



Rotary Leader



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Greetings from the District Governor

It's hard to believe we're already through almost two months of our Rotary year. But, just because it's summer doesn't mean things haven't been moving ahead around the district. Things are happening in a variety of areas!

During Membership Month, District Chair George Whitfield began a series of area meetings on membership that will continue over the next several months. These meetings are designed to get club chairs together with Area Coordinators, their AG and members of the membership committee to foster better communication on issues pertinent to them. The meeting in Area 1 was a great success; be sure not to miss the meeting in your area coming soon.

By the time you read this, our Rotaplast team will already be on its way to India. Under the leadership of PDG Dan Bronson, the team will be serving from August 25 thru September 10. While there they will be working in various roles to help the children in need of cleft palate surgery and their families. What a fantastic program for our clubs to hear about; be sure to have a member of the team out to speak to your clubs.

The highlight of August for me was a visit from the President of Rotary International, Wilf Wilkinson and his lovely wife Joan on August 25. (Much time was spent planning for this event and that's part of the reason this newsletter is late!) I owe a great deal of appreciation to the Chairs of the event, DGN Al Marland and DGE Joel Chesney, as well as PRID Lynmar Brock and PDG Hogie Hansen for their guidance. We enjoyed a fabulous dinner at the Radnor Hotel, joined by our friends in District 7430, as well as Director Mike McGovern, Director Elect Mike Colasurdo and friends from other surrounding districts. PDG Marty Phillips and Elaine also joined us from Florida to honor our Charter class of Paul Harris Society members and Major Donors.

The day began with an opportunity to show President Wilf and Joan what is being done at one of our best service projects, the Concentrated Language Encounter (CLE). President Jim Stanton of the Frankford-Northeast club is our District Literacy Chair and the person who is responsible for us having this noteworthy program in our district. In the program, adult ESL learners become familiar with our language through life skills rather than just learning words and

phrases. The program is used around the world, but this is the only place in North America. If you would like to know more or to get involved, contact Jim and I'm sure he would be happy to help.

Our day with President Wilf and Joan ended on a high note as well, with PRID Lynmar Brock being presented the Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award. This is the highest honor awarded by Rotary Foundation, with fewer than 50 awarded worldwide in a given year. It is given in recognition of exemplary service to our foundation at the district level and beyond. We should all congratulate Lyn on his years of dedicated service and this high recognition.

Now, it's time to look forward to the month ahead, "New Generations Month." With September just ahead and high schools and universities back in session, now is the time to think about supporting a new Interact or Rotaract club in your area. If you have questions or would like a program at your club, please contact District Chairs Dawn deFuria (Interact) or Jane Williams (Rotaract). Working to develop these leaders of tomorrow is one of the best things we can do for Rotary and our communities.

During September, I will begin visiting many of your clubs. I have intentionally waited until the year has gotten underway and you have had an opportunity to meet first with your Assistant Governors. I rely heavily on them to keep me abreast of happenings around the District and urge you to become familiar with them if you have not done so already. I look forward to meeting with all of you during the next several months. If there are particular issues that you would like me to address, as always, please get in touch.

Let's continue to demonstrate that "Rotary Shares" in the month ahead!



Glen Riddle Club donates backpacks to Chester students

Glen Riddle Rotary Club put together the final pieces for its Annual Backpack Project that will provide school supplies to children-in-need in nearby Chester City.

City Team Ministries will distribute the school bags that have the Rotary Emblem on them. Glen Riddle Rotary Club will donate 65 fully packed backpacks to the center this year.

Each Rotarian contributes pencils, pens, erasers, paper supplies, crayons, glue sticks, and more for the project. The Club provides the backpacks and delivers everything to City Team.

Filling backpacks are Martha Grieco, Dolores Gamble, Sam Messer, Linda Messer and Abby Messer and (seated) Glen Riddle Club President Denise Romanelli and Kathryn Flagg.



RI president's Villanova membership conference available on website, video

By David Haradon

Over 400 Rotarians from Zones 31 and 32 attended the Presidential Conference on Membership titled "Sharing the Magic of Rotary" at Villanova University in July.

thanks to the donated efforts of Dave Haradon and Rand Snydermann of the Longwood Rotary Club of Kennett Square, most of the excellent presentations were videotaped and are available for FREE on-line viewing at www.rotary7450/RotaryMagic.

