left) Christian Swartz, Amy Nance, Mrs. Karen Can (art teacher) Kelly Xitas and Pat Vail. More information on page 4.

32 Interact Students Pitch In At Valley Forge Park

By Dawn deFuria

District Interact Chairman 2006-2007

On Saturday, November 18, 2006 we had a District Interact event at Valley Forge National Park from 10 a.m. to 3: p.m.. Ken Delmar of the Rotary Club of Media and a member of the District Interact Committee suggested that we help Valley Forge Park with a service project.



District Governor Partner Elaine Phillips digs in to help with cleanup project at Valley Forge Park in November. Members of seven Interact Clubs helped with the all-day project.

Ernestine White, Valley Forge Park Volunteer Program Manager, was project liaison and suggested that we do a clean up project in the park. This community service project involved performing a landscape maintenance project at Maxwell's Quarters. The scope of the work was to remove the weeds and leaves from the garden beds and remove over-grown vegetation from the green house ruins adjacent to Maxwell's Quarters.

It was a beautiful day and we had seven high schools and 32 students participated. The high schools represented were West Chester East, Bayard Rustin, Abington, Cheltenham, Central, Northeast Philadelphia and Penncrest High. Many thanks to those who that helped transport these kids

I was very proud of the West Chester East Interact Club, of which I am the Rotary advisor, which had 16 students participate in the day.

We met at the Visitor Center at 10 a.m. for registration and started with an 18-minute movie of Valley Forge National Park. Afterwards, we all

met at the Educational Center and introduced ourselves to one another.

The students did an interactive/group building workshop led by Elaine Phillips, district governor partner and an Ardmore Rotarian.. The students worked together in groups and learned about each other.

While the students were eating lunch, a Park Ranger spoke about Valley Forge and about the Paul Harris Monument located there. Around 1 p.m. the students were taken by school bus (thanks to Penncrest High School for the bus) to the site to clean up the grounds.

Everyone jumped right into cleaning up the area and in 1½ hours, they had cleaned the entire site. Ernestine White was very impressed by what was accomplished by the Interact students and said we can come back anytime to do a project. It was a successful day seeing the students work together and talk about what each club has done in its own community.



The Interact Club of Rustin High School conducted its first meeting at the high school in the West Chester School District Dec. 20. The club is sponsored by the Glen Mills Rotary Club. On hand for the meeting were (from right) Dan Weidel, Paige Fitzgerald and the advisor, Mrs. Christine McCarter. Both students will be officers for Rustin Interact. About 20 students attended the meeting.



Interact students take a break during work day at Valley Forge Park Nov. 18.

Three of our district Youth Exchange students - Angela Tobar, Nit Vimuktayon and Cristy Romero- pitched in and were a great help; We also had a few Rotarians help with the cleanup - Barbara Nye, Chris Zawawski, and Elaine Phillips. We had some parents and two Interact advisors help.

The District Interact Committee is working on an event in April possibly involving Rotoractors and Rotarians. More about plans when they are developed.

I also had the privilege of handling the induction of the Upper Darby Interact Club sponsored by the Rotary Club of Upper Darby-Landsdowne. They had 23 charter members inducted and the club received a banner and received an Interact pin. The club has completed a project with the "Y".

I am excited that we are in the process of starting three new Interact Clubs in our district: Bayard Rustin High School, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Glen Mill; The Pennsylvania Charter School in Chester County, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Westtown Goshen; and Henderson High School, sponsored by the Rotary Club of West Chester. This brings our district total to 27 Interact Clubs.

We are trying to start Interact Clubs at Coatesville, Abington, Bishop McDevitt and Bishop Shanahan, High Schools. If your club is looking to work with young people, please don't hesitate to call me and let's get started. This is a great opportunity!

Dawn deFuria can be contacted at 610-696-0979 or Dawndef@aol.com.

