



Rotary Leader



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From the Governor



I know, I know it's March and we are all in the winter doldrums, but we still have a lot of work to do to demonstrate that "Rotary Shares."

As we wrap up March, I hope you have had the opportunity to do something in your clubs related to Literacy Month. If you haven't and still need an inexpensive literacy project for your club, consider the Dictionary Project. For about \$1.50, you can put the power of words into the hands of a child and potentially change their life for the better.

Last month, our district had its first Rotaract Leadership Institute providing a leadership training opportunity for those young people. It was attended by people from throughout the Mid-Atlantic region and was extremely well received by everyone in attendance.

Thanks go out to Rotaract Chair Jane Williams, PDG Bob Lankin and Frank Hollick particularly for their work on the event.

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Multi-District Conference set for Skytop April 25-27

A full schedule of Rotary information and family fun awaits the over 150 District 7450 Rotarians and guests at the first ever Multi-District Conference April 25 to 27 at Skytop in the Poconos. District 7450 is partnering with neighboring District 7430 for the conference in a family-friendly setting. Complete information and registration form is available at Rotary7450.org.

The weekend begins with a golf outing at 10 a.m. Friday. For more information, contact Golf Chair David Lafferty (dave@kdcom.com)

The opening session Friday afternoon will feature Kathryn Cunningham's presentation of "Power Up Gambia." Friday's dinner will be picnic style event in a relaxed atmosphere.

Following breakfast Saturday, Rotary International Representative Bill Ives will address the 9 a.m. plenary session followed by programs on Youth Exchange, Group Exchange, ShelterBox, Rotary Foundation, local service projects, membership and a panel on Rotaplast. Time is available Saturday afternoon for recreational activities before the Saturday evening dinner and program.

Rotarians who have died in the past year will be remembered at the Sunday morning service followed by the closing session.

One Rotarian stands to win at least \$10,200 and possibly \$10,800 if the remaining few 50/50 tickets are sold. Contact Chair Tony DiLeva at 610-656-2543 to purchase a ticket at \$200.

DiLeva is seeking additional golf giveaways and hole sponsors for the golf tourney as well as items for the silent auction and sponsors for Sponsor Book.

For updated conference information, visit [Rotary 7450.org](http://Rotary7450.org).

Rotary year heading into home stretch

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The weekend of February 22 to 24 was a busy time for Dawn and me with both our President-Elect Training Seminar (PETS) at the Radisson Valley Forge and the annual RYLA event at Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge.

We were very fortunate to have the opportunity of serving as personal aides to Rotary International President Wilf Wilkinson and his wife, Joan, for his visit to PETS. It was quite unique to have the "ear" of the president of Rotary for such an extended period of time. They were a delight to spend time with. We even had a chance to take them to RYLA, so that the high school students gathered could see how much we valued their involvement. President Wilf spoke to them for a few minutes and they presented him with his own RYLA tee shirt.

District Conference grows ever closer! By now, I'm sure you know that we will be having our first ever "Multi-District Conference" from April 25 to 27 at Sky-top Lodge in the Poconos. It will be a great chance to share a mini-vacation with old friends from around District 7450 and make new friends from District 7430.

It will offer fun for the whole family, as well as a lot of Rotary information. If you've never been to a conference, this is the one to try.

I hope you will sign up to join us and share the fun. Rooms are rapidly filling, so act now before it's too late!

You also might want to consider a District Conference 50/50 Raffle Ticket. A maximum of 108 tickets are being sold at a cost of \$200 each, with a potential windfall of \$10,800 at stake. Conference Chair Tony DiLeva can provide more details.

We are approaching the last quarter of our Rotary year, the home stretch, and besides the District Conference, I hope you will keep in

mind both The Rotary Foundation and the Gundaker Foundation. These are the best tools that we have to shape and change lives around the world. So far we are approximately 65 percent of the way to our Rotary Foundation goal. The Gundaker Foundation will also be asking for your support. I sincerely hope that you will participate as you are able with both worthy causes and not view it as a case of one or the other.

