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Message from DG Al



This message was written after the Earthquake in Haiti. The presidents and secretaries of all Rotary Clubs received a message from me encouraging the Clubs to consider support for the Haitian people by contributing to one of our District projects, ShelterBox, through the website www.shelterboxusa.org. We all know the great work ShelterBox is doing by deploying tents in disaster areas around the world. Another way the Clubs can contribute is by sending their contributions to Gundaker Foundation with a notation to be used for Haiti Relief and we will distribute those funds the same way we distributed funds during the Katrina Relief efforts.

In addition to my personal email message of Seasons Greetings that went to those for whom we have email addresses in our new Data Base, I would also like to wish a Happy New Year to every member of our District.

This is "Rotary Awareness Month" in Rotary and what an event the Rotary Club of Longwood put together on January 4 to honor Mayor Leon Spencer of the Boro of Kennett Square for his retirement. There was no better way to make the residents of the Boro more aware of the Rotary Club of Longwood's involvement with the community it serves.

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Rotary answers call for help; ShelterBox team mobilized

The Rotary Foundation has established the [Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund](#) for U.S. Rotarians who want to donate toward recovery efforts in the aftermath of the January 12 earthquake.

The Haitian Red Cross is estimating that more than 100,000 people are dead and millions more injured after the quake, the nation's strongest in 200 years, crumbled government buildings, hospitals, schools, and shantytowns. Most of the capital, Port-au-Prince, is in ruins.

A ShelterBox response team of two U.S. Rotarians and one from the United Kingdom immediately mobilized to deliver 500 containers of supplies to the affected areas.

In addition, more than 100 Aquaboxes are being delivered to Haiti to provide safe water.

Claude Surena, a member of the Rotary Club of Petion-Ville and president of the Haitian Medical Association, is sheltering more than 100 people in his damaged home in Port-au-Prince. He also is leading the efforts of the 17 Haitian Rotary Clubs to ensure that the ShelterBox containers will be deployed effectively to the thousands left homeless.

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For complete details, turn to pages 15 to 17.

FROM DG AL MARLAND:**Looking at past and future for Rotary year****CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE**

Kudos to Longwood for making this event the cornerstone of their Rotary Awareness Month in Rotary.

RI President Kenny in his January message reminds us that "In Rotary, January is the halfway point of our year of service, and it is also a time for us all to look at both the past and the future. It is the time of year to take stock, to review the goals that we have set for ourselves, and to evaluate how well we have fulfilled those expectations. It is a time to look honestly at our progress and our challenges and to consider the steps we will need to take to complete our planned service successfully." Individuals and clubs can be proud of many achievements in the last six months as I have observed during my visits to the 54 clubs of our District. Kenny added "There is much to be done these next months. Do not waste a moment of that most precious commodity: time."

The best news I have for the District Conference is the substantial reduction in the prices. A new revised brochure is attached to this newsletter and it is also available on the District web site www.rotary7450.org. This is the last chance members have to register for this District Conference before we release all the non-reserved staterooms. Plan ahead and enjoy this wonderful opportunity that has been created in our District. I am looking forward to seeing many of you on board on the way to Bermuda. We have been notified that RI President Kenny's representative is past RI director Bob Coultas and he and I have communicated and we are making plans for a great visit.

With the exception of one Rotary Club all the official visits have been accomplished with the last one scheduled the early part of January. What an experience it has been to visit every Club in the District and meet all the wonderful service oriented Rotarians who belong to the 54 Clubs. I would like to thank all the Rotarians for making me feel welcomed at all the Clubs.

Please read the article in this issue about RYLA and identify high school juniors and seniors to support and sponsor their attendance to our annual RYLA Conference on February 19 to 21. The Rotary Club presidents and secretaries received all the registration and promotional materials to be used in your efforts to find and sponsor youth in your area. The

Youth Exchange Program in our District also is looking for sponsors of their nine students from abroad studying in our District.

Please also read the article by DGE Joan Batory on the upcoming President -Elect Training Seminar scheduled for February 26 and 27. Remember that all president- elects are required to attend PETS before they assume the presidency of their Clubs.

The District Data Base (DDB) is being implemented Club by Club. Any Club that wants to nominate its secretary or another individual to become Club Communications Officer, we will make the effort to train them to start incorporating all Club membership data in the DDB. Those who have experienced the use of the DDB are excited with all the benefits that the Clubs gain from its use and most of all the benefits the District as a whole is gaining by providing better electronic communications to all the Rotarians in the District. We need your help to identify those who will help the Clubs reach that user friendliness with the DDB.

The Nominating Committee is in the process of interviewing potential candidates for the two open DG track positions and the outcome will be known soon. Thank you all for your patience in this process.

The outbound GSE Team, which will visit district 2470 in southern Greece in April, 2010, is learning Greek and is being exposed to the Greek language and culture. They are letting all the Rotarians in the District know that they are excited at the opportunity given to them by our District. They say Ευχαριστω! Hopefully the publicity about the outgoing team will peak the interest of the clubs in the District to host the Greek team visiting our District in May, 2010. Watch for social networking sites and blogs to follow the team in their travels to Greece.

Please send news about Club projects to Joan Toenniessen (mombugjoan@msn.com) and photos to Jay Childress (info@Rotary7450.org) so you can share your successes with the rest of us in the District. Please print a few copies of the newsletter, take it to your club meeting, and share it with some of your members who don't have computer communications..