"We knew the Conference was going to address a much-needed subject by Rotary International. Even though attendance was sold-out to 400 fellow Rotarians, we felt that the other 1.2 Million Rotarians around the world should hear this message also." said Haradon

All Rotarians responsible for growing club membership (that's everybody, .correct?) should take time to view these videos which include:

- Wilf Wilkinson's Keynote Speech.
- Developing a Membership Plan - Plenary Session that discusses how to put together a successful membership plan presented by experienced panelists and fellow Rotarians.
- Carrying Out the Plan.
- Plenary Session that discusses how to implement a successful membership plan presented by experienced panelists and Rotarians.
- Reach Out and Touch Someone
- A very humorous and motivating presentation by the Reverend Daniel Gambet on the importance of membership to Rotary.

All videos are also available on CD for viewing at your membership meeting.

Send an e-mail to RotaryMagic@comcast.net. Cost is \$40 plus shipping.



Philadelphia Rotary Club bicyclists have \$85,000 goal for MS Bike Ride to Shore

By Jack Beiter

. An estimated 7,000 bicyclists, including a team from the Philadelphia Rotary Club, will bike 160 miles from Cherry Hill to Ocean City N.J. and back September 29 and 30 to raise funds to help find a cure for multiple sclerosis that primarily afflicts young people in the prime of their lives - usually 20 to 45 years old. Some can't stand, some can't walk, others can't feed themselves, and others go blind, or die prematurely.

Eight years ago, Philadelphia Rotary Club formed a Bicycle Team to participate in the event. In the first year, Philadelphia Rotary Club Team had five riders and raised \$7,000. Since then, the team has added riders and last year the Philadelphia Rotary Club Team of 33 raised \$71,000.

In the seven years, Philadelphia Rotary Club Team has raised \$250,000. This year 50 or more are expected to ride with a goal of \$85,000.

Philadelphia Rotary Team rides with bright yellow jerseys with large blue ROTARY letters on the back. Other riders, volunteers at the event, motorists, and people along the ride route as well as at the starting and ending areas ask, "What is Rotary?" The event gives the Philadelphia Rotary Club Team

the opportunity to explain that Rotary is Service Above Self and hopefully attract new members for all the Rotary Clubs from Newark, N.J. south to Ocean City as well as Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware since this is where most of the riders are from. Imagine the publicity and interest, which would result if there were 500 riders with Rotary Jerseys doing the ride.

Rotarians who would like to ride with the Philadelphia Rotary Club team are welcome to join the ride.

Anyone who would like to make a tax-deductible contribution to Multiple Sclerosis can send it to Jack Beiter at 201 Hermitage Drive, Radnor, Pa. 19087 who will hand deliver it to Multiple Sclerosis headquarters in Philadelphia in order that Philadelphia Rotary Club Team will



Jack Beiter (back row, fourth from left) will lead the Philadelphia Rotary Club Bicycle Team which will ride from Cherry Hill to Ocean City, N.J. and back September 29 and 30 to raise funds to find a cure for multiple sclerosis. This year's goal for the team is \$85,000.

be credited with the funds.

Businesses are invited to advertise on a road sign along the bike route for \$300. Send the check payable to Multiple Sclerosis to Jack Beiter, 201 Hermitage Drive, Radnor, Pa. 19087, along with what they want on the sign.

For additional information, contact Jack Beiter at: jackbeiter@e-finity.com, or, 610-688-6285.

Rotary Leadership Institute slates three sessions for area this fall

By PDG Bob Lankin
District Chair for Rotary Leadership Institute

The Rotary Leadership Institute will conduct sessions in and near District 7450 on three occasions this fall. The are: Harrisburg: East Holiday Inn, Saturday, October 20; Edison N.J.: The Pine Manor Wednesday November, 7; King of Prussia: Valley Forge Scanticon, Saturday November 17.

There are a number of other locations up and down the east coast. For information on these visit www.rotaryleadershipinstitute.org

All Rotary Club presidents will receive the schedule and registration procedures. Registration is done on line on the website listed above. Each club will receive four certificates for clubs to recognize their future leaders by reimbursing their paid tuition once they complete the course. Clubs should present the certificates in September to give members sufficient time to register for the classes.

Three courses are offered by the Rotary Leadership Institute which must be taken in order. Each class begins promptly at 8 a.m. and ends at 3:30 p.m. All attendees will receive extensive educational materials, and two meals. The cost of attendance is \$90

per session and should be reimbursed by the club after the member attends the entire session. Those who do not register at least one week in advance will be charged an extra \$10.