115 Participate In Joint-District Foundation Workshop

By Charles Streitweiser

Foundation Committee Chairman

The Rotary Foundation annual workshop was conducted Saturday, November 18, at The Inn at Towamencin in Kulpville. More than 115 Rotarians, plus one candidate for membership, were on hand to learn and to contribute. Many PDGs, some Foundation Area Coordinators, and more than 30 club Foundation chairs were on hand to help and to learn.

This year's workshop was a joint effort with District 7430. District 7430 Foundation chair PDG Yvette Palmer and District 7450 Foundation chair Charles Streitweiser, co-chaired the highly successful event.

The program featured GSE team stories, basic Foundation training, a visit from the Massai of Kenya, matching grant training, and how to work with the

Permanent Fund. Zone 32 Rotary Regional Foundation Coordinator (RRFC), PDG Hogie Hansen from District 7450 gave a report on changes within the operation of our Rotary Foundation, and the financial results for Rotary Year 2005-2006.

Keynote speaker, who set the tone for this marvelous experience, was PDG Jeffrey Cadorette from Rotary Club of Media. Jeff emphasized how Rotarians are making a difference in the world, and said there is every reason to expect eventually, to succeed in attaining world peace.

Feedback from participants include the following comments: "Speakers were excellent." "Appreciate short sessions. Great information." "Great job; I can't wait to tell my club the things I learned today." "This workshop excited me. I'll return to my club and promote the foundation." "I like coming to seminars with another district." "The best yet." "This was outstanding; I learned a lot."

District 7450 Rotary Clubs In The Spotlight



Glen Mills Rotary Club President Tony DiLeva (right) and President-Elect David Rakow (left) load boxes with 20 bore snake kits (portable rifle-cleaning kits) which were sent to American troops in Iraq. DiLeva learned of the need for the bore snakes from a neighbor, Lt. Carmen Bucci, who was home on leave from Iraq. The club also sent comfort items such as lip balm, toothpaste and brushes, chewing gum, batteries, shaving cream and razors, playing cards, baby wipes and baby powder addressed to 2nd Lt. Michael Kelvington, a member of Lt. Bucci's unit. In addition to Rotarians, donations were received from Concordville Inn, which hosts the club's Wednesday morning meetings, and several members of the community.

RYLA Conference Feb. 23-25 At Valley Forge

RYLA, Rotary Youth Leadership Award, will take place February 23 to 25 at Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge. All Rotary Clubs in District 7450 have been urged to send at least two high school juniors with leadership potential to the weekend. Sophomores and seniors also may attend.

This year marks the eighth RYLA sponsored by the district. The program includes leadership training, team building, motivation and living history lessons. Registration forms and program information are available on the District Web Site at www.rotary7450.org.

RYLA Committee chair Louise Vitiello welcomes volunteers as program planner and/or chaperones. For information, contact Vitiello at lvitiello@chestercommunitycharter.org, or call 610-447-0400, ext. 217.



Concordville-Chadds Ford Rotary Club presented Detective Joseph Robert McCunney (second from left) of the Criminal Investigation Division of the Pennsylvania State Police the first Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award. He also was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship in recognition of his service. On hand for the presentation were (from left) Eric Balcavage, Officer McCunney, PDG Brad Stanton, District Judge Richard Cappelli, Club President Jay Townsend and Lt. Thomas McClung, commander of Media



Peter Pagano of Pagano Funeral Homes proudly displays his Rotarian of the Year Award presented at the Chichester Rotary Club's 2006 Holiday Party. It is awarded to the Rotarian who most displays "service above self" in the club and the community. Pagano has been a Rotarian for seven years.



Ardmore Rotary Club members mentored students at the Meade School for a math project and reading followed by a holiday party Dec. 15. The Rotarians were joined by volunteers from St. Luke Lutheran Church in Devon. Teacher is Ellen Lubin (standing at right) who coordinates the Rotarians' literacy project. Some members of club attended the school's Holiday Concert featuring students playing instruments collected by Ardmore Rotary Club last year.