Please email me your thoughts, suggestions, ideas and comments at DG0910@rotary7450.org.

Al J. Marland



ShelterBox: Among first getting aid into Haiti

LAKWOOD RANCH, FL (January 16, 2010) – ShelterBoxes are being packed around the clock. Hundreds of ShelterBoxes that were dispatched from the prepositioned stock in Curacao on Wednesday are due to touch down in Haiti late this afternoon, Haitian time. More ShelterBoxes are set to arrive in Port au Prince, Haiti later this week.

Since ShelterBox is the largest Rotary Club project in world – local Rotarians in Haiti have been a vital part in obtaining clearance for ShelterBox to land and get the life saving aid into the country.

ShelterBox Response Team (SRT) members David Eby (US), Wayne Robinson (US) and Mark Pearson (UK) have been in Port au Prince since Thursday and have been working nonstop assessing the most effective ways to distribute the much needed aid.

A second Response Team, consisting of SRT members Mark Dyer (Illinois) and John Lacquey (Florida) are in Miami, coordinating the ShelterBox logistical effort into Haiti from there.



They will be joined later today by SRT member Ian Neal (UK) who will be travelling with the ShelterBoxes which are being shipped through Miami.

SRT Mark Pearson, who was one of the first on the ground after the Indian Ocean Tsunami, said: "This is worse than the tsunami. It's utter chaos at the airport. Buildings have been completely destroyed, the hospital has been destroyed. It's a full scale emergency, there's so much destruction."

Each "ShelterBox" supplies an extended family of up to 10 people with a tent and lifesaving equipment to use while they are displaced or homeless. In addition to a tent, a range of other survival equipment is supplied.

DG Al Marland reports he has received word from Rotary Clubs indicating at least two dozen ShelterBoxes have been funded in the first week. "Kudos to all who are stepping up to meet this urgent need."

Rotary responds quickly in Haiti

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"Rotarians are working hard and fast to get help to those in Haiti," says Past RI Director Barry Rassin of Nassau, Bahamas, who has previously coordinated relief efforts in the country. "We're at the same time working on long-term efforts."

More than \$75,000 has been donated to District 7020 in the Caribbean, according to Past District Governor Dick McCombe. The district will be coordinating much of the Rotarian relief effort through its Haiti Task Force, set up two years ago to administer all financial aid to the nation.

Dawn Johnson, president of the Rotary Club of Verrettes, L'Artibonite, Haiti, says the infrastructure couldn't handle a quake this massive. "The government is highly centralized in Port-au-Prince, which is now entombed in rubble," says Johnson, who was in the U.S. while the quake struck. "The scale of this disaster is so huge. It is way beyond anything Haiti has ever dealt with before," Johnson adds. She said her Rotary Club is already working on getting clean water to victims. "I cringe a little at what I might see when I get back (end of month)."

RI President John Kenny and Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Glenn E. Estess, Sr. have sent a joint letter conveying Rotary's condolences to victims of the quake and asking for more information on how Rotarians can help.

For information on how to help, go to www.Rotary.org.

District 7020 reports on the early response

District 7020 PDG Dick McCombe, coordinator for Haiti, reported January 15th, at 2 p.m.:

"Shelter Box expects to have 2900 ShelterBoxes on the ground over the next few weeks; 900 are there now, and 1000 are on the way with the balance to follow.

"We have a container of medical supplies in Atlanta that is going to be transferred to a DC-3 tomorrow and will be in route to Haiti by Sunday. A number of relief flights from other countries have gone in as well. Our Jamaican Rotarians in concert with the Jamaican Government and Coast Guard have sent in an army of supplies and people and are continuing to build their relief efforts.

"We have four flights (twin engine) leaving Nassau tomorrow for Haiti followed by a DC-3 on Sunday. The three Beechcraft from North Carolina to Haiti are due early next week and we will have four planes on the ground in Nassau for the remaining two weeks available to us and all we need to cover are the fuel costs."

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

18 January 2010



Dear Rotarians:

We are deeply saddened to hear of the recent earthquake in Haiti, and we are touched by the commitment of Rotarians to assist the communities affected by this disaster. Rotary International is coordinating relief efforts, and we are writing to you today to provide you with information on how you may work through Rotary to make a significant contribution toward alleviating this major humanitarian crisis.

Rotary International coordinates information and provides resources on Club and District disaster relief efforts. When informed of local relief initiatives, RI shares updates about these efforts on the [RI website](#). Rotarians wishing to contribute funds or donated goods to disaster victims can visit the website or contact the International Service Programs Section at relief@rotary.org to learn about current relief and recovery efforts.

Also, The Rotary Foundation has established the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund, a donor advised fund, for the purpose of collecting contributions for earthquake victims. Details about the fund have been posted on the [RI website](#). Please note that all contributions must be in U.S. dollars, and only U.S. tax receipts will be issued. Additionally, District Designated Funds cannot be accepted.

We have been in contact with District Governor Errol C. Alberga to offer assistance in publicizing any relief efforts that Clubs in Haiti are implementing on RI's online projects database, ProjectLINK. Any disaster recovery projects registered by District 7020 will be posted on ProjectLINK on a priority basis. Additionally, articles have been posted to the home page of the [RI website](#) with details on Rotary Club involvement in relief efforts and how you can help.

Rotarians may contact Governor Alberga directly at al.gram@cwjamaica.com or visit the [District 7020 website](#).