The Rotary Leadership Institute welcomes any member who wishes to attend but the courses are designed for the newer members who are considered future leaders of your club. If every club had three or four non-Past Presidents graduate from the Rotary Leadership Institute, clubs would not have a problem identifying a suitable member to become President-Elect. The knowledge and enthusiasm which is generated by attendance in the sessions has been a big plus for the clubs themselves.

The program has been very well received due to the trained faculty and due to the carefully designed curriculum, which covers subjects such as club fundraising, successful service projects, the Rotary Foundation, membership development etc. The discussion format facilitates the sharing of ideas among participants.

Every club is urged to send two to four members to the Rotary Leadership Institute each fall and each spring. For more information, e-mail Bob.Lankin@RaymondJames.com

West Grove Rotary Club receives appeal for help

West Grove-Avondale Rotary Club is responding to the earthquake in Peru following an appeal from a Rotarian in **Lima, Peru**.

Rotarian **Martin B. Singer, president of Lima Sunrise Rotary Club**, reports the District Governor "has decided to concentrate our aid on Pisco where the damage has been most severe... organizing truck and plane shipments including a Rotary convoy on Sunday carrying all we can obtain through donations of blankets, tents, food, water, and clothing.

If your club, other clubs in your District or your District itself would like to send contributions, they

should be sent immediately to: Relief Project: Banco de Credito Account Â· 052 7196304 in the name of EREva Salina.

Confirmation of how much is sent and by whom should be made to me at this E-mail. Thanks in advance for anything you can send..Rotarily, Martin."

Rotary Clubs interested in aiding the earthquake victims can contact: Martin B Singer [**President of RC Lima Sunrise**] - Avenida del Ejercito 578 Miraflores, Lima, Peru; Tel: (511)442-5682 E-mail: martinbsinger@gmail.com

Focus on Literacy**Academic rigor shines at Summer Writing Camp sponsored by Philadelphia Rotary Club**

An unprecedented Summer Writing Camp for interested high school-age students was conducted by the Philadelphia Writing Project (PhilWP) in early July. Subsidized by the Rotary Club of Philadelphia, this initiative has been an unqualified success. The rigorous curricula (“Writing for a Reason”) was focused on perfecting writing skills that included organization, capturing the audience, plot development, transitioning, creative style and grammatical accuracy.

This pilot program enrolled 25 students from all around Philadelphia and classes were held at the High School for the Creative and Performing Arts, which donated classroom space and the use of its computer lab. The pupils were challenged to write and share poetry, research and create Op Ed pieces, and generate autobiographical and memoir materials. There was a great deal of editing and rewriting and sharing of their work by the students.

“What impressed me about seeing this project in action was the structure and intensity that surrounded the learning activities,” noted Philadelphia Rotary Club’s Joe Batory, an educational researcher and a former superintendent of schools, who visited the program while it was operating. “All of the students were academically engaged and receiving plenty of personal hands-on guidance and expertise from the PhilWP staff as well as many opportunities to create and interact. This PhilWP learning model is excel-

lent,” Batory added.

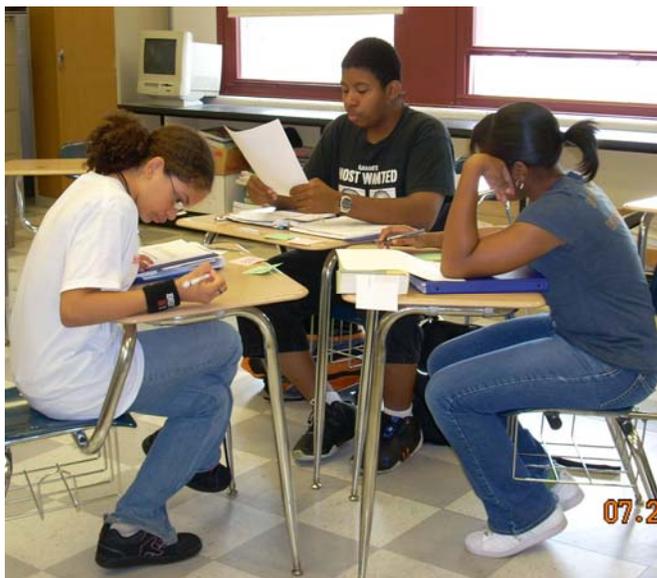
“We are very grateful for the generosity of the Rotary Club of Philadelphia in providing the funding that made this effort possible for some wonderful young people,” said Vanessa Brown, director of the Philadelphia Writing Project. “It is our hope that we can now refine and enhance what we have learned about this concept of a Summer Writing Camp and extend our efforts to reach many more students in the future.”

