



Rotary Leader



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From the Governor



So much has happened since last month that I want to make sure you all know what's been happening in the District.

Of course, District Conference is the biggest event to tell you about. If you were there, thanks for being part of the event! If not, you missed one heck of a great time. Skytop Lodge was beautiful, the food was great, and the service we received was terrific.

It was very gratifying to me to see so much interaction between members of our own district and those from District 7430. We look forward to working with them on other events in the future.

We were blessed to have PRID Bill Ives and his wife, Marilyn, with us all weekend.

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Rotary ShelterBox on job



Young child is tied to ShelterBox on cart of family left homeless by May 3 cyclone in Myanmar. Rotary delivered the first ShelterBoxes to the area May 8.

A response team of four specially trained volunteers moved into devastated areas in Myanmar's delta region to distribute the first or more than 800 ShelterBox containers May 8, five days after the powerful cyclone hit the area.

ShelterBox, a grassroots disaster relief organization, was among the first, if not the first organization, to begin delivering help to the cyclone victims, after Myanmar's military government stalled aid from many international groups. Over 100,000 are reported dead with many thousands homeless in the wake of the cyclone.

Rotary Clubs worldwide provide over one-half the support for ShelterBox which provides tough green plastic boxes with a 10-person tent and enough equipment to house and provide for a large family for six months.

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What a great time to be a Rotarian!

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Bill was RI President Wilf Wilkinson's representative. They were a real joy! We were also fortunate to be joined for the weekend by our incoming Zone 32 Director Mike Colasurdo and his wife, Ann.

Our District Conference 50/50 Raffle was won by the Rotary Club of Abington at Edge Hill.

They were fortunate to take home \$5200 to put to use in their community, thanks to a last minute surge of ticket sales.

At the conference we also elected our representative and alternate representative to the 2010 Council on Legislation. The representative will be PDG Hogie Hansen of the Ardmore Rotary Club and the alternate will be PDG Dan Bronson of the West Grove-Avondale Rotary Club. We extend our thanks to both gentlemen for stepping forward to serve in this very important capacity. This is the body that decides on the legislation that guides our organization through the Manual of Procedure.

Our "20 Years of Women in Rotary" event was held at the Pyramid Club on the 52nd floor of 1735 Market St. in Philadelphia Saturday, May 3rd.

Keynote speaker, Philadelphia District Attorney Lynne Abraham not only made a very interesting presentation, but took a great deal of time to answer all of the questions our group posed to her. Our thanks go to DGND Joan Batory for all of her work on the event.

Our Group Study Exchange team from D-2100 in Italy has returned home after a very eventful month. Now, our outbound team led by Jane Williams of the Ardmore Rotary Club is there as well and from all accounts having an incredible experience. Check out their "blog" which can be accessed from the district website at

www.rotary7450.org.

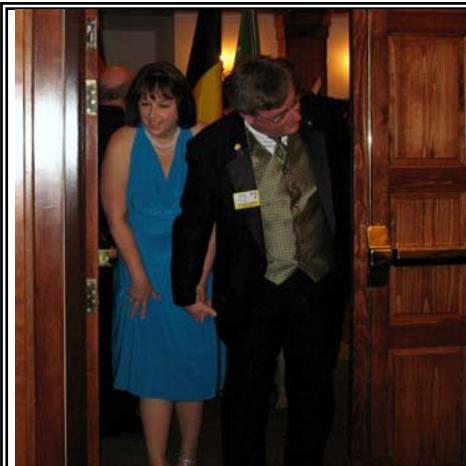
By the time you read this, DGE Joel Chesney and his team will have gotten things going for next year at the District Assembly on Saturday, May 17th. It's my hope that you will all support next year's administration as well as you have supported this year's. Installation night for DGE Joel will be Friday, June 20th at Citizen's Bank Park and should be a great way to "turn

over the reins". If you haven't gotten your tickets yet, the registration form is available on the district website and on page 17 of the Newsletter. Dawn and I look forward to being with many of you in Los Angeles for the Rotary International Convention next month. If you're heading west, be sure to drop me an email and let me know. We will be planning a dinner to get everyone from our district together and don't want to leave anyone out. If you've never before attended a Rotary International Convention, you're in for a real treat.

As I said last month, with all that is going on around the dis-

trict, I hope you won't forget about contributing to The Rotary Foundation and the Gundaker Foundation. These are the best tools that we have to shape and change lives around the world. Time is growing short to make your contribution for this Rotary year. We are working hard to reach our goal for both and have not yet done so. The amount doesn't matter; what's most important is that everyone be a part of the effort to the best of their ability.

Thanks for all that you are doing to demonstrate that "Rotary Shares". We only have a little bit over a month to reach our goals, so let's finish strong. See you next month!



DG Russ peeks around door while he and DG Partner Dawn wait for introduction at Saturday night's dinner at District Conference at Skytop.

GSE team member Jason Kline reports on visit to Tropea:

GSE team sends travelogue from Italy

Today (May 11) is Giancarlo's birthday (and Mother's Day).

The dawn broke grey on the Tyrannian Sea, but it was less windy than yesterday. Everyone apologized for the lack of sun, however we know from speaking with our families that it's much warmer here than it is at home. Off we went with Peppino and Giancarlo to Tropea where we were met by a huge contingent of Rotarians from the Tropea Club including some of their children. We met Club President Luigi, as well as Giuseppe, Peppino, Raffaella, Pino, Giacomo, Ernesto, and his son, Lorenzo.