As always, when organizing a response to a local or international disaster, we encourage Rotary Clubs and districts to work with experienced emergency relief organizations such as [UNICEF](#), the [International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies](#), [Doctors Without Borders](#), [ShelterBox](#), [Aquabox](#), and [World Water Works](#) to meet the immediate needs of victims affected by the disaster.

It is our hope that with your meaningful and rapid response to this appeal, you will be able to help rebuild the future for millions of innocent people affected by this crisis. Thank you for your commitment to helping disaster victims.

Sincerely,

John Kenny, President
Rotary International

Glenn E. Estess Sr., Trustee Chairman
The Rotary Foundation

Ed Futa, General Secretary
Rotary International



Former GSE team member leads GSE team to Greece

Group Study Exchange, Rotary's cultural and vocational exchange program, will be taking four young professionals from District 7450 to Athens Greece, with some time in Crete for the District Conference in the spring.

Lisa Leonard, a voiceover artist who records commercials, narrations, and telephone messages for clients around the world and does some DJ work at B101 Radio in Philadelphia, will lead the team. Members of the team are:

Stacy Filopoulos, a litigation associate with Bennett, Bricklin & Saltzberg, LLC in Center City Philadelphia, grew up in America with a strong Greek background. Stacy is eager to learn more about the legal system and insurance industry in her parents' native country.

Philip Fitzgerald, an associate with the Nonprofit Finance Fund in Center City, has a passion for working in local communities and for helping others achieve their goals. His current position involves administering a grant-making, private-public partnership aimed at improving the quality of child care for low to moderate-income families.

Lauren Hirshon, senior associate, Strategy and Innovation for Philadelphia Workforce Investment Board in Center City, is a Harvard graduate, and a skilled athlete. She was a four-



District 7450 Group Student Exchange team to Athens Greece will be led by voiceover artist and local radio deejay Lisa Leonard (center), who was a GSE team member to South Korea several years ago. Team members are (from left) Sarah Rogers, Lauren Hirshon, Stacy Filopoulos and Phil Fitzgerald.

year javelin thrower with the second farthest throw in university history. Lauren plays on football and softball teams in the Delaware Valley.

Sarah Rogers, a beneficiary administrator for Vanguard Group in Malvern, looks forward to learning about the Greek financial system as well as human resources and wellness aspects of the business world and every day life in Greece. She also teaches yoga.

Team leader Leonard comments, "Having been a GSE Team member a few years ago to South Korea, I am excited to embark on this adventure with such an impressive team."

The incoming GSE Team will arrive in District 7450 in late April and will attend the 2010 District Conference on the Bermuda Cruise.



Committee which selected the GSE team members included (from left) Downingtown Rotarian Dee Karas, Glenside Rotarian Kerry Costello-Null who is chairman of GSE Selection Committee, and past GSE team leader Jane Williams of Ardmore Rotary Club. Williams led the District 7450 GSE Team to Italy

Pre-Pets Dinner kicks off training for 2010-2011

The dinner and orientation for the 2010-2011 Rotary District 7450 President-Elects January 11 at The Desmond Hotel and Conference Center in Malvern provided a great "kick-off" for the training of next year's leaders of District 7450 Rotary Clubs.



Offering insight for role of Rotary Club president are (from left) Longwood Rotarian/ PP Dave Haradon, Exton-Frazer Rotarian/ PP/ADG Dave Ellis and 2009-2010 trainer PDG Russ deFuria

Dan Matarazzo, whom *The Philadelphia Daily News* recently referred to as "a teddy bear with a glorious voice." Accompanied by Philadelphia teacher Jennifer Crawford, Dan received a standing ovation from the attendees after he delivered "God Bless America," followed



Concordville-Chadds Ford Rotary Club president-elect Jim Murphy shares his most memorable Rotary experience.

by the inspirational "To Dream The impossible Dream" from "The Man of La Mancha," and the signature song of Josh Groban, "You Raise Me Up."

Following dinner, the highlight of the evening was former District Governor Russ deFuria coaxing every attendee into telling about his or her best experience in Rotary, which turned

out to be both heartwarming and truly meaningful.

The substance of the event was delivered by Dave Haradon who focused on "What is Leadership," followed by Dave Ellis on "Planning Tools" and PDG Russ deFuria on "Team Building." These presentations were crisp and focused on leaders "being the best they can be."



President-elect Louise Burroughs, Chester Rotarian, shares her best Rotary experience as PDG Russ deFuria listens.

District Governor-Elect Joan Batory closed out the night with her best imitation of David Letterman as she unveiled her "Top 10 List for Rotary Leaders."

"This was indeed a great introduction to being a Rotary president for those in attendance," summarized DGE Joan Batory. "I was so impressed by the turnout of so many future Rotary leaders who took time away from their families to participate. There was so much commitment and determination in our meeting room."

"What a great beginning of the tomorrows for these future leaders."



Area Three assistant governor designate Margaret Kelly of Frankford-Northeast Rotary Club and DG-Elect Joan Batory



PDG Russ deFuria listens as Gina Genin, president-elect of Levittown-Fairless Hills Rotary Club, recalls Rotary story.



PDG Russ deFuria watches as Exton-Frazer Rotary Club president-elect Ed Bauer tells his best Rotary experience at Pre-Pets dinner.

Elkins Park Rotary Club president-elect Joel Levin relates his best experience as a Rotarian.