The PhilWP staff for this project was: Nyla Bell and Christina Puntel, Teachers; Nicole Heyword, Documenter; and, AnnMarie Maranzini, Coordinator.

“With the emphasis on literacy initiatives by Rotary International, I think that our club’s subsidizing of this camp was a great fit into the overall Rotary agenda,” according to Lou Mosca, president of the Rotary Club of Philadelphia. “The participating students were impres-

sive and the PhilWP teacher leaders are clearly knowledgeable and resourceful in teaching the craft of writing.”

The closing activity for the Summer Writing Camp was held at the Graduate School of Education of the University of Pennsylvania. Past Philadelphia Rotary Club president Frank Hollick, current president Lou Mosca, and literacy chair Joe Batory represented the club as the students summarized some newly-found writing expertise before an audience that included many proud parents.



Three of 25 students in the Philadelphia Writing Project work on their creative writing skills.

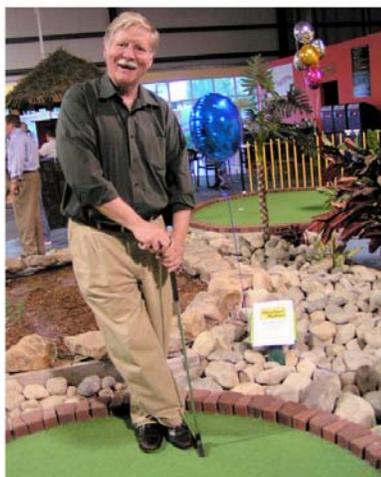
Main Line Rotaract Club raises \$5,000 for Water for People at mini-golf and skee-ball tournament

By Matt Gilbert

The Main Line Rotaract Club hosted its first fundraiser, a miniature golf and skee-ball tournament at Oasis Family Fun Center in Glen Mills June 6. The event was a great success and raised more than \$5,000 through hole-sponsorships, event tickets, raffles and general donations. More than 50 participants – young and old – attended and enjoyed food, music and fun. Prizes were awarded to children and adults for top scores in miniature golf and skee-ball.

Proceeds from the event will be used to support a safe drinking water project through Water for People, an international non-profit that often partners with Rotary Clubs to bring safe drinking water and health education to parts of the developing world.

The Main Line Rotaract Club was chartered in March 2006 and is



sponsored by the Ardmore Rotary Club. The club is community-based and is comprised of about 20 young professionals who live and work on the Main Line. Since the club's founding, Main Line Rotaractors have participated in a variety of service projects on behalf of local organizations.

The Main Line Rotaract Club is entering its second, full Rotary year. The club meets every other Wednesday evening, usually at a local restaurant on the Main Line or at Villanova University. The club invites all young professionals ages 18 to 30 interested in joining to attend a meeting. For details about an upcoming meeting, please contact the club at mainlinerotaract@gmail.com.

Trying her skills at rock climbing is Patricia Dantes, Main Line Rotaract member while Ardmore Rotarian John F. Steele pauses during miniature golf benefit.

What's happening in Rotary District 7450

District 7450 Youth Exchange Program will benefit from the First Annual Clay Shoot Thursday, September 13, from 2 to 8:30 p.m. at M&M Hunting Preserve, 2 Winslow Rd., Pennsville, N.J. Following registration and practice rounds, the Sporting Clay Tournament will be from 3 to 6 p.m. followed by awards, cocktails and steak dinner. Entry fee is \$150 per person. Corporate sponsorships are available. For more information, visit Rotary7450.org or contact District Youth Exchange Chair Linda Messer at Linda@tdsprocess.com or 610-558-4878.

North Philadelphia Madrugadores Rotary Club is hosting a Tango Night and Induction Ceremony for President Diana Larisgoitia Tuesday, September 18, from 6 to 10 p.m. at Tierra Colombiana Restaurant, 4543 N. 5th Street, Philadelphia. Admission is \$25 per person. Children are free. Plans include Gerardo Tango lessons from 6 to 7 and Dante Salsa Merengue from 8 to 9 p.m. Reservations due by September 1. Call Diana Larisgoitia at 267-467-0520 for more information about advertising in program or to make reservations.

