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## Greetings from District Governor



I hope the Rotary year has gotten off to as great a start for you as it has for me! It's an honor for me to serve District 7450 as Governor for the 2007-2008 year. As I mentioned in my remarks during our installation dinner on June 27<sup>th</sup>, I'm the second generation of my family to hold this office. My step-father, Ed O'Brien, who was District Governor in 1989-1990, started me on my "Road to Rotary" when he first invited me to join our organization. I'll be eternally grateful for that invitation that changed my life.

The last few months of the past year as DGE were filled with much planning and training opportunities. We are blessed with an outstanding group of Club Presidents and District Leaders this year that have all taken part in that training. Their dedication will ensure the clubs in our district have their best year ever as we demonstrate "Rotary Shares".

It was terrific to see the large number of D-7450 Rotarians in Salt Lake City for the International Convention this year. My hope is that those Rotarians and many more will join us next June in Los Angeles for what promises to be a memorable event.

While I don't want to concentrate on events in the past, I also need to say a word of thanks for the fantastic turnout at this year's District Awards and Installation Dinner. PDG Marty Phillips recognized many of the outstanding Rotarians in our district that helped make his year so successful. I had the pleasure of having PDG Dan Guyon perform my installation, as well as the installation of our Area Governors. The generosity of the group that night also allowed us to make a donation to The Rotary Foundation on behalf of District 7450.

By the time you receive this month's edition of our newsletter, we will already have had the experience of a Presidential Conference on Membership. The event at Villanova University was attended by over 400 Rotarians from Zones 31 and 32. Membership growth is a primary focus of President Wilf for the coming year, as it will be for me in our district. "Share the magic of Rotary" with someone you know and take the chance to change their life as well. August is Membership and Extension Month, so now is the time to get your club moving forward.

By this time you will also know whether I was able to reach home plate as I threw out the first ball for Rotary Night at the Phillies. Many thanks to PDG Mark McGill for the outstanding job he did in promoting this event and to those clubs that were so supportive in purchasing tickets. Your generosity will once again benefit our Rotary Foundation.

It's a rare opportunity to have the president of Rotary International in your district during a given year and even more rare to have him twice! Well, that's what we will have when President Wilf Wilkinson will be with us on Thursday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Radnor Hotel. Co-Chairs DGE Joel Chesney and DGN Al Marland have been aggressively promoting what promises to be an unbelievable night. Tickets are \$75. per person. President Wilf will share his message with us and we will have an opportunity to honor our charter class of Paul Harris Society members and our Major Donors.

I look forward to working with all of you in the coming year. Please don't hesitate to contact me with your questions or concerns. Let's make this the best year ever in 7450

**RUSS deFURIA**

## West Chester Rotary Club drive collects 6,000 books for Kenya

By Charles Lyddane

*West Chester Rotary Club*

A Prepared Place, an ongoing project of the West Chester Rotary Club has collected over 6,000 children's books for Huruma School in Ngong, Kenya. Rotarian Charles Lyddane and his wife, Moreley, collected the books with the help of many individuals, churches and schools to send to the school which had no books.

Huruma Children's Home, which operates the school, is a children's orphanage located at the undulating slopes of the beautiful Ngong hills, about 25km from Nairobi, the capital of Kenya in East Africa It is a relatively poor area, just half an hour from Kibera, one of Africa's biggest slums, where most



**Moreley Lyddane, who helped with collection of 6,000 books for Kenyan school, helped Maryland Rotarians Steve Frantzich and Bob Whitcomb place boxes of books in the Books for International Goodwill container in Annapolis, Md. in June.**

people have to struggle every day to make ends

Volunteers collected, packed and palletized the books for shipping at Paoli Presbyterian Church. The church helped pay for the shipping and lent a truck to deliver the books as well. Among those helping at Paoli Presbyterian are Deb Ebling, Dr. and Mrs Johnson, Rotarian Paul Woodruff many other parishioners. Books were donated by The Episcopal Chapel at Valley Forge, Paoli Presbyterian Church, individuals,, and school book fairs.