As I'm writing this article, my family is preparing for a week away together. While I'm looking forward to some down time, I'm also excited about what still lies ahead this year. Thanks for all that you are doing to demonstrate that "Rotary Shares." See you next month!

From District Governor



By
Russ
deFuria

Where's my newsletter?

If you know a Rotarian asking where his or her District Newsletter is, we are asking Rotarians who have access to computers and the Rotary7450.org website to take a few minutes and print a copy (or two or three) of the newsletter and give them to the Rotarian(s) who asked the question.

And if you know there are members in

your club who are not computer savvy, we ask you to print copies and place them on the sergeant-at-arms table.

Thank you.

For real-time updates, archives, pictures and additional information, visit the website at: www.Rotary7450.org > Enter > Newsletter

West Chester Club Seeks Support from Rotary Clubs for Kenyan water project

By Cathy Palmquist
PR Chair, Rotary Club of West Chester

The 3-phase project to collect and deliver water to a medical clinic, primary school and market place for potable, sanitary and agricultural uses in Ukambani, Kenya is in its second phase.

Phase one of the project funded the capture of water from one natural spring, one transmission line, two storage tanks and several water kiosks and cattle watering troughs.

The second phase will tap into a second spring; include a new transmission line, additional storage tanks and animal watering troughs. Tapping the additional spring will significantly increase the quantity of water for the community's use, enabling more persons to benefit.

In addition to serving the clinic, school and market-place, the new water line will provide a year-round supply of clean water for villagers who live within walking distance. The land, labor and mud brick will be supplied by the villagers.

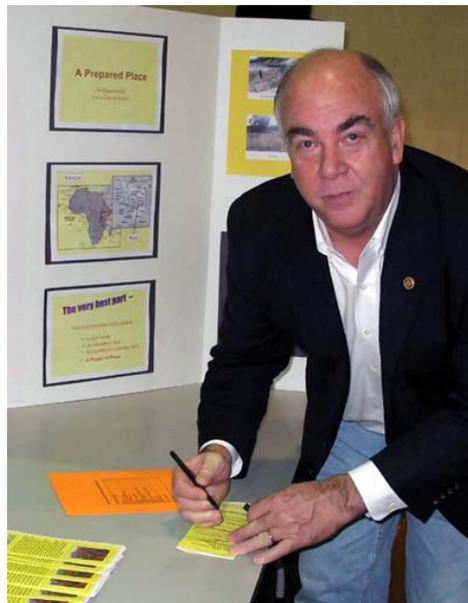
Because the area receives less than 20 inches of rain annually during four months, the

only way to get water during the dry spell is for women and children to walk long distances to retrieve water. The water is contaminated and results in illness and disease; and little is available for personal hygiene, increasing the incidence of illness and diseases.

When the safe water supply becomes available, drip irrigation will be introduced and water will be available for livestock. Better nutrition and clean water will greatly improve the health of the population, excess food produced can be sold to meet needs requiring cash, and these improvements will encourage families to adopt children from orphanages in Nairobi, such as "A Prepared Place." The improvements in the quality of life will also reduce the migration of young adults to the slums of Nairobi. The project will directly benefit over 5,000 people and take four to six months to complete.

Paul Woodruff and Charlie Lyddane of the West Chester Rotary Club are head-

ing up the effort and are visiting other Rotary Clubs to seek additional funding support. Invite them to speak to your club and consider supporting this important project!



Charles Lyddane explains water project at Project Fair.

District Simplified Grant applications due March 31

District Simplified Grant applications for the current fiscal year ending on June 30, are due March 31 for review in April. The total grant available for District 7450 for this fiscal year is \$14,901 out of which \$7500 has been granted to five clubs during the first half of the fiscal year. \$7401 is available for the current review.

Application form and instructions are available at Rotary 7450.org web site or Rotary International web site. Send applications to Vasanth Prabhu at vprabhu39@aol.com or mail to 175 Stewarts Court, Phoenixville, PA 19460 by March 31, 2008. Prabhu's phone number is 610-917-1097.