Mid-Atlantic Rotary PETS slated February 25-27

The 54 presidents-elect from Rotary District 7450 will come together with nearly 200 presidents-elect from four other Rotary Districts for the Mid-Atlantic President-Elect Training Seminar (PETS) at the Radisson Valley Forge in King of Prussia from February 25-27.

PETS is mandatory for all of those who will be serving as club presidents in 2010-2011. Its goal is to provide these new presidents with clear insights into the wide array of Rotary's programs and priorities as well as to suggest leadership and membership development strategies.

"The planning process for this PETS has involved gathering input and ideas from many past District Governors and other Rotary leaders for more than one year in trying to create the most meaningful and practical program for our new presidents," said Rotary District 7450 Governor-Elect Joan Batory.

"The Mid-Atlantic President-Elect Training Seminar, considered to be one of the very best of its kind in the USA, is also very unique in that its multi-District participation of so many future presidents creates so much energy and enthusiasm to benefit the participants.

"Leadership is taken very seriously in Rotary. Great presidents will lead great clubs to great things. That is what PETS is all

about....attempting to build presidential excellence."

There will be a number of featured speakers who will address the president-elects on Friday and Saturday (February 26 and 27) at the required training sessions.

District assistant governors-designate will be present to confer with the presidents in their areas of responsibility.

"Break-outs" and many activities are designed for personalization and involvement of the presidential participants.

In addition to all of this, president-elects can opt to attend optional "enhancement" workshops on Thursday, February 25.

"I am excited and optimistic that this PETS will be the best ever in terms of its content and quality and potential to develop leadership effectiveness," summarized District 7450 Governor-Elect Batory.

"I have also been very impressed with the personal qualities and commitment of the many incoming presidents I have already met and I am looking forward to working with them in the Rotary year ahead."



Joan Batory, District Governor-Elect, is a member of Philadelphia Rotary

District 7450 RYLA at Freedoms Foundation February 19-21

For the 12th year Rotary District 7450 is sponsoring a RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) Conference. RYLA is a leadership training program adopted in 1971 by RI. The program is a combination of leadership training, team building, motivation and living history lessons.

DG Al Marland reminds Rotary Clubs "It is time to select students! Participants must be high school juniors or seniors. If your club is hosting a Youth Exchange Student, send him/her! If your club sponsors an Interact Club, look to their members! Remember - this is one of the few programs that the children of Rotarians can attend. Look to your club members for a student you might sponsor!"

DG Al adds, "If possible, we would appreciate

all clubs sending at least one or two students to this very valuable experience."

The fee is \$240 per student for the first two sponsored by a Rotary Club, and \$220 for additional students sponsored by that Club. Checks should be payable to "Rotary District 7450" and sent with students names to Registrar Louise V. Burroughs, 342 West Brookhaven Road, Brookhaven, PA 19015. Registration deadline is January 30,

All application and program materials are available for download from the District Web Page, www.rotary7450.org.

For more information, contact Louise Vitiello at lvitiello@chestercommunitycharter.org

Broomall Rotarians deliver gifts, 30 dinners

Each year, members of the Broomall Rotary Club fan out across the Marple Township delivering holiday presents to dozens of children. The Rotary Club's Christmas Sharing program was started several years ago by Rotarian Vincent Frustillo in hope of adding the joy of Christmas to children whose families having difficult times.

This year Rotarians provided Christmas presents and dinners for 30 families. The Rotarians purchase gifts for the children and Marty Godfrey of Mrs. Marty's Deli in Lawrence Park donates complete turkey dinners for each family.

Earlier, Frustillo contacted Maple-Newtown School District to learn of families who could use help around Christmas. The families were told Rotary would like to deliver presents for their children and dinner for the family. If they accept, parents complete a questionnaire listing what the children would like. During a Rotary meeting, Rotarians received the questionnaires with the names removed and code numbers to protect privacy.

Early on a snowy Saturday morning before Christmas, Rotarians met at Mrs. Marty's Deli and received the addresses matching the code numbers. Armed with dozens of turkey dinners, hundreds of gifts and street maps, they drove off to deliver Christmas cheer.

The Rotarians who deliver gifts are not those who bought them. It is a very heart-warming experience for the Rotarians, who perhaps get the greatest gift of all - the gift of giving.



Broomall Rotary Club members, who gather in front of Mrs. Marty's Deli before they head out to deliver Christmas dinners and gifts to 30 families, are Dave Winters, Russ Kehler, Joe Patti (pom pom on Santa hat behind Russ), Tom Barnes, Jim Bradley, Dan Leefson, Jim Kenney, John McCoy, Club president Sue Miller, Stan Madsen, and Vincent Frustillo, who is founder and organizer of event.

Paul Harris Fellows

Longwood Rotary Club celebrated the presentation of four Paul Harris Fellows to (from left) Doak Conn, Tim Walsh, Nick O'Neill and Jane Laslo. Also on hand were (left) Barbara Conn (wife of Doak Conn) and (second from right) Club president Andy Jenkins and Dave McKeon look on.



District 7020: How Rotary Clubs can assist Haiti

ITEMS FOR SHIPMENT: Specify the items being collected for shipment; should be non-perishable foods, over the counter medications that are not past the expiration date, general toiletries. Clothing should be limited to clean, nearly new. It would be helpful if clothing is pre-sorted into men, women and children packages.