When looking for a cost effective way to ship the books, the club discovered Books for International Goodwill (BIG), a project of the Parole, Md. Rotary Club lead by Rotarian Steve Frantzich. BIG is an organization which ships thousands of books each year to countries all over the world. Steve Frantzich and his Rotary Club were most helpful and the books were delivered to Annapolis on a gorgeous weekend in June. They were packed in a container that day and left for Africa.

According to Lyddane, "It was a quick easy project because of the help from Books for International Good will." Anyone interested in the program can contact BIG at <http://www.big-books.org> Charles Lyddane can be reached at 610.429-4533 x 101 or 610-357-8963 cell.



**Rotarians Steve Frantzich of Parole (Md.) Rotary Club and Charles Lyddane of West Chester Rotary Club load some of 6,000 books into the container of the Books for International Goodwill in Annapolis, Md. in June.**

**RI PRESIDENT WILF WILKINSON TO HONOR  
PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY MEMBERS, MAJOR DONORS  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 7 P.M., RADNOR HOTEL, WAYNE.  
Tickets: \$75 per person. Contact DGN AL MARLAND at  
almarland@aol.com or 610-933-5386. Reservations Deadline : August 19.**

# Rotary District 7450 honors 2006-2007 club service

Some of 21

## Presidential Award winners



Mary Ann Cusack, 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 president of Rotary Club of Wayne.



Cathi Lacomchik , 2006-2007 president of Rotary Club of Bensalem and Tim Birch , 2007-2008 president of Rotary Club of Levittown/Fairless Hills .



Anne Hansen, 2007-2008 president of Rotary Club of Swarthmore.



John Douglas, 2007-2008 president of Rotary Club of Ardmore.



Frank Peters, president-elect of Rotary Club of Bristol.



Govinda Malya , 2006-2007 president of Rotary Club of Westtown/Goshen.



Bonnie Korengel, 2006-2007 president of Rotary Club of Kennett at Longwood.



Susan Casso accepts for Rotary Club of West Chester.



Michael Givler, 2007-2008 president of Rotary Club of Coatesville.



Mark Michelman , 2007-2008 president of Northeast Sunrisers, and chairman of District Literacy Committee.



Emily Guglielmi, 2007-2008 president of Rotary Club of Feasterville.



Linda Messer of Rotary Club of Glen Riddle Club and District Youth Exchange chairman.

# and installs the 2007-2008 leadership team



District Governor 2006-2007 Marty Phillips pins the DG Rotary pin on 2007-2008 District Governor Russ deFuria during the awards ceremony and installation dinner June 27 at the Desmond Hotel in Malvern.



PDG Dan Guyon, District Finance Chairman, introduces the 2007-2008 assistant governors who are (from left) lieutenant governor Elizabeth Rhoads, and assistant governors Jennifer Armitage (Area 9), Dede Caruthers (Area 8) Eleanor Sylver (Area 7), Jay Townsend (Area 6), Arthur Klein (Area 5), Richard Heron (Area 4), Karen Strawhacker (Area 2) and Michael Buchheit (Area 1). Missing were Joan Batory (Area 3) and Joan Toenniessen (At Large).



Past District Governor Art Judson hands the DG gavel to PDG Jeffrey Cadorette as PDG Hogie Hansen and Anne Hansen watch during the installation dinner at the Desmond Hotel in Malvern.

District Governor Marty Phillips presents Rotary Service Award to District Governor Nominee Al Marland in recognition of his over six years as district treasurer.



Jane Williams, past assistant governor from Rotary Club of Ardmore and chairman of District Rotaract Committee, and Brian Wirtshafter of Rotary Club of Edge Hill and District treasurer, participate in the "Happy Fives" for Rotary Foundation at installation dinner.