We first walked through the old city of Tropea, which was largely built in the 5th century. We viewed an island with a castle on it called Santa Maria del Isola. It used to be isolated by water 2 centuries ago, but now it is connected to land.

We saw the Jesuit church, where the priest told us he had visited the St. John Neumann shrine in Philadelphia. There was a large bomb hanging on the wall inside of the church. It was dropped by an American bomber during World War II along with six other bombs. They did not detonate, and it was believed to be a miracle performed by Madonna, so it was hung on the wall. They had to dig it out of the ground from 5 meters below.

The town was full of a festive feeling because it was the First Communion day for many young people, plus they were celebrating Festa della Mamma (Mother's day).

Tropea is quite beautiful, and you should visit. If you come, it is recommended that you visit in June or September. There are seven islands off the coast. You can sail to them. In Tropea, there are 42 restaurants. We had a fantastic lunch in the country at a very secluded restaurant known only to the

locals where the vegetables, fruit, meat, olive oil, and wine are all produced by the proprietors. This area is known for its wine production. We were fated with multi-antipasti, (eggplant, olives, ricotta, anduja), primi (pasta), and grande secondi (meats and sausages), and molte vino Calabrese (lots of local wine). We enjoyed the feast and the crowded

noisy ristorante immensely. This was one of the best meals thus far.

On the way back to town, we stopped by Giuseppe's house to pick up our schedule for the next five days, and enjoyed tartufo (ice cream) and a nocino (walnut liquor) made by Raffaella's mother. From there, we went off to look at the sea from different panoramic spots. It was gorgeous. The tur-

quoise-colored water was so clear that you could see the bottom. You could see Sicily from the coast. We then walked along the beach. We then went back to our hotel (albergo) for an hour's rest before a large dinner.

At dinner, some of the dishes included smoked swordfish (yum!), cefallo (local pesche), spaghetti with fish, swordfish rotini (rolled swordfish, baked in cheese and olive oil). The wine tonight was white (vino bianco), and was called Grecco. It's very typical in Calabria. I believe we had it the first night we were here as well. Try it if you can find it – it's quite good. We also had more tartufo. We have become tartufo connoisseurs, and are making plans to learn how to make it when we get back.

Tomorrow we are off to Nicotera and Palmi. We are working our way South, before heading up towards Napoli. Hopefully we can drop by an Internet café so that we can publish this for you.

Buona Notte.



District 7450 GSE Team members (second from left) Nick Fortunatus, Martina March and Jason Kline, and team leader Jane Williams (third from right) tour Tropea, Italy with Tropea Rotarians .

RI approves \$284,657 grant to West Chester Rotary Club for Kenyan project

Paul Woodruff and Charles Lyddane of the West Chester Rotary Club are thrilled to report that they have received the official announcement that the Rotary Foundation Trustees have approved a grant of \$284,657 for "A Prepared Place" and other orphanages near Nairobi.

The money will come in the form of a 3-H Grant which will enable the program to facilitate the adoptions of children orphaned by the HIV AIDS epidemic.

The task now is to raise \$43,000 from local contributions. The total amount of money going to the project is \$327,567

This latest grant continues the West Chester Rotary Club's six-year effort to assist the people of Ukambani, Kenya in partnership with the South Nairobi Rotary Club.

The program initially involved delivering medical equipment to a clinic, then sending a medical library with the help of University of Pennsylvania and John Hopkins Medical School, collecting and sending 6,000 books for children with help of a Maryland Rotary Club, and more recently a multi-phase water project which collects and delivers water to a medical clinic, primary school and market place for potable, sanitary and agricultural uses in Ukambani, Kenya.

Phase one of the project, costing \$90,000, captured water from one natural

spring, one transmission line, two storage tanks and several water kiosks and cattle watering troughs. The second phase, with a \$60,000 price tag, tapped into a second spring; included a new transmission line, additional storage tanks and animal watering troughs.

Tapping the additional spring has increased the quantity of water for the community's use, thus helping more people. In addition to serving the clinic, school and marketplace, the new water line will provide a year-round supply of clean water for villagers within walking distance. The villagers supplied land, labor and mud brick for the project.

As 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, and excess food produced can be sold to meet needs requiring cash.

The entire project is designed to encourage families to adopt children from orphanages in Nairobi, such as "A Prepared Place".

Woodruff and Lyddane have spearheaded the effort and are available to speak to Rotary Clubs to seek additional support. Contact Lyddane at 610-357-8963.

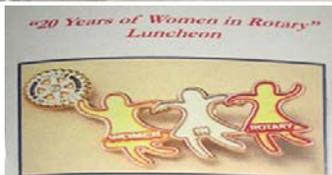


GSE member visits Community college

Bucks County Community College Business Studies Professor Vernon Wiegand, Rotary GSE team member Marialuisa Iannaccone from Naples, Italy, and BCCC Student Terry Balah get together for a chat prior to Professor Wiegand's accounting class at the Lower Bucks Campus. Iannaccone, an auditor, was interested in learning about the higher education system, American accounting standards, and the accounting vocation in the United States. The GSE team visited in District 7450 during April as guests of local Rotary Clubs.