WIRE TRANSFER INFORMATION: Donors should send e-mail advice of transfer to **PDG Richard W. Harris** rwh@candw.ky (state name and email address of any other intended recipient) to: **Wachovia Bank, New York;**

SWIFT Code: PNBUS3NNYC ; ABA Code: 026005092 .

FOR CREDIT: FirstCaribbean International Bank (Cayman) Limited; SWIFT Code: FCIBKYKY; Account Number: 2000192002655; **FOR FURTHER CREDIT:** Rotary International District 7020; Account Number 3481106 ; Reference "Haiti Earthquake Relief."

CHECKS AND BANK DRAFTS: payable to "Rotary District 7020 - Haiti Earthquake ; mail to : PDG Richard W. Harris Rotary International District 7020 ; P.O. Box 557 Grand Cayman KY1-1502; CAYMAN ISLANDS

WC Downtown 'Fridays' fights child slavery

By Carol Metzker, West Chester Downtown 'Fridays' Rotarian

Rajneesh, who conducts raids and child-slave rescues, as well as keeps operations running smoothly at Bal Vikas Ashram child-slave rehab center, took the first spin on a motorbike provided by Rotarians this month. He traveled to the area of Bhadohi to check on the health of Asmat, a boy who was a slave in the carpet industry, and the financial situation of his family. After Asmat was rescued, he was treated at BVA and returned to his home, but is suffering from cardiac problems.

In the next few years, the motorbike will enable staff from BVA to make numerous field visits to ensure the continued health, well-being and freedom of children who were rescued from slavery.

The Rotary Clubs of West Chester Downtown "Fridays" and Norwich St. Edmunds (UK) provided funds for the motorbike, helmet and accessories. It was the first project undertaken by the newly forming Rotarian Action Group, Rotarians Against Child Slavery.

Bal Vikas Ashram (BVA) is a child-slave rehabilitation center near Allahabad, India, that has served more than 450 children since the year 2000. During their recovery and rehabilitation at the center, boys receive medical and psychological treatment. They also receive education—general literacy,

vocational training and information about human rights—that help protect them and their villages against further slavery after the children have returned home.

For more information on how to fight child slavery, contact Carol Metzker, echmetzker@aol.com.



Former child-slaves gather around a motorbike provided by West Chester Downtown "Fridays" and Rotary Clubs Norwich-St. Edmunds (England), at Bal Vikas Ashram in India.

Longwood Rotarians host holiday party for 8 families

Eight families with special needs kids ranging in age from 5 to 18 were awed by Longwood Gardens, the holiday Gardens tour guides worked together to take the 28 family members throughout the Gardens and visit the Pierce House. The kids especially enjoyed meeting Santa Claus and one of his elves during dinner, which was provided by Longwood Gardens along with the entry ticket

After dinner the families toured the Conservatory where the Children's Garden was a huge hit. At the end of the evening, 28 tired and delighted people thanked us for a fun evening

After dinner, the families toured the Conservatory where the Children's Garden was a huge hit. How can any adult or child not be fascinated by the water displays! At the end of the evening, 28 tired and delighted people thanked the Rotarians for a fun evening.



Joyce (elf) and Joel (Santa's helper) Chesney entertain children during Longwood Rotary Club holiday party.

What's happening in District 7450 Rotary Clubs

Three new Rotarians

Glen Mills Rotary Club president Paul O'Brian (right) welcomes three new members (from left) Karen Mazzarella, John Mazzarella, and Rose DiLeva, who were inducted in November. Also on hand at November meeting is founding president Tony DiLeva (second from right).



Spaghetti Dinner benefits 'Coats for Kids'



Feasterville Rotary Club, with the help of the Ferderbar School EarlyAct Club, sponsored "Coats for Kids" Spaghetti Dinner which raised enough money to buy more than 80 new coats for local kids in three elementary schools and one middle school. Feasterville Rotarians get the coats from Operation Warm and the schools distribute them. EarlyAct students who helped included (front row, from left) Annie Reinzi, San Busch, Matt Pozzuolo, Madison Miller, Shane Bishop, Emma Saloky; and (back row) Sandor Fabiani and teacher, Susan Borislow.

Mother, daughter Rotarians



Monica Sockwell (center) is the newest member of the Upper Darby Rotary Club. She is congratulated by her mother, Phyllis Sockwell, and past president and past District Governor Russ deFuria.

Greater West Chester Sunrise

Cynthia Ericson Beideman and Gary Beideman hosted a successful Greater West Chester Sunrise Rotary

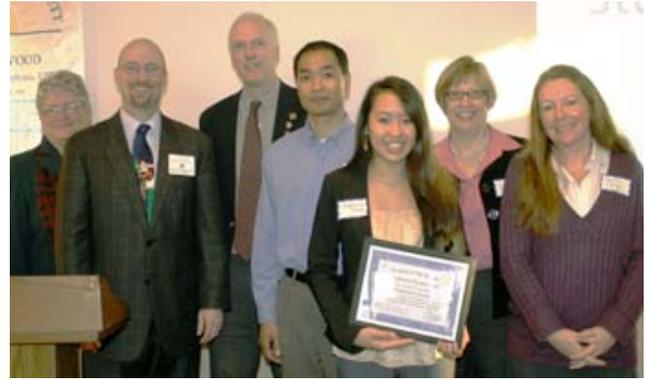


Christmas party for the second year in a row. On hand were Idna Corbett, Chris Hasen, Cynthia Ericson Beideman and Christina Valocchi.