A visit from RI President Wilf



Frankford - Northeast Rotary Club President Jim Stanton, who is District Literacy chair, (right) welcomes RI President Wilf Wilkinson and his wife, Joan, who spent 90 minutes at First Philadelphia Charter School to observe the CLE (Concentrated Language Encounter) program.



Gathered around RI President Wilfrid J. Wilkinson (second from left) following the August 23 dinner honoring 56 District 7450 and 24 District 7430 Paul Harris Society Charter Members and 62 District 7450 and 56 District 7430 major Rotary Foundation donors are Past District 7450 Governor Marty Phillips, PRID and PDG Lynmar Brock Jr. and District 7450 Governor Russ deFuria. Brock received the Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award.

RI President Wilf Wilkinson (left) accepts a Liberty Bell replica and a yellow ROTARY Bicycle Team shirt from Philadelphia Rotary Club President Louis Mosca and PRID/PDG Lynmar Brock Jr.



RI President Wilf Wilkinson pauses with youngsters who are learning to read and speak English at First Philadelphia Charter School. Ardmore Rotary Club President John Douglas (right) was a media coordinator for visit.

Past RI Director and Past District 7450 Governor Lynmar Brock Jr. was aide to RI President Wilf Wilkinson during his visit to District 7450.



Rotarians in action



The Rotary Club of Shady Brook, located in Langhorne, made its first charity donation to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation in the amount of \$2,000.00, from proceeds of the golf outing held in June at the Northampton Valley Country Club. Elaine I. Grobman, foundation executive director in Philadelphia, accepts the check from Henry Garcia, treasurer of the Rotary Club and chair of the golf outing (center) and Bob Morris, president of the Rotary Club of Shady Brook.

Literacy is alive in 12 District 7450 clubs

By Jim Stanton

District Literacy Committee Chair

A total of 69 literacy related activities were reported by 12 clubs in the 2007 Rotary Literacy Awards. All clubs that submitted activities will receive recognition for their efforts. Clubs with 10 or more activities will qualify for the Zone Literacy Award. This year three clubs are Zone Award recipients: Longwood Rotary Club with 11, Central Delaware County Rotary Club, and Philadelphia Rotary Club. Congratulations to all the clubs that submitted their certification forms and especially our zone award recipients.

One of the most popular literacy activities in the District is the Dictionary Project. This is a special program in which clubs buy dictionaries for complete classrooms in at-risk schools. Special group pricing makes this project very affordable. Ten of the total activities are related to the Dictionary Project.

Also popular were programs and speakers

related to literacy. Librarians, ESL teachers and adult literacy providers were among the seven presenters in this category. Reading to and/or mentoring students in schools also had seven activities. The new and innovative Concentrated Language Encounter (CLE) had five activities. CLE is a unique program to teach English language students to speak and read English. Many other activities were undertaken by clubs to encourage reading and engage their communities in literacy.



Children reading books sent to Ecuador by Frankford/Northeast Philadelphia Club last year.

It's not too soon to start planning activities for the 2008 Rotary Literacy Awards. Start making a list of projects to undertake and look for the reporting form next spring. Additional information on District literacy activities can be found on the web page: www.rotary7450.org. Just click

on the "Service Projects" link. The literacy newsletters are filled with great project ideas.

Plan something to celebrate Saturday, September 8, International Literacy Day.

Two Interact Clubs purchase ShelterBoxes

By Dawn deFuria

District 7450 Interact Chair

West Chester East and Rustin Interact Club fundraisers for 2006-2007 raised enough money to purchase three Shelter Boxes for District 7450.

West Chester East staged its annual Battle of The Bands in April 2007 and Rustin sponsored a lock-in at their school in June. The lock-in was their first event for the school and was very successful. Rustin Interact Club was chartered in May 2007 and is sponsored by the Glen Mills Rotary Club.

A ShelterBox is a large, rugged green plastic container that holds a 10-person tent and a variety of other emergency range equipment. The contents include thermal blankets, insulated ground sheets or sleeping bags that can be used in cold conditions, waterproof ponchos and bin bags, cooking pans, utensils, bowls and mugs, collapsible water containers and water purification tablets, a tool kit (hammer, axe, aw, pliers, hoe head, trenching shovel, rope, etc) and a small children's pack containing drawing books, crayons and pens. The cost of the Shelter Box is \$1000. and is funded entirely by donations.