District celebrates '20 years of women in Rotary'

Fifty-one Rotarians celebrated "20 Years of Women in Rotary" May 3 at lunch on the 52nd floor dining room of Pyramid Club in Philadelphia. Among those who attended were (at right, from left) AG Area One Michael Buchheit of Bristol Rotary Club; Philadelphia DA Lynne Abraham, who was the guest speaker; DG Russ deFuria; and DG Nominee Joan Batory, past president of Philadelphia Rotary Club. Each attendee received the new Women in Rotary pin and all women Rotarians received a yellow rose from DG Partner Dawn deFuria.



On hand to celebrate "20 years of women in Rotary" are (from left) Dr. Gina Genin, past assistant governor and past president of Levittown-Fairless Hills Rotary Club; Holly Lankin, president-elect of Northeast Sunrisers Rotary Club; PDG Bob Lankin, past president of Northeast Sunrisers Rotary Club; Sharon Quick, executive secretary of Philadelphia Rotary Club; and Katie Bay, new member of Philadelphia Rotary Club.



Helping at check-in are Mary Ann Cusack, Wayne Rotary president; Vi O'Brien, mother of DG Russ deFuria; Yvonne deFuria, West Chester East Interact Club president; and Dawn deFuria, DG partner and West Chester Rotarian.



Among the 51 Rotarians at the Pyramid Club are Holly Lankin of Northeast Sunrisers, Claudie Brock, wife of past RI trustee Lynmar Brock, and Nimidia (Mimi) Oviedo Of Madrugadores Rotary Club.

DG Russ deFuria presents Philadelphia District Attorney Lynn Abraham with District 7450 Distinguished Service Award following her talk at the May 3 luncheon at the Pyramid Club in Center City, Philadelphia.



Rotary sending ShelterBoxes to Myanmar

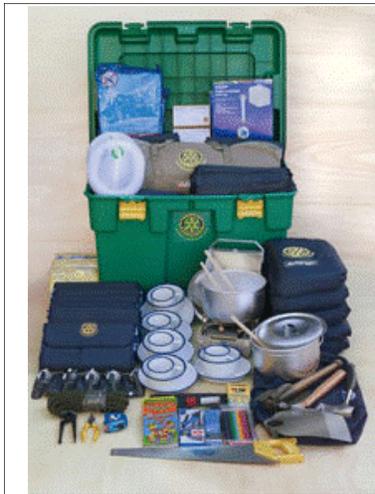
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Each Shelterbox also contains a multi-fuel stove, water purification kit, blankets, tools, mosquito nets and other basic necessities.

The first shipments of containers is expected to benefit more than 10,000 survivors. The team of trained volunteers will work in cooperation with local organizations to line up transportation and decide where the ShelterBoxes will do the most good.

According to ShelterBox representatives in Northbrook Ill., "Rotarians were able to penetrate areas the country's military rulers had placed off limits by working with Rotarians from Myanmar".

Another 1,000 ShelterBoxes were reported shipped by the middle of May.



Contents of Shelter-Box include tent for 10, stove, cooking utensils, hand tools and water purification supplies for six months.

ShelterBox USA executive director Beth Palmer in Lakewood Ranch, Fla., reports a "spike in online contributions" and says her phone "has been ringing off the hook" as Rotarians want to donate funds. ShelterBox offices in other countries have reported similar increases.

Rotary District DG Russ deFuria joined with the district ShelterBox Committee and ShelterBox USA in calling upon all Rotarians to donate to ShelterBox USA at **ShelterBox USA, 8374 Market St., 203 Bradenton, Fla., 34202.**

For more information or to schedule a program on ShelterBox, contact District 7450 chair, Gregory (Greg) Krasovsky of Philadelphia Rotary Club, at **shelter box7450@gmail.com.**

Rotary Foundation offers 'Peace' fellowships

The Rotary Foundation announces a call for applications for the 2009-11 Rotary World Peace Fellowships (RWPF) and January and June 2009 Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies (RPCS) Program sessions. The deadline for completed applications to be submitted to The Rotary Foundation is July 1, 2008.

The Rotary Centers for International Studies program offers fellowships for master's degree study fields related to peace and conflict resolution. Beyond academics, Rotary World Peace Fellows also gain practical skills in conflict resolution appropriate to their individual careers.

Up to 60 Rotary World Peace Fellows each year enroll in the six Rotary Centers based at leading universities in five countries: International Christian University, Japan; Universidad del Salvador, Argentina; University of Bradford, United Kingdom; University of Queensland, Australia; University of California-Berkeley, Calif., U.S.A., and

Duke University and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, N.C.

The Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program is a professional development program in Bangkok, Thailand, through which up to 30 participants embark on three months of intensive study instructed by some of the leading specialists in the peace and conflict resolution fields, specialized curriculum has been crafted to capitalize on the experience of both participants and lecturers while balancing theoretical and practical learning.

Ideal for busy professionals, the customized program helps promising leaders expand their global outlook, strengthen their negotiation skills, and ultimately make a positive impact on future peace and conflict resolution efforts worldwide.

For more information, contact Joseph Batory, Philadelphia Rotary Club at **josephbatory@comcast.net**. Additional information also is available at **rotary.org**.