Rotary Clubs honor 'Students of the Month'



Rotary Club of Glen Mills president Paul O'Brian presented "Student of the Month" certificates last month to Rustin High School students (from left) Matt Lamorgese, Matt Michaels, Cathy Smith, and Monica Do.



Unionville High School Student of the Month Stephanie Zhang (holding certificate) is congratulated by (from left) Superintendent in the Unionville-Chadds Ford School District Sharon Parker, Director of Secondary Education John Sanville, Longwood Rotary Club president Andy Jenkins, Minli Zhang (Stephanie's father), High School Principal Paula Massanari, and Counselor Carolyn Spiegel.



The Rotary Club of Media honored students from Penncrest and Strath Haven High Schools in November during the weekly meeting. President Ken Delmar (right) presented certificates to (from left) Isabelle Wozniak and Nicholas Cheung from Strath Haven High School and Patrice Coleman and Johnathan Frestedt from Pencrest High School. Also on hand was Jack Hontz (second from left). "Student Of The Month" program is one of Club's oldest programs.



Broomall Rotarian John McKenna congratulates Sean Rafferty, Cardinal O'Hara High School senior, as November "Student of the Month." He was highly recommended by the O'Hara administration and counseling department. He has been a member of the National Honor Society for two years.

The wife of PDG Arne Graf, Rita Graf, died Dec. 25 and the wife of PDG Tom McCarthy, Ruth McCarthy, died January 7. Newtown Rotary Club is accepting memorial contributions to the Rotary Foundation in Rita's name. Memorial contributions for Ruth McCarthy may be sent to Rotary Foundation, Polio Plus, 14280 Collections Center Dr., Chicago, Ill., 60693.

Phoenixville Rotarians support ‘Shop With Cops’

The Rotary Club of Phoenixville donated \$1,000 to the Phoenixville Police Association’s “Shop With The Cops” program last month

The “Shop With The Cops” program helps selected children from Barkley Elementary School have a brighter holiday season with a shopping spree at Kmart.

Phoenixville Police Cpl. Mike Barrett said, “We allow the school to select the names of the children, and we take them to Kmart to let them shop for Christmas.” Cpl. Barrett added, “We want them to buy things they can enjoy, but lately they’ve been buy-



Phoenixville Police Cpl. Mike Barrett thanks Phoenixville Rotary Club president Chuck Benz for a \$1,000 donation for “Shop With Cops” program.

ing necessities such as shoes, socks and clothing.”

In addition to the Rotary Club donation, funds for “Shop With The Cops” come from Barto Pool & Spa, and police officer contributions.

“We’ve been doing this for 12 years,” said Barrett. “It first started with seven children, and last year we were close to 40 kids.”

Children arrive at Kmart usually around 3 p.m. and refreshments are supplied. Once they are finished with the refreshments, the children are assigned to shop with an officer, and have a certain amount of money to spend.

‘Service Above Self’



Kennett Square Mayor Leon Spencer receives the prestigious “Service Above Self Award” from Longwood Rotary Club president Andy Jenkins in recognition of the Mayor’s selfless dedication and dynamic leadership during his 11 years in office. The award was presented as part of wider Kennett Square community recognition at a breakfast sponsored by the Longwood Rotary Club and attended by more than 270 local residents January 4 at the Red Clay Room in Kennett Square.

Chester Pike Rotarians salute students

The Rotary Club of Chester Pike commended Ejiro Akporotu, a senior at Academy Park High School, and Robert Thomas, a senior at Ridley High School for their selection as “Students of the Month” for excellence in academics and community service.



Broomall Rotarians salute student



Broomall Rotarian John McKenna congratulates Marple-Newtown High School Senior/ Delaware County Technical School student Rebecca Hulsey as December “Student of the Month.” She is enrolled in the health occupations program and is Pennsylvania State president of the National Occupations of America student organization.

Philadelphia Rotarians enjoy 'Moveable Feast'

The latest Rotary Club of Philadelphia's Fireside Event" on January 8 was a "Moveable Feast" at which guests followed a delicious pathway through three different condos at The Philadelphian. Along the way they enjoyed an array of elegant appetizers provided by Barbara and John Forer, a sumptuous



main course of filet mignon, pork tenderloin, and Seafood Newburg, cooked by DGE Joan and president-elect Joe (in red apron) Batory and exquisite homemade desserts from Gisele and

Shelly Prushan. The reviews are in: "A terrific social evening and fabulous food!" Four Fireside Events will be hosted by members of The Rotary Club of Philadelphia this year.

Public Image Initiative project

Dear District Governor,

I am writing to ask for your support for a major Public Image project which is taking place on 23 February 2010. Various Public Image initiatives will be happening around the world from 16 February until 2 March 2010. These will include the now successful lighting up of iconic buildings with the message "End Polio Now." Leaders of governments will also receive from Rotary an "End Polio Now" postcard. I would appreciate if you would ask each of the clubs in your District to be seen doing something visible to promote the "End Polio Now" campaign. It can be anything from spending an hour one day handing out leaflets about Rotary and polio to having a booth at your local shopping mall collecting money to help pay for polio immunization for the children. It really is up to each Club's imagination to do what they can to support this project. I do hope you will take this challenge to your clubs. Imagine the impact of every club in the world taking part to help "End Polio Now" around our organization's 105th anniversary. For ideas and outreach materials to highlight 23 February, please visit: <http://www.rotary.org/en/AboutUs/RotaryLeadership/RIpresident/Pages/PublicImage.aspx>

I wish you success as we celebrate Rotary's anniversary confident that each club will recognize
The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands.