District Governor-Elect Russ deFuria Outlines Training Schedule

By District Governor-Elect Russ deFuria

As the calendar now says 2007, I know that before long it will be my responsibility to lead District 7450. What seemed so far off when I was first elected is now quickly approaching. Training and planning are the two items that will be filling much of my time over the next several months.

Training for the District Governor Nominee (DGN) and District Governor-Elect (DGE) begins at what is called the Zone Institute. The most recent was held in Hershey during the last week of September. The zone encompasses 32 districts from Maine to Virginia and provides a great opportunity to network with other Rotarians holding the same offices.

Training for all 529 District Governors from around the world takes place at the International Assembly. This year, we will gather in San Diego, Calif. from **January 28 through February 3**. The event was shortened by one day this year to control ever escalating costs. Before you get too jealous of my spending a week in San Diego in January, I will tell you that the schedule runs from 7a.m. to 10 p.m. most days, so I don't know how much sunshine we will actually get to see.

Of equal importance is the training of the leaders within our own district. We have assembled a "world class" District Training Team led by PDG Jeffrey Cadorette and including PDG Tom McCarthy, PDG Mark McGill, and PDG Ed Olsavicky. Their job is to provide the best possible training for our Presidents-Elect, as well as our Assistant Governors. They are also valuable mentors to the DGE.

The training schedule for the year begins with Assistant Governor training on **Tuesday, January 16 from 1 to 5 p.m.** at the Delaware County Chamber of Commerce, 602 E. Baltimore Pike, Media. This will be followed by Pre-PETS on **January 23** at the same time and place. For those of you who may not know, "PETS" stands for President-Elect Training Seminar.

Several years ago, our district became part of a multi-district PETS, which includes six districts and provides our presidents-elect with terrific learning and networking opportunities. The Pre-PETS is designed to "fill in the blanks" by covering district-specific information not provided at PETS.

The Mid-Atlantic Multi-District PETS will be held from **March 22-24** at the Radisson King of Prussia. All club Presidents-Elect have been notified of this

event and can register online. It is now mandatory for members to have attended a PETS to serve as president of a club to ensure that every club has the best opportunity for a successful Rotary year. Presidents-Elect can choose to arrive Thursday evening for an informal get together, with training running from Friday morning until Saturday afternoon.

The District Training Team will be finalizing plans for District Committee training and District Assembly with dates and location to be announced by the next newsletter. Remember, the District Assembly is the best opportunity for each President-Elect to get his or her club leadership team up to speed on the year's goals and objectives for the most successful year possible. We want to be absolutely sure that every interested Rotarian has the opportunity to be involved!

I look forward to leading our District in the coming year and would welcome your suggestions or feedback to any of our plans.

Contact DGE deFuria at 610-696-0979 or DG0708@obrienheatcool.com.

NEWS IN BRIEF**Waters Of Life Filtration Plant On Its Way To Kwang Village Plateau State In Nigeria**

Broomall Rotary Club sent the water filtration plant on its way to Nigeria last month. Broomall Rotary Club partnered with Rotary Club of Jos, Nigeria and received funding help from Newtown Square, Philadelphia, Coatesville, Ardmore, Haverford Township, Central Chester County, Chestnut Hill and Bensalem Rotary Clubs and Marple Newtown High School Interact Club. A number of companies also supplied equipment for the unit which is designed to deliver 600 gallons of clean water per hour.

The water filtration plant cost over \$50,000 of which \$11,000 was necessary to ship the unit on a cargo ship. Over \$50,000 in medical equipment was packed inside the container prior to shipment. The unit is expected to arrive in Nigeria next month and Bill Rumberger of Newtown Square will supervise installation and training.

Ardmore Rotary Club Holiday Auction Raises \$15,000 For Community Organizations

Ardmore Rotarians Herb Clarke and Jim Whelan were auctioneers for the annual Holiday Auction which this year included a dinner at the Merion Cricket Club in Haverford. Proceeds from the silent and live auctions, in excess of \$15,000, will be distributed to community organizations in May. Co-chairmen were Jim Whelan and Joe Annarelli. Bob Overhiser coordinated the silent auction preceding dinner.