Still time to recruit new Rotarians

*By Dave Benson, Regional RI Membership chair, Zone 31
and Joe Dino, Regional RI Membership chair, Zone 32*

Have you ever imagined what Rotary would be like if every Rotarian met President Wilf's membership challenge this year and brought in one new member before year's end? Imagine, if you will, Rotarians from every club in the world -- North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Australia, all of them, rich clubs, poor clubs, big clubs, little clubs, breakfast clubs, lunch clubs, dinner clubs, cocktail clubs, e-clubs, Saturday Clubs, all of them - bringing in one new Rotarian. Just imagine:

Rotary International would have over 2.5 million members. But more importantly our Rotary Foundation's annual giving would receive more than \$200 million each year and program awards would exceed \$60 million in Matching Grants, over \$10 million in District Simplified Grants, nearly \$30 million for Ambassadorial Scholarships and nearly \$8 million for Group Study Exchange.

We would have over half a million Interactors and a quarter million Rotaractors. And our impact on world hunger, health, humanitarian and educational projects could synergistically make all the difference in world peace and understanding.

Far-fetched? Unreasonable? Not on your life! When President Wilf challenged each of us to get one new member this year, he knew exactly what he wanted us to do. The big question is "Did we meet the challenge?"



Well, the good news is that many Rotarians in many clubs have met the challenge and will show a net gain June 30.

Many clubs evaluated the way their clubs did business. Many opened their doors to a more diversified membership. Many evaluated the way their communities know them, some using public relations material and grants to broaden their presence in their communities. Many learned more about the Rotary Foundation and became more involved in Foundation Programs. And many clubs hammered out a membership plan at the beginning of the year, involved every Rotarian in the club and carried out their vision.

But there are those clubs who continued to be satisfied with the status quo. Their meetings are now as they were 15 years ago, the average age of their membership has risen and their attendance has dropped. And their Rotary community activities have dwindled or combined with other agencies in town.

Yes, those may be the two extremes, but it's never too late. If yours is one of those clubs which hasn't doubled in size this year, then there's work to be done. Involve every member in developing (and therefore subscribing to) your plan. Evaluate your community needs, how your club can improve its attraction factor and your activities, and incorporate the results into your club's written membership plan. Then simply follow the plan, checking on progress at every

District Incorporation Resolution Approved by District clubs

With 44 of 54 District 7450 Rotary Clubs voting, 42 clubs have approved the resolution to proceed with steps to incorporate the district and two clubs voted against it. RI requires two-thirds of a district's clubs (36 to 54 for District 7450) to approve to proceed. For the past few months, a group of Rotarians under the chairmanship of DGN Al Marland has been converting the "District Resolutions" into proposed bylaws that, once approved by the clubs, will become governing rules for the district. When a final draft of the bylaws is ready for review, a second group of Rotarians will be asked to review the draft to ensure compliance with Pennsylvania incorporation laws and RI requirements. Once completed, the bylaws will be presented to clubs for ratification.

Service Above Self Award

Kevin O'Malley (left) who shipped 10,000 lbs of weights to Iraq for Platoon Partners for less than \$35,000 when no one else would, accepts the Concordville-Chadds-Ford Rotary Club Service Above Self Award from Eric Balcavage, chairman of Platoon Partners Committee. Kevin handled the shipment without asking a dime He owns an import / export business called Seko Worldwide.



RI President attends PETS



Rotary International President Wilfrid J. (Wilf) Wilkinson (center) joins Carol Metzker, president-elect of the newest West Chester Rotary Club (left) and Dave Haradon, Longwood Rotary Club president-elect (seated, right) at the three-day Rotary President-Elect Training Seminar (PETS) along with 350 other president-elects from six Rotary Districts in the Eastern United States at Valley Forge in February. Also on hand was District 7450 DG Russ deFuria (standing).

Central Delco Rotarian receives Governor's Citation

District Governor Russ deFuria (left) presented Dr. Richard Rapoport of the Rotary Club of Central Delaware County (right) a Governor's Citation for his service to Delaware County. Dr. Rapoport is relocating to Prague in the Czech Republic, where he will reside in summer and to Florida for the winter. Dr. Rapoport is a retired psychologist and businessman who has lived in Media for 25 years. During 15 years in Rotary, he raised significant funds for local and international charities, including a hospice in Prague. DG Partner Dawn deFuria accompanied DG Russ for the presentation.



Rotarians stage Fun Fair in Swarthmore

Swarthmore Rotary Club staged the annual Charity Fun Fair in town April 20. Photo at right shows part of the crowd near the train station with the band performing on the stage. Past Presidents Marty Spiegel and Ann Seidman played and sang with one of the bands. Below, Rotary Club President Anne Hansen and President-Elect Josh Twersky walk in the parade with the Rotary Exchange students walking behind the Rotary banner.



Swarthmore Rotarians Bob Moreland, one of the long-time members, and Carl Beresin, newest Rotarian, were among workers at Charity Fun Fair April 20.

Ardmore Rotarians present Miss Pennsylvania a Paul Harris Award

Ardmore Rotary Club presented Miss Pennsylvania 2007-2008, Rachel Marie Brooks of Broomall, a Paul Harris Fellow Award in recognition of her work in behalf of autism. On hand for the presentation at the April 10 luncheon meeting at Merion Cricket Club in Haverford are Past-President David Dillon, Miss Pennsylvania, Past-President Doug Klepfer and Julia Brooks, mother of Miss Pennsylvania. Ardmore Rotary Club allocated \$1,000 to Rotary Foundation for the award.