DG Russ and Dawn deFuria

District 7450 bid farewell to 2006-2007 DG Marty Phillips, who, with his wife, Elaine, has retired to Boynton Beach, Fla. after welcoming DG Russ and Dawn deFuria as new DG and DG partner.



Elaine and P DG Marty Phillips



Elizabeth Rhoads, District Membership Development chairman, with Rotary Service Award for the 2006-2007 Rotary year. Elizabeth, member of Rotary Club of Kennett Square, is serving as lieutenant governor for District Governor Russ deFuria for 2007-2008.

## District nominates

### Peace Fellow

Travis Mayo from Chester Springs, sponsored by Rotary Club of West Chester, is the 2007 District 7450 nominee for one of the 2008-2010 World Peace Fellowships.

Six Rotary Peace Centers for International Studies in Peace and Conflict Resolution have been established by the Rotary Foundation at prestigious universities in five different countries. The focus of this master's degree study is not on ending wars and conflicts but rather in prevention and mediation and compromise to make this world a better place in which to live.

A former Rotary Youth Exchange Student in Germany, Mayo is working with the Peace Corps as a project coordinator in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa primarily to prevent the spread of HIV/Aids. Additionally, he has been functioning as a bridge between mutually distrusting groups of white and black South Africans and has been involved with a host of other humanitarian activities.

If selected, Mayo would like to study for the master's degree in peace and conflict resolution at the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia, one of the worldwide Rotary Centers for International Studies.

The District 7450 Peace Fellowship Committee, chaired by PDG Tom McCarthy, said, Travis:Mayo "has a clear sense of mission and direction to make a positive difference for others in life. He has an extraordinary commitment to living the purposes for which these fellowships were established."

Travis Mayo's bachelor's degree is in international politics from Penn State University and he has studied at the American International University of London. His career aspirations are to continue to work to build world peace and understanding.

## Chester Rotary Club celebrates 90th

By Francy Cross

The Rotary Club of Chester celebrated its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary June 1 at Harrah's Chester Casino and Racetrack. DG. Marty and Elaine Phillips, DGE. Russ and Dawn deFuria, DGN Joel Chesney and many past DGs were among 135 who attended the dinner. Also in attendance were past and present Chester Rotary Club members and their families and friends.

The Chester Rotary Club received its charter from Rotary International June 1, 1917. Dr. Augustus King, president of the Rotary Club of Philadelphia, organized the Chester Rotary Club. Under the guidance of E. Wallace Chadwick, an attorney and later a Delaware County judge, the Rotary Club of Chester was the second club in the District. The Chester Club sponsored three new clubs: West Chester in 1921, Swarthmore in 1937 and Chichester in 1969.

Emcee PDG Jeffry Cadorette assisted President Francy Cross in presenting Paul Harris Fellows to: Vahan Gureghian, Chester Community Charter Schools; Michael Carothers, son of John Carothers, past president of Chester Rotary Club and PDG for District 7630; and David Cross, community volunteer. The Rotarian of the Year award was presented to Dr. Louise V. Burroughs who served as president in 2002-2003 and is club secretary and chairman of the newspaper supplement and serves on several other committees.



**State Senator Dominic Pileggi presents citation from Pennsylvania Senate congratulating Chester Rotary Club for its 90th anniversary to 2006-2007 Chester Rotary Club President Francy Cross.**

### From the DG Partner

Russ has asked me to write an article for the district newsletter from the partner's point of view. This month I want to report to everyone who may not have been able to attend the District Awards and Installation Dinner.

His mom Violet O'Brien and I have been excited for him to become District 7450 Governor, particularly since his step-father, Edward R. O'Brien, was our District Governor in 1989-1990. Russ has been a Rotarian since 1985 and has lived by the motto "Service above self". Both Russ and I are Rotarians; our daughter, Nicole, is a Rotaractor at Cornell University while daughter Yvonne is the president of West Chester East Interact Club.