Rotary Club of Philadelphia hosts 'Celebration of Literacy' at Waring School

Members of the Philadelphia Rotary Club hosted a Celebration of Literacy at the Laura Wheeler Waring School January 29. Philadelphia Rotarians have made a personal ongoing investment in promoting literacy to all students, grades pre-K through eighth grade at Waring.

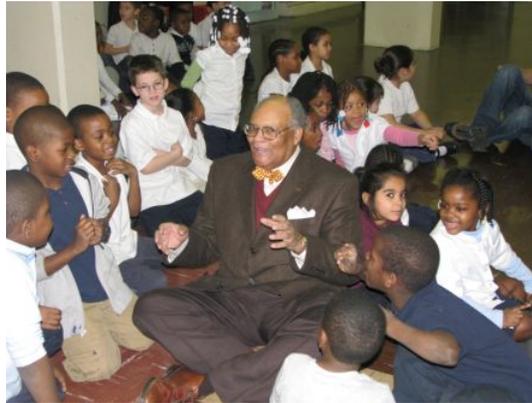
Among the generous donations, the Rotarians have donated over 100 dictionaries and 100 thesauruses; a variety of books for classroom lending libraries; and sponsored the school's Philadelphia Reading Olympics Team.

Past president Joe Batory and Scott Simon, Philadelphia Rotarian, recognize that learning should be fun as well as interactive. Simon is the Rotarian responsible for coordinating the day of fun and activities for the students which included

a magician who tailored the show around Dr. Seuss books to encourage reading for fun. In

addition, he chaired a toy and book drive throughout the month of January to accumulate toys, play sets and books which he presented to Carol Martin, principal of Laura Wheeler Waring School during the day of literacy. Simon was accompanied by Rotarians Carl Bailey and Kristina Harshany, also from the Philadelphia Rotary Club.

This ongoing partnership has inspired other local organizations to help inner city schools bridge the achievement gap and create a life-long love of learning.



Carl Bailey, a long-time member of Philadelphia, Rotary Club, sits in the midst of students at the Waring School Celebration of Literacy January 29. Bailey is president of an African American fraternity that is partnering with Rotarians in literacy and mentoring activities at the school.

Delco Literacy Council seeks to expand Rotary partnership

The Delaware County Literacy Council (DCLC) is the oldest and only organization in Delaware County whose sole mission is to provide free literacy instruction to adults. The Council serves all of Delaware County and the lower Main Line (through a partnership with the Ardmore Library).

DCLC has 190 currently offer basic literacy instruction for adults who read at low levels, GED preparation, and English as a Second Language (ESL). DCLC also offers a Family Literacy Program at its Chester site, which includes a pre-kindergarten class, four mornings a week.

Each adult learner sets his/her own goals at the time of the initial assessment, and those goals are used as the basis for instruction. DCLC strives to help students meet their personal goals through an increase in basic literacy skills, and believes that every adult in Delaware County has the right to read and write English.

DCLC has a long history with Rotary Clubs. DCLC is interested in speaking at Rotary Clubs to share with the needs and successes. Contact Volunteer Coordinator Donna Ward at 610 8766-4811 to arrange for a speaker.

Rotarians celebrate Literacy Month

By Jim Stanton

District 7450 Literacy Chair

The Dictionary Project is probably the one single project in which every club can easily participate in a wonderful Rotary Literacy Project. It is a very easy and inexpensive project. Follow these simple steps:

- Call The Dictionary Project at 843-856-2706 and ask them to send you samples of the dictionaries that you may purchase. They will arrive within a week or two.

- Choose the one that your club would like to give to the third grade students in your area; they range in price from \$1 to \$2.

- Put a collection bucket at the Sergeant-of-Arms table and ask everyone to contribute a small amount every week.

- Choose the school to which you would like to give the dictionaries.

- Call in your order.

- Get the names of the children in the third grade at your local schools.

- Purchase a box of Avery Labels #5168.

- Go to: www.dictionaryproject.org/labels.html; you will find the Rotary's "Four - Way Test" template from which you will be able to type in each child's name, and an area for the name of your own Rotary Club, thereby creating a personalized label.