Multi-District Conference takes over Skytop



Betsy Collins and Paul Collins, president of Chesterbrook Rotary Club.



Mike Colasurdo Sr., RI director nominee, and Ann Colasurdo.



Ardmore Rotarian PDG Hogie Hansen, and Anne Hansen, president of Swarthmore Rotary Club.



Wayne Rotarian and DGD Al Marland and Mary Ann Cusack, president of Wayne Rotary Club.



RI President Wilf Wilkinson's personal representative Bill Ives and Marilyn Ives.



Lt. Governor 2008-2009 Chuck Killian, of Frankford-Northeast Philadelphia Club and Peggie Killian.



District Governor-Elect Joel Chesney is surrounded by members of Kennett at Longwood Rotary Club which will be the host club for the 2008-2009 District Conference which will take place at Mendenhall Inn and Longwood Gardens. April 17 to 19. Seated next to Joel are Past President Bonnie Korengel (left) and Becky MacLean and (standing, from left) Ann and Paul Smith and Dave Haradon. Paul Smith was speaker at Sunday Brunch.

Photography by JayChild

Multi-District Conference not all work



District 7430 DG Jerry Long and Jill Long were among 182 at Saturday dinner.



PDG Arnold Graf, Newtown Square Rotarian and Rita Graf at Saturday's black-tie dinner.



PDG (2002-2003) Daniel S. Guyon at Saturday night dinner.



Jack and Faith Holefelder of Glen Riddle Rotary Club are co-chairmen of District Rotaplast Committee.



Upper Darby-Lansdowne Rotary Club Past President Hank and Lois VanZanten at Saturday night dinner.



AG Michael and Kathy Buchheit at Saturday night dinner.

Thanks to all who attended, helped, supported District Conference

Hello fellow Rotarians,

For all who attended the dual District Conference at Skytop Lodge, I thank you for your participation in making this historic event as great as it was. For those who were unable to attend, get together with someone who attended and buy them lunch so you can get some of the great information that was shared from District 7430 and make plans to attend a future conference. This was a very big undertaking and vision that DG Russ had about sharing Rotary. Well, he was right. Despite the up-hill battle to pull this off, my committee came through with a PERFECT well done job. I know I couldn't have gotten through this without them. Thank you committee once again. This is and will be an experience I'll never forget. Thank you all for your help, your support and your dedication to Rotary. God Bless you all.

Sincerely,
Tony DiLeva

Multi-District Conference report:

Good weather, serious discussion, fellowship



DG Nominee for 2010-2011 Joan Batory, past president of Philadelphia Rotary Club, and Joe Batory, a Philadelphia Rotarian, wait to enter the room at the start of the Saturday night dinner at Skytop.



PDG Bob Lankin of Northeast Sunrisers Rotary Club and Nimidia (Mimi) Oviedo of Madrugadores Rotary Club chat between one of seven breakout sessions Saturday morning at Skytop.



Chichester Rotary Club President George Ozer and his wife, Lori, were among 182 Rotarians at the Saturday night black-tie dinner.

Denise Morris and Bob Morris, president of Shady Brook Rotary Club.



Rotary Exchange students Benjamin Latour from Belgium, sponsored by West Chester Sunrise and Glen Mills Rotary Clubs, and Viera Sverdlyk from Ukraine, sponsored by Exton-Frazer Rotary Club, thanked Rotarians for the opportunity to spend year in this country at Saturday night dinner (right). Among activities available to students during weekend was ping pong (right).



Rotary Exchange students comment on impact

By Linda Messer

Youth Exchange chair, Glen Riddle Rotarian

District 7450 Rotary Exchange students who attended the Multi-District Conference at Skytop last month were asked how the Rotary Exchange program helped Rotary International reach its goals of world understanding and peace.

Amanda Cury from Brazil, hosted by the Wells family and Avondale West Grove Rotarians, the answer was respect. "You have to understand that there are different things in you culture and your host's culture. You have to respect that. You don't have to agree or disagree, but you have to respect... By doing that you are understanding and creating a more peaceful world."

Out of the mouths of babes... if we all just understood that message of respect throughout our world, wouldn't it be a better place?

Victor Sant'Anna from Brazil, hosted by Patti family and the Broomall Rotary Club, was asked. "What have you learned about yourself while on exchange?" His reply: "Independence and how to manage by myself. was always some one in my house to clean or to pay for me to do things. Now I have to do that"

Benjamin Latour from Belgium, hosted by West Chester Rotary Club and the Ebert family, said he found United States "warm and open". He explained he arrived in the District not speaking a word of English and feels his experience has only shown, "how Americans accept others easily." A good message for us all to hear.