This year's Rotary theme is "Rotary Shares" which is perfect because Russ and I will be sharing our lives with every member of our district. Rotary is a very big part of our life and we, along with our daughters, have a passion for it. This year we hope to spread enthusiasm and excitement about Rotary wherever we go.

The installation was June 27 at the Desmond Hotel in Malvern and over 170 people joined us. I was working at the registration desk and I could see and hear the excitement for the upcoming year in everyone's voice. We had a lovely cocktail hour while a harpist played and we enjoyed the time together. The dining room was deco-

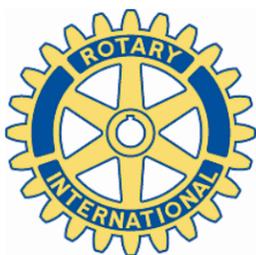
rated in nautical colors of red, blue, yellow and white complementing Russ's slogan of "Rock the Boat". The centerpieces were glass sailboats surrounded by votive candles. Theme pins and "life preserver" cookies were on the table. The room was beautiful and Jeffry Cadorette was master of ceremonies. We all know Jeffry has that special charisma to keep everyone sitting on the edge of his or her seat. District Governor Marty Phillips presented awards to those who helped make his year so successful. (I even got an award for which I was totally surprised!). PDG Dan Guyon installed Russ as well as all of the AGs.

It was great to have 12 Past District Governors and their partners to "pass the gavel," and offer words of wisdom for both Russ and Marty. I want to thank each and every PDG for attending to support Russ as Governor. Russ introduced our family and guests and spoke about his year and we gave a gift from Simon Pearce to Marty and Elaine Phillips for their great year of service. Russ and I presented a Paul Harris Fellow Award to our Ambassadorial Scholar, Jacopo Carmassi from Pisa, Italy. Russ rang the bell, and the evening was over; it all went by so quickly. Russ and I tried to personally thank everyone for joining us. It reminded me of our wedding - you plan months for the event and you blink and it is over. I know the next 12 months will go by so quickly, but I promise you that Russ and I will work hard to "Share Rotary" wherever we go.

**Dawn deFuria**

### June Attendance ~ members ~ percentage

Ardmore - 106 - 65	Chichester - 20 - 48	Greater West Chester Sunrise - N/A	Paoli-Malvern-Berwyn - 30 - 68
Bala Cynwyd/Narberth - 18 - 47	Conshohocken -Plymouth Whitemarsh - N/A	Haverford Township - N/A	Philadelphia - N/A
Bensalem - 38 - 62	Coatesville - 51 - 64	Jenkintown - N/A	Phoenixville- 36 - 64
Bristol - 55-62	Concordville-Chadds Ford - 50 - 60	Kennett at Longwood - 71 - 74	Shady Brooke - N/A
Broomall - N/A	Downingtown - ? - 54	Kennett Square - 19 - 78	Springfield - N/A
Bryn Mawr - N/A	Eastwick/PHL Airport - N/A	King of Prussia - 54 - 84	Swarthmore - N/A
Central Chester County - 33 - 52	Edge Hill - N/A	Langhorne - 33 - 60	Thorndale - N/A
Central Delaware County - N/A	Elkins Park - N/A	Levittown-Fairless Hills - 24 - 62	Twin Valley - 16 - 63
Cheltenham Rockledge - N/A	Exton-Frazer - N/A	Madrugadores - N/A	Upper Darby-Lansdowne - N/A
Chester - N/A	Frankford - Northeast Philadelphia - 41 - 47	Media - N/A	Wayne - 25 - 88
Chester Pike - N/A	Glen Mills - 19 - 88	NE Sunrisers - N/A	West Chester - N/A
Chesterbrook - 16 - 100	Glen Riddle - N/A	Newtown Square - N/A	West Grove/Avondale - 28 - 74
Chestnut Hill - N/A	Glenside - N/A	Octorara - 13 - 46	Westtown-Goshen - 43 - 85
		Oxford - N/A	



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