Other ideas for Rotary Literacy Month:

Raise awareness for literacy education

Invite local literacy or education experts (teachers, school administrators, government education officers, and university professors) to speak at your club's meeting about local, regional, or international literacy and education issues.

Arrange for club members to visit local schools, universities, libraries, and tutoring centers to learn about your community's literacy and education resources.

Facilitate a discussion session at your club's meeting about literacy and education in your community.

Take action for literacy

Launch a new literacy project during Ro-

tary Literacy Month.

Work with existing literacy providers to plan a literacy project.

Arrange for club members to volunteer at a tutoring center.

Begin a student mentoring program.

Encourage local businesses to offer education opportunities for employees.

Start an adult education program at a local school or community center.

Conduct a teacher training event for your district

Conduct a literacy awareness campaign in your community

Donate books for a community library, school supplies for under privileged students, or teaching materials for underprivileged schools

Celebrate literacy

Arrange a community award to recognize contributions to literacy and education

Hold a literacy ball to raise money for literacy programs in your community

Conduct an essay contest to encourage writing among students in your community

Arrange a literacy fair and invite local bookstores to participate, local authors to read about literacy, and local government agencies to display information about literacy and education programs

It is recommended that every club have a Literacy chairperson. If you have a Literacy Chairperson, please email name and information to: Linda Pupkiewicz at: **PupkiewiczL@buckslib.org** who will send notice for Literacy Committee Meetings and all District information concerning literacy.

Please download and fill out the Literacy Awards form at: **http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdfrg07_literacy_awards_brochure.pdf** and forward it to Linda Pupkiewicz by the end of March.

For more information, contact Jim Stanton at 267-249-4027.

What's happening in Rotary District 7450...

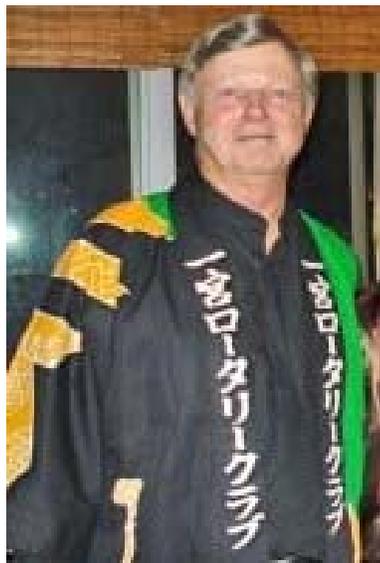
Rotarians cook, serve dinner



The Northeast Sunrisers Rotary Club in Philadelphia raised over \$2,000 for Polio Plus at the fourth annual Spaghetti Dinner. The proceeds exceed more than the amount raised for three prior dinners combined. Members got together the night before to prepare food. Assistance was provided by members of the Church of Redeemer where the dinner was served, Rotaractors from Manor College and Interactors from NE High School. An estimated

200 meals were served. Leftovers were packed in 100 individual servings, frozen and picked up by "Aid for Friends" group that provides meals to shut-ins. Chairman of the food was Dave Tecosky, past president, who is making meatballs (right in left photo) with the help of his brother, Marc, a Rotarian from Ft. Lauderdale, Florida and District RYLA chair. That's past District Governor Bob Lankin (right photo) handling kitchen clean-up duties.

Scholar presents host with colors from home Rotary Club



Philadelphia Rotary Club member Joe Batory proudly displays the garment he received from Ambassadorial Scholar, Asako Yoshino, a student at the University of Pennsylvania. It carries the colors and motto of her home sponsor, the Rotary Club of Ichinomiya City, Japan. Asako Yoshino is a master's degree student at the Graduate School of Education of the University of Pennsylvania. On Thanksgiving, Asako helped cook and then got to eat her first ever Thanksgiving turkey with Joe and Joan Batory. For Christmas Eve, she accompanied the Batorys to a Polish traditional "Wigilia" dinner followed by a dinner of The Seven Fishes at the home of Italian friends of Batorys in Drexel Hill. New Year's Day, she attended the Mummers Parade with Joe and Joan Batory.