Sincerely,
John Kenny

Rotary Awareness Month

(Condensed and edited - origin unknown)

What does a Rotary Club Do?"

Someone asked that question once
And I stood there just like a dunce!

Said I, "We gather for a meal

And ask each other how we feel

We get club business out of the way

And then it's our program of the day".

Well my friend - he turned to go.

"That wasn't what I wanted to know."

This made me pause and think a bit

What makes Rotary really tick?

Two billion children are healthy today

In lands both near and far away.

Hungry children are being fed

Through better ways to grow their bread.

Polio is being eradicated

And children are being educated.

Youth come here from every land

GSE teams are met with outstretched hands.

Whole nations are helped to meet water needs

Rotarians are always planting the seeds.

A hundred things there are to say

About what Rotarians do each day

If my friend should ask again,

I'll have another answer then!

Calendar

Feb. 19-20 2010 :RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) at Valley Forge Freedom Foundation.

Feb. 26-27: Multi-District PETS King of Prussia Marriott Scanticon Hotel.

March 12, 2010: Rotary Leadership Institute, Mt. Laurel, N.J.

April 2010: GSE outgoing to Greece.

April 10, 2010: Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) Wilmington, Dela-

ware, Hotel du Pont for Level I, II, III, Graduate.

April 29, 2010:District Assembly, Desmond Hotel and Conference Center. 4:30 p.m. for assistant governors, presidents-elect, 2010-2011 Club committees.

May 2010: Incoming GSE team arrives from Greece.

May 8-13 2010: District Conference and cruise to Bermuda. See flyer at www.Rotary7450.org. and attachment to newsletter.



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area	club#	ClubName		December
2	26485	Abington at Edge Hill	11	Not Reported
4	5463	Ardmore	85	Not Reported
4	5464	Bala Cynwyd/Narberth	17	50
1	5466	Bensalem	39	60
1	5467	Bristol	39	76
4	5468	Broomall	39	Not Reported
4	5469	Bryn Mawr	18	57
6	25353	Central Chester County	24	Not Reported
5	26630	Central Delaware County	10	88
2	5470	Cheltenham Rockledge	17	69
7	5471	Chester	25	68
7	5472	Chester Pike	26	70
5	27323	Chesterbrook	16	Not Reported
3	31062	Chestnut Hill	48	75
7	5473	Chichester	23	Not Reported
6	5474	Coatesville	53	63
8	5475	Concordville-Chadds Ford	40	Not Reported
2	5476	Conshohocken-Plymouth Whitemarsh	18	Not Reported
6	5478	Downingtown	16	Not Reported
3	27974	Eastwick/Phl Airport	11	64
2	5479	Elkins Park	10	54
6	5480	Exton-Frazier	15	78
1	5481	Feasterville	20	Not Reported
3	5494	Frankford - Northeast Philadelphia	27	69
8	70137	Glen Mills	18	72
8	5483	Glen Riddle	23	76
2	5484	Glenside	34	60
8	26213	Greater West Chester Sunrise	42	79
4	5485	Haverford Township	31	Not Reported
2	5487	Jenkintown	67	Not Reported
9	5488	Kennett Square	16	Not Reported
5	5489	King Of Prussia	40	Not Reported
1	5490	Langhorne	28	Not Reported
1	5491	Levittown-Fairless Hills	20	45
9	50612	Longwood	96	91
3	65194	Madrugadores	10	Not Reported
5	5492	Media	87	Not Reported
3	55498	NE Sunrisers	19	72
5	5493	Newtown Square	31	58
9	5496	Oxford	19	70
5	5497	Paoli-Malvern-Berwyn	28	68
3	5498	Philadelphia	100	Not Reported
6	5499	Phoenixville	33	56
1	75462	Shady Brook	40	40
7	5500	Springfield	22	Not Reported
7	5501	Swarthmore	52	Not Reported
6	30662	Thorndale	13	Not Reported
9	50613	Twin Valley	17	Not Reported
7	5477	Upper Darby-Lansdowne	35	59
4	5503	Wayne	23	51.95
8	5504	West Chester	113	Not Reported
8	79371	West Chester Downtown "Fridays"	21	72
9	5505	West Grove/Avondale	30	65
8	5506	Westtown-Goshen	38	73
			1762	



Message from District Governor Al Marland

Dear Fellow Rotarians and Family of Rotary:

It is my pleasure to invite you to share in a unique experience for District 7450, a District Conference aboard a luxurious ocean liner, Royal Caribbean's Explorer of the Seas, for a fabulous six day, five night cruise to Bermuda and back.

We will board the magnificent Explorer of the Seas at Cape Liberty in Bayonne, NJ on May 8, 2010 and return on May 13, 2010. There will be activities galore aboard the ship, miniature golf, a rock climbing wall, duty free shopping, shows, casino, children's pool and activities, health and fitness center or fun in the sun, and of course, great food and Rotary Fellowship. The Explorer of the Seas has it all.

While in Bermuda, golfers will have an opportunity to play on a great course, and shoppers will have a field day. Join us as we recognize our spectacular year in District 7450. I look forward to seeing you on board!

Bon Voyage!