2007 RI Convention Is In Salt Lake City

2007 RI Convention will be in Salt Lake City, Utah June 17 to 20. Complete information about the 98th annual convention is available on the RI website, Rotary.org.

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In Nashik India**Bristol Rotary Club Provides Books, Supplies For 10 Schools**

By Joe Hetherington

Secretary, Rotary Foundation Committee

The Rotary Club of Bristol, having completed a program to provide 855 pair of shoes for children attending eight village schools in the area of Nashik India in 2005-06; decided to undertake a Matching Grant to provide computers, computer desks, book cases and books for ten of these schools in 2006-07.

The books were chosen by the teachers in sets. Each set included an English dictionary, an encyclopedia, biographies, and short stories. Texts were provided for 4th and 7th grades. Each set also included books written in the native language, Marathi; the national language, Hindi; and the international language, English. Shashikant Joshi,

District Governor for District 3030 and Vibha Patil - representing the host sponsor, Rotary Club of Nashik Road, - helped distribute the books to two schools on November 25, 2006 in the Belgaondhoga Village. Students at the Rajwada School had one book at their disposal before our project. The computers will be used to build a library of books on CDs.



Vibha Patil, representing the host sponsor, Rotary Club of Nashik Road, was on hand to distribute books from Bristol Rotary Club project to classroom in India.

Typically in this country, there is one computer for every four students in the school system. Bristol Boro schools have in the order of 500 computers and 1100 students. The local Grundy Library has over 1000 CDs.

District 7450 and District 3030 are exchanging Group Study Exchange teams this Rotary year. The District 7450 team is in India this month and the District 3030 GSE team will visit District 7450 in April.

Paul Harris Society Recognizes Rotarians Who Give \$1,000 Annually To Rotary Foundation

By Hogie Hansen

Past District Governor/Ardmore Rotarian

At the District 7450 District Conference in Atlantic City, Governor Marty Phillips and District Rotary Foundation Chair Charles Streitwieser announced the formation of a Paul Harris Society (PHS) for contributions to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.

The PHS is a new level of recognition established by the trustees of the Foundation as an official recognition program administered at the district level. It acknowledges the generosity of individual donors who contribute \$1,000 or more each Rotary year to the Annual Programs Fund of the Foundation. Members of the Society receive a blue and gold chevron banner that may be worn below a Paul Harris Fellow pin or major donor pin. Charter members of the Society also receive a certificate of appreciation.

Charter members recognized at the District Conference were Governor Marty and Elaine Phillips, DGE Russ and Dawn DeFuria, and DGN Joel and Joyce Chesney. Ten additional couples and individuals became charter members of the Society by the end of December. Pledge forms are available from DRFC Chair Charles Streitwieser, Annual Programs Fund Chair Bob Edge, District Treasurer Al Marland, and PDG Hogie Hansen.

RFC and the Governor approved the following guidelines for the 7450 Paul Harris Society:

- Outright personal contributions of \$1,000 or more to the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International qualify for Paul Harris Fellow, Multiple Paul Harris Fellow, and Major Donor recognition, after the qualifying giving levels are reached. Contributions to the Permanent Fund and the transfer of appreciation points or credits do not qualify. Club contributions do not qualify.
- Outright personal contributions of \$1,000 or more for restricted current use also qualify for Paul Harris Society recognition, including contributions to PolioPlus and Matching Grants.
- Each donor, or couple, must give a minimum of \$1,000 annually to qualify.
- Contributions to club or district foundations do not qualify towards membership in the PHS.
- Membership in the PHS will be determined once the full amount of \$1,000 posts at The Rotary Foundation.
- In order to qualify for membership, PHS pledge forms must be completed, and pledges paid in full during the current Rotary fiscal year.
- Outright contributions and payments through TRF-DIRECT for the Annual Programs Fund can be credited towards PHS membership.
- PHS Members receive wearable PHS recognition and a certificate of appreciation.

Contributions to the Annual Programs Fund are the primary source of support of the Foundation's programs.