Bristol Rotary Club programs on fast track

The 60-member Rotary Club of Bristol is running a marathon this year, with a pace and participation that is making 2007-2008 a banner year of service. Highlights of the year were featured on the media board displayed at the January 26 Project Fair/District Assembly in Downingtown.

Among the highlights are: More than \$10,000 in scholarships have been given to local high school seniors for their future education;

Hundreds of kids sat on Santa's lap at the Annual Breakfast with Santa;

Many needy families were helped at Christmas;

Club honors a Student of the Month, selected for promise and hard work and gives them a cash gift, a plaque, lunch, and a photo appears in the local paper;

Each Christmas season, members ring the bell and collect thousands of dollars for the Salvation Army, for needed services;

Club networks and collaborates with many local groups including the Red Cross Homeless Shelter which received \$1,000 each quarter to help 70 people each night who are homeless in Bucks County. Of that number, 35 are school children;

Presents every third-grader in Bristol schools a new dictionary;
Project Warm participation provided 99 youngsters new winter coats;

Partnered with six other Area One Rotary Clubs to purchase two ShelterBoxes, to aid disaster victims and to help them survive and recover from a major disaster in Argentina. Club also has been involved in supporting international projects in Brazil and India;

Sponsors project to buy a sanitation system for 200 families in India, and plans to continue partnership and friendships with Rotarians from the Nasick Road area of India;



Bob Harris of Bristol Rotary Club was on hand to discuss the club's programs at the January 26 District 7450 Project Fair in Downingtown.

Mayor Nutter receives Ardmore Polio Plus tie

Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter receives an Ardmore Rotary Polio Plus tie from Ardmore Rotary Club past president Mike Silver following a talk at March 20 Rotary Club luncheon meeting at Merion Cricket Club in Haverford. Polio virus is central design theme of ties which were sold to raise money for Polio Plus campaign.



Rotarian Joe Hetherington, as a part of Gift of Life International, has traveled to India with surgeons and medical supplies to do sophisticated heart surgery on children who has no way of getting help where they live. The mission also trains local doctors to do this very advanced surgery. Joe is going back this spring with a team that will perform more surgeries and help several children get stem cell treatments.

What's happening in District 7450

Leadership training underway for 2008-2009 Rotary year



PDG Arnold Graf, trainer for DGE Joel Chesney, listens to a speaker along with DGN Designated for 2010-11 Joan Batory, 2008-2009 Vocational Chair Charles Streitwieser, 2008-2009 Area 9 AG Bonnie Korengel, and 2008-2009 Area 8 AG Samantha Ramsey at the March 15 leadership training sessions at Delaware County Chamber of Commerce in Media.



DGE Joel Chesney has a good laugh at training session.



DGE Joel Chesney makes point as DGN Al Marland (in back) and George Whitfield looks on.



DGN 2009-2010 Al Marland offers some ideas for budgeting.



Rotary International President Wilf Wilkinson and his wife, Joan, visited RYLA and were greeted by (from left) Nimi Oviedo of Madrugadores Rotary Club, RYLA chair Maria Mills-Torres of Madrugadores Rotary Club, Yvonne deFuria, West Chester East Interact Club president, Joan Wilkinson and RYLA co-chair Louise Vitiello.

Snow doesn't stop RYLA weekend



Most of 78 high school students who attended RYLA weekend February 15 to 17 gather for a photograph in the snow at the George Washington statue at Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge during a break.

What's happening in District 7450

PETS gives president-elects taste of what year will be like



DGN Al Marland discusses club finances with 2008-2009 presidents at a breakout session.



Among those who participated in Multi-District PETS at Valley Forge Radisson February 15 and 16 were PDG Bob Lankin, PDG Arnold Graf, DGE Joel Chesney and District 7640 PDG Bernadette Jennings.

District 7640 PDG Don Guardian talks passionately about his district's African project during Multi-District PETS February 15 and 16.