Every ShelterBox is individually numbered and can be tracked to its final destination. Within 48 hours of a disaster, ShelterBox can get a team and a box to the scene



The concept of a ShelterBox was developed by ex-Royal Navy search and rescue diver Tom Henderson, the charity's founder and general manager. His is a Rotarian in the Helston-Lizard Rotary Club in the UK and the Shelter Box project was their Millennium Service Project.

In March 2002, Tom approached the Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch; near Sarasota, Florida, to become the primary administrator for the Shelter Box Program in the United States, known as ShelterBox USA. ShelterBox provides emergency supplies to victims of disasters, which often result in huge numbers of people left homeless such as earthquakes, hurricanes, wars, floods, landslide, tsunamis, volcanic eruptions and typhoons. The ShelterBox is committed to providing humanitarian aid on an on-going basis to people around the world.

The Rotary Club of Helston-Lizard officially launched the ShelterBox project in April 2000. As of January 2007, ShelterBox had sent aid to 31 countries and provided shelter for 500,000 people.

If you have questions or are willing to help purchase a ShelterBox, contact ShelterBox USA at info@shelterboxusa.org

What's happening in District 7450 Rotary Clubs

Rotary Club of Kennett at Longwood was featured in August *County Lines* magazine. Story was written by Carol Metzker of West Chester Rotary Club and tells story of Rotary, the Longwood Club and its work on Martha's House restoration. Club members volunteered to work on the house and donated equipment required for the project.

Central Delaware County Rotary Club and **Glen Riddle Rotary Club**, raised funds which were matches by a grant from Gundaker Foundation, and purchased special beds and a medical infusion pump for Hospice Strasburk in Prague, Czech Republic. Prague is a city of 1.2 million and the hospice is one of two in the city.

DG Russ throws out first ball at Rotary Night



DG Russ pitches to the Phillie Phanatic before Rotary Night at Phillies July 25.

This month I want to talk about Rotary Night at the Phillies on Wednesday, July 25th at the Citizen's Bank Park.

This is an annual event that district 7450 has done for 20 years. The event allows our District Governor to throw the first ball out to the Phillie Phanatic and raises funds for the Rotary Foundation by the number of tickets that we sell in our clubs.

PDG Mark McGill was in charge of this event and as usual did a great job selling tickets to the clubs. I understand there were over 1000 Rotarians and guests present to see Russ "throw out the first ball".

The Phillies played the Washington Nationals. It was pitcher Cole Hamels "Bobble Head" night. The night was full of fun and hot weather, and there was a lot of fellowship among Rotarians in sections 207-209.

Russ was really excited about the opportunity to throw out the ball before the start of the Phillies game. On Saturday before the game, Russ practiced throwing the ball to our daughter's boyfriend for over two hours. Let me tell you, there were plenty of sore

muscles the next day.

We received four tickets right behind the Phillies' dugout, but who does not get a ticket? ME! I sat with the Rotary Club

the National Anthem and it was time.....As they introduced Russ, you could see him on Phanavision standing in front of the mound holding the ball in the air waiting to make his throw from about 45 feet away from home plate. When the time came, he did a great job; throwing the ball to the Phanatic. Russ came running up to home plate and gave the Phanatic a "high-five". He had his pic-

ture taken with the Phanatic too

I could hear cheers in the stands from all of our friends and family. Russ got to keep the ball he threw. You can see Russ throwing the ball on the district website.....check it out!

Afterwards he sat right behind the dugout and every time a right-handed batter came out I could see on the Phanovision my family sitting in those great seats.

During the game, Russ came up to the second level to socialize with the Rotarians. The game actually went into 14 innings with the Phillies winning by a score of 7-5.

I am sure this will be night that Russ will never forget.

Partner's Point of View



By Dawn deFuria

of Upper Darby-Lansdowne in Section 208. The four ground level tickets were used by Russ, our daughter Yvonne, and both of our daughters' boyfriends.

They arrived at the ballpark at 5:15 PM and had a tour of the stadium. By 6 p.m., they were standing down behind home plate waiting for Russ to throw the infamous ball to the Phanatic.

I arrived at Citizen's Bank Park around 6 p.m. and saw Russ down by the field. I asked an usher if I could go down and just take a few pictures, which they allowed me to do. As the clock was getting close to 6:40 p.m., I could see Russ was getting a little nervous to throw the ball.

The Philadelphia Rotary Club Glee Club sang

Rotary Foundation is real winner as 1500 Rotarians attend Rotary Night at the Phillies July 25



Russ and Phillie Phanatic after the pitch.