Every student had an individual perspective on this or her experience and what it has and will do

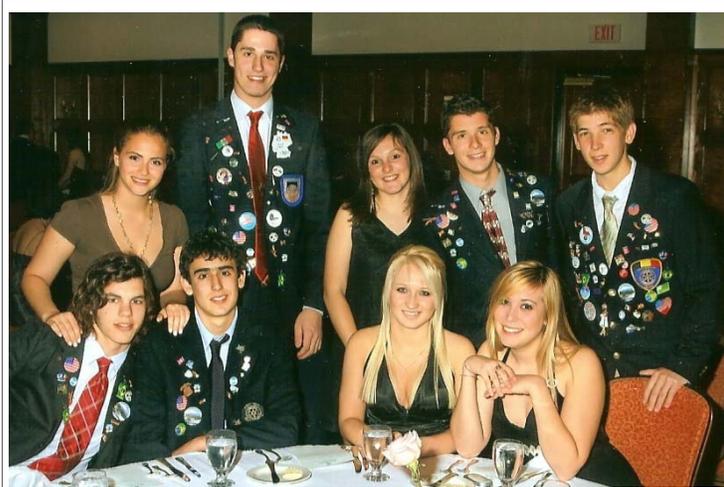
for them in the future. I found the most amazing remark was made by Maite Imirizaldu Martinez from Spain, hosted by Kennett Square Rotary and the Newman family. She had listened to a "Rebound", one who was an exchange student and returned to his or her home country in District 7430, who earned a teaching degree and teaches Spanish in a local high school. After her compelling presentation about

"loving two countries, having three mothers and finding direction in her life," Maite observed, "We don't even know what this experience is teaching us, do we? There is still more to come when we return home." While the District Conference was a lot of fun and we learned quite a bit, this observation is what Rotary is all about...changing the world, step by step, one student at a time.

Want to help Rotary Youth Exchange? Find an outbound student (15.5 to 18-years-old interested in exploring his or her world your local high school for the 2009-10 school year. Talk to kids in your community about a short-term summer experience; summer 2009, same age range. Sit on the District Youth Ex-

change Committee, or at the very least, ask one of us to come speak at your club. Get involved.

For more information, contact **Linda Messer**, District 7450 Youth Exchange chair at lindamess@comcast.net or 484-433-7951.



Rotary Exchange students who participated in Parade of Countries at Saturday's dinner are (standing, from left) Amanda Cury from Brazil (West Grove-Avondale Rotary Club); Bjoern Brauner from Germany (West Chester Rotary Club); Clementine Carre from France (Bala Cynwyd Rotary Club); Victor Sant'Anna from Brazil (Broomall); Benjamin Latour from Belgium (West Chester Sunrise and Glen Mills Rotary Clubs); and (seated, from left) Andrea Kogoj Tavasani from Italy (West Chester Rotary Club); Carlos Albrecht from Chile (Swarthmore Rotary Club); Viera Sverdlyk from Ukraine (Exton-Frazer Rotary Club); and Maite Imirizaldu Martinez from Spain (Kennett Square at Longwood Rotary Club).

Exton-Frazer Rotary Club Duck race raises \$3,000



Exton-Frazer Rotary Club's Joe Kane and President Dave Ellis wait for the announcement of the winner of the first Duck Race May 3. The race day raised \$3,000 which will be used for community service projects.



Spectators stand ready to cheer their favorite ducks as they witness one of the five races held on May 3rd as a fundraiser by the Rotary Club of Exton-Frazer. Tim McMonigle, son of Rotarian Dan Mc Monigle, is the duck herder at water's edge. His responsibility is to make sure the ducks know which way to swim. 300 ducks, donated by The Homewood Suites in Valley Forge, competed in the five races. Winner in a final runoff a four-night trip to Disney World for a family of four.



Members of the Great Valley Interact Club holding one of the 300 ducks before they began the May 3 race are (front row, from left) Kate Durkan, Jennifer Walsh, Alina Crisi; (middle row) Aditi Singh, Carlyn Crisi, Hilary Hyde, Lydia Bickel, Anna Lorine and (back row) Ashley Mc Fadden, Chrissy Bohn, and Blaise Forcine . Exton-Frazer Rotary Club sponsors the Interact Club.

Photography by JayChild



Emcee Dave Ellis, president of Exton-Frazer Rotary Club, checks on progress of races with race day DJ Gene Mitchell, Exton-Frazer Rotarian.

Rotary Night at Phillies

The 2008-2009 Rotary Night at the Phillies at Citizens Bank Park will be Wednesday, Aug. 6 against the Florida Marlins. Game time is 7:05 p.m.

DG Joel Chesney (2008-2009) will toss out the ceremonial first ball at 6:40 p.m. Tickets are \$27 each and seats are located in the first and third-base outfield near the foul line. Checks should be made out to "The Phillies".

District Rotary Night chair PDG Mark McGill reports the District has 1000 tickets to sell. The Phillies donate a portion of each ticket to the Rotary Foundation.

This year's Rotary Night will include six districts from New Jersey and Delaware and it is "Strike Out Hunger Night." Each person is asked to donate at least one non-perishable food item when arriving at Citizens Bank Park.

If a club does not sell all the tickets which it has received, the deadline for returning tickets to PDG McGill is July 18. Payment for all tickets also must be sent to PDG McGill by July 18.

Bristol Service Clubs dine



Members of Bristol area five service clubs met for the annual meeting April 30, hosted this year by Levittown-Bristol Kiwanis Club. On hand were (from left) James B. Holliday, president of Bristol Exchange Club; Joanne Marozzi, president of Bristol Lioness; Paul Baroli, guest speaker/ program manager of Radio Station WBCB 1490 AM; Frank Peters, president-elect Bristol Rotary Club; and Mary Ann Delia, president Levittown-Bristol Kiwanis Club. Missing for photo is Chris Vogt, president of the Bristol Lions Club.