Talking shop at Multi District PETS February 15 and 16 are District 7430 DG Gerry Long, and District 7450 DG Russ deFuria.



District Governor Nominee Designate and AG Joan Batory discusses her tips for building an effective Rotary Club during one of the breakout sessions at Mid-Atlantic Multi-District PETS.

Jay Childress Photos

'We have great District and great Rotarians'

I can't believe the year is almost three quarters of the way done. "Rotary Shares" has been a great theme for me personally. Russ and I have had the opportunity to see firsthand the Rotarians of District 7450 share their love, talent and money with Rotary International and the District and I am proud to be part of our District.

Since the beginning of this year, we have had a lot of great events. In January, we had a Project Fair for the first time ever. RYLA and the PETS conference were in February, and in March, we had the District Rotoplast team sponsor an event at the Media Theatre.

The next event will be in April, our District Conference, and there is still more ahead in May and June! We have a great District and a great group of Rotarians who love to work together and live by our motto,

"Service above Self."

Russ and I are working with a fantastic committee for the District Conference that will be April 25 to 27 at the Skytop Resort in Canadensis in the Poconos. We meet every month and our excitement is growing as we get closer to the Conference. Under the leadership of Tony DiLeva, we hope to have an exciting weekend for all to share with District 7430.

This is the first time that we will have our District Conference with the District to the north of us. We think it will be a great opportunity to network, meet the GSE teams from Italy

and Brazil, and have fun too! We will also have hospitality suites for you to mingle with District 7430 and our District after dinner each night.

I hope you will all join us at Skytop and "Share Rotary" with everyone you meet.

Partner's Point of View



By
Dawn
deFuria

What's happening in Rotary District 7450 Rotary Clubs

Benefit set April 23

The Philadelphia Rotary and its Rotaract Club are co-sponsoring a fundraiser to purchase high quality books for the Waring School's youngest children April 23 at 6 p.m. at the Pyramid Club, 1735 Market St., 53rd Floor, Philadelphia.

Wanted: instruments

Ardmore Rotary Club is asking Rotary Clubs in District 7450 to join in the collection of used musical instru-

ments for donation to the schools in Philadelphia and Chester.

Working with Musicopia Inc., (formerly Strings for School) Rotarians began collecting instruments two years ago for repair and distribution to Meade School in North Philadelphia. As a result, the school was assigned two certified music teachers who are directing a strings and brass programs for more than 75 students.

Ardmore Rotarian Tom Stuart, who heads the

project, asks Rotarians to look in closets and storage areas for instruments no longer being used. Stuart can be reached at thomasstuart@comcast.net.

DG Nominee Designate

Assistant Governor Joan Batory, past president of the Rotary Club of Philadelphia, has been named District Governor Nominee Designate to serve as District Governor in 2010-2011.

What's happening in District 7450 Rotary Clubs

Polio Plus benefactors honored with Paul Harris Fellowships



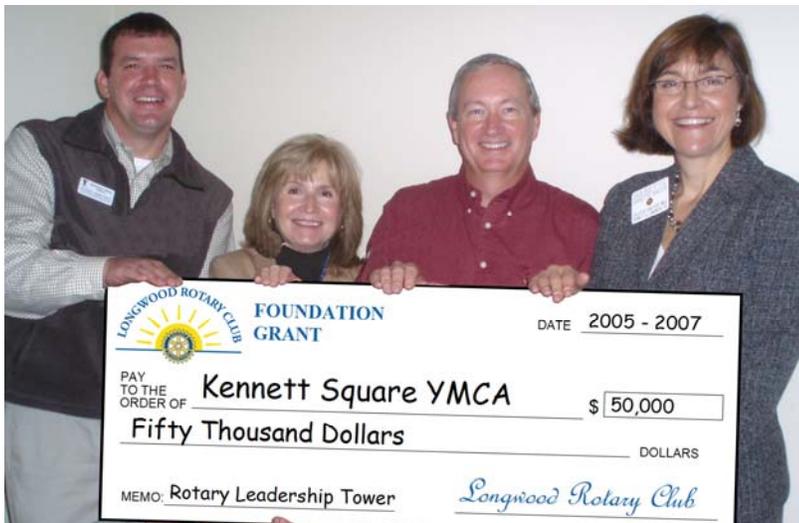
Ardmore Rotary Club past president Doug Klepfer joined Herb Lottman and past president Jim Kohl to announce that Ardmore Rotary Club donated \$2,000 to the Rotary Foundation on behalf of Herb Lottman and his wife, Karen who were presented with Paul Harris Fellow awards. Lottman, although not a Rotarian, provided one-half of the seed money needed to get Ardmore Rotary Club's "Lend a Hand Gala" off the ground in 2005. This very successful affair netted over \$53,000 and enabled Ardmore Rotary Club to reach its three-year Polio Plus goal of \$100,000. Since 1987, Ardmore Rotarians have raised over \$318,000 for Polio Plus which translates into protection for more than 771,000 children.