Rotarians in action

The Kennett Square Rotary Club at Longwood has been working on restoration of Martha's Dream Home in response to a request from Good Neighbor Ministry.

The historic home, in the family of retired policewoman Martha Brown for over 75 years, dates back to before 1840 and was in need of repair to its exterior. Good Neighbor Ministry approached the Rotary Club in 2006 for assistance in the restoration work.

Upon an inspection of the original log cabin home, it was determined there were decayed areas and gaps in mortar chinking and water was leaking into the house and wood timbers were in need of repair. The Historical Commission was especially concerned that the house retain its original exterior look.

The Rotary Club agreed to provide workers and much of equipment required for the job which was . David Scott was in charge of



the workers who spent hours on the project this year. As a result, the Rotary Club reports the home

“no longer leaks air and water and logs will be protected from decay and the weather for years to come.”



Glen Riddle Rotary Club president Lisa Grech and Rotarian Joe Fletcher present Bill Benson of CADES and his friends with an \$8,000 check to support programs for children. The funds were raised at the annual Delco Fair which the Glen Riddle Rotary Club hosts.



Greater West Chester Sunrise Rotary Club helped Habitat build low-cost housing in West Chester August 17 and had fun learning how to level walls, install plumbing and other general skills as well as meet volunteers from other organizations. Rotarians on the job are Community Service Chair Dave Smyk who organized the service day, Don Barr, Dave Sweet, Dede Carruthers and Lenore Guthrie. Habitat construction manager Tom Burns is on the right. For information, contact Dave Smyk at smyk@comcast.net



Membership is in the bag

Dear Fellow Rotarians,
 DG Russ has instituted District Area Membership Coordinators, who will work closely with the Assistant Governor for your area and the District Membership Committee to help your club achieve its membership goals.

One highlight of this year's Membership Committee is that our meetings will be held in a different area each month. This will allow better participation by club membership chairpersons. I hope that by bringing the District Membership Committee to the clubs, we can all be more successful in membership recruitment and retention.

In future issues of the Governor's Newsletter, this will be the location to find information you can use to keep you and your club focused on membership recruitment and retention.

George Whitfield, chairman, District 7450 Membership Committee

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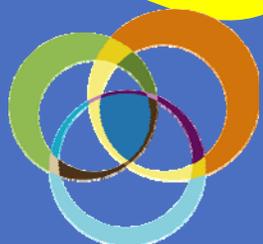
Last month's **Leader** incorrectly identified Mark Michelman as chair of District Literacy Committee. Jim Stanton, president of Frankford/Northeast Rotary Club, is 2007-2008 chair.

ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR JULY, 2007

Club Name	Mem	Meet	July
Ardmore	106		
Bala Cynwyd/Narberth	18		
Bensalem	38		
Bristol	55		
Broomall			
Bryn Mawr	22	5	61
Central Chester County	29	4	53
Central Delaware County aka: Media Sunrisers	9	4	97
Cheltenham Rockledge	20	4	71
Chester			
Chester Pike			
Chesterbrook	17	3	100
Chestnut Hill	54	3	67
Chichester	20		
Conshohocken -Plymouth Whitemarsh	17		71
Coatesville	52	3	71
CONCORDVILLE-CHADDS FORD	50		
Downingtown	17	3	58
Eastwick/PHL Airport	13	4	90
Edge Hill	14	4	66
Elkins Park	19	3	49
Exton-Frazer	14	3	71
Feasterville	27	5	57
Frankford - Northeast Philadelphia	40	4	42
Glen Mills	19		
Glen Riddle	28	5	61
Glenside	44	3	55
Greater West Chester Sunrise	47	3	66
Haverford Township			
Jenkintown			
Kennett at Longwood	68	3	83
Kennett Square	19		
King of Prussia	54		
Langhorne	33	3	55
Levittown-Fairless Hills	25	5	59
Madrugadores			
Media			
NE Sunrisers			
Newtown Square			
Octorara	13	3	54
Oxford	12	3	61
Paoli-Malvern-Berwyn	29	4	60
Philadelphia	97	3	97
PHOENIXVILLE	35	4	61
Shady Brooke			
Springfield			
Swarthmore	49	4	58
Thorndale			
Twin Valley	16		
Upper Darby-Lansdowne			
Wayne	25		
West Chester			
West Grove/Avondale	28		



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