RI discontinuing club administrative software

Ed Futa, RI general secretary has notified DG Russ deFuria that as of July 1, 2008, RI "will no longer provide club and district administrative software. When RI purchased the software in August 2003 and re-branded it as RI-CAS and RIDAS, the intention was to provide clubs and districts with an effective tool to assist with the weekly administrative burdens faced by clubs and districts that would also eventually integrate with Rotary's own on-line business application, the Member Access Portal (MAP).

"As your general secretary, I continually work to ensure that your membership dues are used in the most effective manner. After five years, we have found that RI-CAS and RI-DAS is only being used by a very small percentage of clubs and districts worldwide. Lately, it has become evident that

supporting and developing RI-CAS/DAS is diverting key resources away from other critical organization projects.

"It is just not in our organization's best interests to continue to provide access to, distribute, or support this software. Clubs and districts may still use the software after 1 July 2008. However, at the start of the new Rotary year, support and new versions will not be available.

"An even smaller number of clubs and districts use an online version of the software. On 1 July 2008, we will no longer support the online version of RI-CAS and RI-DAS and access to the online service will not be available after 1 September 2008.

"Thank you for your understanding of this necessary change to your resources."

District Conference, celebrating women are memorable

Well, here it is another month passed and the Rotary year 2007-2008 is quickly drawing to a close. It has been a great "Rotary Shares" year and the memories Russ and I have will last a lifetime. This past month, our district had two memorable events. First was the District Conference which was held at the Skytop Resort in the Poconos. There we "shared" our conference with District 7430 under the leadership of DG Jerry Long. It was a terrific event and everyone who attended was more excited than ever about Rotary by the end of the weekend.

On Friday, we started with the traditional PDG luncheon held at the Crescent Lodge Restaurant. This was time for old friends and new friends to join together for fun and fellowship. Friday afternoon and Saturday morning, we had breakout sessions, cooking demonstrations, dancing lessons, swimming, outdoor activities, great food and fellowship. Every night there were hospitality suites to visit and dance music in the lodge lobby.

The Youth Exchange students joined us on Saturday. That evening, they presented a parade of flags while their national anthem played, as each was introduced by District Chair Linda Messer. Also during the dinner, we had a group of students from Williamsport, the "Millionaire Strolling Strings" under the leadership of Jeff Tedford, who enter-

tained us by playing and strolling with their string instruments in hand. It was fabulous and after they were finished, they were given a standing ovation. The night was a lot of fun with very few speeches.

On Sunday, as is tradition, we had a memorial service in honor of the Rotarians who passed away this Rotary year. As each name was read by Russ, the Rotary bell rung and a flower was put into a vase in his or her memory. We then finished with a delicious brunch and everyone was on their way home by 1 p.m. I want to personally thank everyone

who attended the conference, and had a part in making it such a great success.

The following week was our District luncheon to celebrate "20 Years of Women in Rotary" on May 3rd in Philadelphia at the Pyramid Club. The guest speaker was Philadelphia's District Attorney Lynne Abraham. She

was an incredible speaker and allowed time for us to ask many questions at the end of her talk. The afternoon was incredible and each woman in attendance received the

official "Women in Rotary" pin to commemorate the event.

Thanks again to all of the Rotarians and guests that attended from across the district.

Partner's Point of View



By
Dawn
deFuria



Some of 51 Rotarians at "20 Years of Women in Rotary" celebration.

Please join us for... District Governor Joel Chesney's Installation Celebration!



Friday, June 20, 2008

Phillies vs. Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim
Game Time – 7:05 p.m.

Party begins at 5:30 in the Phillies Party Tent located
on Darien St. (east side of Citizens Bank Park)

All-Inclusive Package Price: \$62 per person

Dress is casual—please no children under the age of 12

Package Price Includes:
-Pre-game party buffet dinner including beer & soft drinks
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-Phillie Phanatic appearance



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Installation Chairperson Chuck Killian
(Lt. Gov. '08-'09): cjkillian1@aol.com

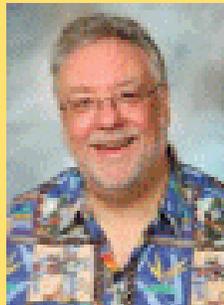


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Rotary's Wide World of Books is the commemorative project of the LA2008 Convention Host Organization, which is being presented by the Los Angeles Times and Reading by 9 program. We are pleased to have Scholastic as our partner and together we make this great opportunity of a virtual book drive possible. Literacy is one of Rotary's top priorities in the world and your participation is greatly appreciated.



For many of you it is a long way to Los Angeles, and some of you are not able to come at all. In order for you to be part of this global literacy initiative, we developed with Scholastic this "paperless" virtual book drive. They will ship your order just in time to be included in the Mountain of Books at the 2008 Rotary International Convention. Please take advantage of this innovative, efficient and very green approach to donate to Rotary's Wide World of Books.

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Thank you for taking part in the largest international book drive ever, and help us to reach our goal to establish a Guinness World Record for Rotary International. We are making arrangements that this achievement will be certified at LA2008.