Check presentation

Kennett Square YMCA Executive Director Babette Rocca (far right) and Assistant Sports Director Augie Lankford (far left) accept a ceremonial check for \$50,000 for the Rotary Leadership Tower in the YMCA's Outdoor Adventure Park in Kennett Square from Kennett at Longwood Rotary Club President Becky MacLean and President-Elect Dave Haradon.



District Governor Russ deFuria presents Kennett Square Rotarian Luis Tovar with the 2007 Governor's Citation in recognition of his leadership with the Soles for Souls program which collected gently used shoes and boots for young people during the holidays.



Ambassadorial Scholars Application

Applications for the district's Ambassadorial Scholarship selection must be received by Stu Schwarzer on or before 1 May. Each club may submit one applicant. Candidates must be at least in their junior collegiate year. The official RI application is available at rotary.org.

Send completed applications to: Stuart R. Schwarzer , Box 1155 , Skippack, 19474.

ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR February, 2008

Please send attendance to

info@Rotary7450.org

Ardmore	100	4	70
Bala Cynwyd/Narberth	18	4	65
Bensalem	41	4	54
Bristol	30	Not Reported	
Broomall	39	Not Reported	
Bryn Mawr	22	4	51
Central Chester County	30	4	68
Central Delaware County Aka: Media Sunrisers	10	4	95
Cheltenham Rockledge	26	Not Reported	
Chester	26	4	64
Chester Pike	28	Not Reported	
Chesterbrook	16	4	88
Chestnut Hill	51	4	58
Chichester	20	3	68
Chonshocken -Plymouth Whitemarsh	17	4	71
Coatesville	53	4	62
Concordville-Chadds Ford	50	4	62
Downingtown	16	3	71
Eastwick/Phl Airport	14	4	61
Edge Hill	15	Not Reported	
Elkins Park	16	4	44
Exton-Frazer	13	3	85
Feasterville	22	Not Reported	
Frankford - Northeast Philadelphia	39	Not Reported	
Glen Mills	19	3	79
Glen Riddle	28	4	71
Glenside	40	Not Reported	
Greater West Chester Sunrise	42	3	74
Haverford Township	31	Not Reported	
Jenkintown	37	Not Reported	
Kennett At Longwood	75	4	76
Kennett Square	16	3	87
King Of Prussia	55	Not Reported	
Langhorne	20	19	62
Levittown-Fairless Hills	25	Not Reported	
Madrugadores	20	Not Reported	
Media	91	4	57
NE Sunrisers	21	Not Reported	
Newtown Square	35	Not Reported	
Octorara	12	Not Reported	
Oxford	12	3	58
Paoli-Malvern-Berwyn	29	4	59
Philadelphia	104	4	44
Phoenixville	31	4	55
Shady Brook	43	Not Reported	
Springfield	23	3	54
Swarthmore	47	Not Reported	
Thorndale	14	Not Reported	
Twin Valley	13	Not Reported	
Upper Darby-Lansdowne	37	Not Reported	
Wayne	25	3	71
West Chester	129	4	57
West Grove/Avondale	34	4	68
Westtown-Goshen	40	4	77



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