Al Marland/District Governor

Bermuda:

Nearly 600 Nautical miles off the coast of North Carolina, this island is known for its pastel painted houses, brilliantly colored gardens, cricket matches, fabulous golf courses and charming shorts. Its pink sand beaches and excellent shopping make Bermuda a delightful place to visit.

5 Night Bermuda Itinerary on board Explorer of the Seas

Day	Port	Arrive	Depart
Sat	Cape Liberty, NJ		5:00 PM
Sun	At Sea		
Mon	Kings Wharf, Bermuda	9:00 AM	
Tue	Kings Wharf, Bermuda		5:00 PM
Wed	At Sea		
Thu	Cape Liberty, NJ	7:00 AM	

Cruise Package Includes:

- Five (5) Night Cruise aboard Explorer of the seas
- Breakfast, lunch, dinner plus all snacks
- Private Cocktail Party for Rotarians and Guests
- Governor's Gala Luncheon Banquet
- All Plenary sessions and special events
- Evening entertainment each night on board
- Use of the Rock Climbing Wall, Ice skating rink
- All port taxes and government fees (subject to change)
- All gratuities to ship personnel
- Fully escorted by our professional tour managers

Register online at www.tltravel.com/districtconference7450

You can either register online at www.tlgtravel.com/DistrictConference7450 or complete this application, list credit card or send your check payable to TLG Travel, 111 Township Line Road, Jenkintown, PA 19046. Attn: District 7450 Cruise. You can also fax completed application to 215-379-6834. Call 215-379-6800 x 1111 with any questions.

Rotarian/Guest _____ Badge Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Email address _____ Phone _____

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Address _____

Rotary Club _____ Non Rotarian: Guest of _____ Club _____

Please check all that apply for the Rotary Year 2009-2010 _____ This is my first conference

_____ Current President _____ Incoming President _____ Current Secretary _____ Past President

_____ AG _____ PDG _____ DG _____ DGE _____ DGN _____ Paul Harris Fellow _____ Spouse Paul Harris Fellow _____ VIP

Rates: All rates are PER PERSON based on Double Occupancy. All cabins have 2 lower beds that can convert to a Queen Bed.

Category	Description	New Reduced Rates
N	Inside	\$725
I	Ocean view	\$855
E2	Deluxe Balcony	\$955
JS	Junior Suite	\$1455

3rd or 4th Passengers in Cabin: Cabins large enough for 3rd or 4th passengers to share may be available in different categories than shown above. They are subject to availability on a first come first serve basis. Rates for 3rd or 4th passengers sharing any cabin will be charged an estimated 30-50% less than the per person rate for that cabin.

Optional Travel Insurance: The cost of this insurance will be based on the cabin category that you choose and the age of the passenger. Please inquire with our agent at the time of booking. (800-223-3863 x 1111)

Shore Excursions: Pre-purchase of shore excursions will be available online. If you need assistance in booking shore excursions please ask one of our professional travel planners when booking.

Optional Bus Transportation to cruise terminal will be available for those attending.

Are you interested in playing golf in Bermuda? _____ Yes _____ No

Payment:

Registration Fee: \$15.00 (Non Refundable) X _____ = \$ _____

Category _____ Per Person Cost \$ _____ X _____ = \$ _____

Total Cost of Cruise:

Deposit: \$315 by October 1, 2009

(\$300 + \$15 registration fee) X _____ = \$ _____

Final Balance: Due December 15, 2009 X _____ = \$ _____

Charge my credit card:

Card Number _____

Expiration Date _____ Security Code _____

Name on Card _____

(Billing address if different from above)

Amount: _____

Signature: _____

*Cruise drawing will be for value of inside cabin-upgrades available at additional cost.

Register online at www.tlgtravel.com/districtconference7450

Places to go in Bermuda

Kings Wharf:

This cultural center built at the remarkable Royal Naval Dockyard offers shopping, restaurants, art galleries, craft markets and eight wonderful museums. For water-lovers it also offers a snorkel park and an extensive watersports facility, making it an excellent destination for the whole family.

Hamilton:

This charming town is quintessential Bermuda, with pastel buildings and businessmen bustling around in their jackets, ties and famous shorts. From here, you can set sail to see the more than 350 islands that make up Bermuda. Or grab a game of golf at one of six world-class golf courses in this area.

St. George:

In the oldest inhabited town of English origin in the New World, you'll find yourself surrounded by history. Visit the Old State House, constructed in 1620, and Gates Fort, built by the original settlers on the ship-wrecked Sea Venture, which dates back to 1609. Or set out on a walking tour beginning on Ordinance Island and explore the cobbled streets in town.

Terms and Conditions:

Payments: A \$315 (including non-refundable \$15 registration fee) per person deposit is due with your reservation to secure your cabin. The balance will be due December 15, 2009.

The Price & What it includes: 5 night cruise in your chosen accommodation, all port taxes and government fees, gratuities to ship personnel, all plenary sessions and special events, all meals, snacks and on board entertainment.

Travel Insurance: Travel/Interruption Insurance for your cruise to guard against cancellation penalties is highly recommended. Please ask your travel planner for cost and details.

Single Reservations: Single Reservations require an additional cost. Please inquire for total cost when making your reservation.

Final Payment: Payment of final balance in US funds is due by December 15, 2009.

Not Included: Drinks, Insurance, Passport fees, personal items or incidental charges.

Travel ID: A signed, valid through November 8, 2010 passport is required for all travelers, regardless of age. Please send a photocopy of the picture page of your passport with your deposit.

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