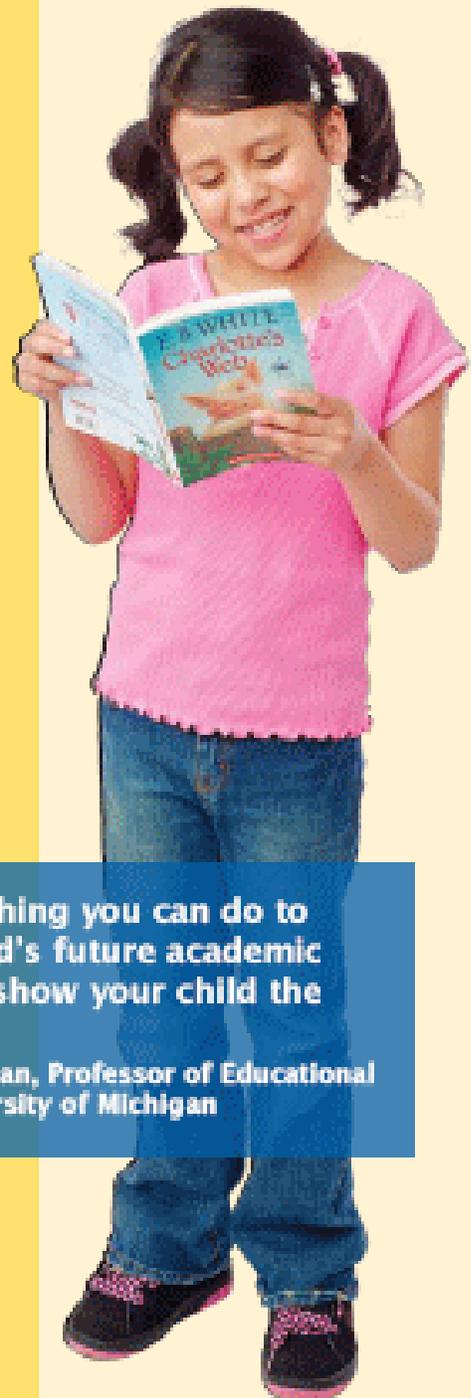
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PDG Ingo Werk, Chairman
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ROTARY'S WIDE WORLD OF BOOKS

Los Angeles Times



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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 cop-

ies and place them on the sergeant-at-arms table.
Thank you.

ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR April, 2008

Report attendance to: info@Rotary7450.org

area	club#	Club Name	Members	%
4	5463	Ardmore	97	Not Reported
4	5464	Bala Cynwyd/Narberth	15	5 55
1	5466	Bensalem	42	Not Reported
4	5467	Bristol	30	Not Reported
4	5468	Broomall	39	Not Reported
4	5469	Bryn Mawr	22	4 55
6	25353	Central Chester County	31	5 50
5	26630	Central Delaware County Aka: Media Sunrisers	10	5 80
2	5470	Cheltenham Rockledge	26	Not Reported
7	5471	Chester	26	Not Reported
7	5472	Chester Pike	28	Not Reported
5	27323	Chesterbrook	16	Not Reported
3	31062	Chestnut Hill	55	5 65
7	5473	Chichester	20	Not Reported
2	5476	Conshohocken -Plymouth Whitemarsh	17	Not Reported
6	5474	Coatesville	53	Not Reported
8	5475	Concordville-Chadds Ford	50	5 57
6	5478	Downingtown	16	5 63
3	27974	Eastwick/Phl Airport	14	5 56
2	26485	Edge Hill	15	5 67
2	5479	Elkins Park	15	3 51
6	5480	Exton-Frazier	13	Not Reported
1	5481	Feasterville	22	Not Reported
3	5494	Frankford - Northeast Philadelphia	39	5 43
8	70137	Glen Mills	19	5 88
8	5483	Glen Riddle	28	Not Reported
2	5484	Glenside	39	Not Reported
8	26213	Greater West Chester Sunrise	42	Not Reported
4	5485	Haverford Township	31	Not Reported
2	5487	Jenkintown	37	Not Reported
9	50612	Kennett At Longwood	75	4 79
9	5488	Kennett Square	17	5 89
5	5489	King Of Prussia	55	Not Reported
1	5490	Langhorne	19	Not Reported
1	5491	Levittown-Fairless Hills	25	Not Reported
3	65194	Madrugadores	20	Not Reported
5	5492	Media	93	4 49
3	55498	NE Sunrisers	22	4 67
5	5493	Newtown Square	35	Not Reported
9	5495	Octorara	12	4 54
9	5496	Oxford	14	5 71
5	5497	Paoli-Malvern-Berwyn	31	4 77
3	5498	Philadelphia	104	4 42
6	5499	Phoenixville	32	5 58
1	75462	Shady Brook	43	5 60
7	5500	Springfield	55	4 59
7	5501	Swarthmore	47	Not Reported
6	30662	Thorndale	14	Not Reported
9	50613	Twin Valley	13	Not Reported
7	5477	Upper Darby-Lansdowne	37	Not Reported
4	5503	Wayne	25	Not Reported
8	5504	West Chester	129	Not Reported
9	5505	West Grove/Avondale	35	4 64
8	5506	Westtown-Goshen	39	4 86

Total = 1898



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