

District 7450 Rotary Leader



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Message from DG Dave

My best Rotary greeting to each of you! Recently many of us joined our "Rotarians at Work Day". It's a time when many Rotarians indicate they feel closest to the reason they joined Rotary. When we are able to do good in the world, when we are able to help another person who may be in need, when we contribute to our community, it gives us the feeling of belonging. It brings joy to our hearts and meets a need.

There is no question that hands on opportunities provide this feeling and I encourage each club to find an ongoing opportunity to participate in a hands on project; but the need for funding continues through our foundations. Locally we have The Gundaker Foundation and we ask for each Rotarian to consider a contribution annually of at least \$60. These funds will go toward scholarships, the Rotary Youth Exchange, and club projects both locally and internationally. The Rotary Foundation is where we partner with Rotarians around the world in funding many different projects and meeting a wide range of human needs. Again it helps to fund club projects locally and around the world, and goes toward the effort to bring about peace in the world, health to children and their mothers, literacy where it is needed, clean water, and economic development. If you have not done so already, I ask you to consider a year end contribution to The Rotary Foundation of at least \$100.

As I write this column, we have learned of the problems caused by severe weather in Oklahoma. While Rotary is often better at a response to help with clean up and rebuilding of the infrastructure than an immediate response, there is certainly a great need. Shelter Box has developed an immediate response that helps in many kinds of natural and manmade disasters. Bronwyn Martin, current president of the Kennett Square Club and 2013-14 AG for Area 8, has expressed a concern that we should be prepared to assist in the early stages of the recovery. She has proactively reached out to the Rotarians in the hardest hit area to ask what their needs may be. I ask that any of you, as individuals or Clubs, contact Bronwyn to find out how you may be used in this effort. Her e-mail is ksrotary.bronwyn@gmail.com. Rotary's 2013 convention will take place June 23-26 in Lisbon. All indications are that it will be well attended and bring a great deal of inspiration to all who attend. Many from our District have registered and Cheryl and I look forward to greeting you there. If you are attending and have not been made aware of our District dinner, it will take place on the evening of Tuesday, June 25th. We will need your reservation in advance. My thanks to PDG Bob Lankin for making the arrangements and taking the reservations. Please contact Bob at bob.lankin@raymondjames.com to reserve a seat and for further information.

Come join us at the closure of this Rotary year celebration and the installation of our District officers for 2013-14. DGE Charles has made dinner arrangements at the West Chester Country Club for Sunday, June 30th. Registration can take place at www.dacdb.com if you go to the event on the calendar. Contact District secretary, Sharon Quick, at 215-735-5984 for assistance.

As we conclude our year, I note that the membership of our District is richer for the 145 new members who have joined during this year, but I am saddened by the loss of an equal number of members. Does your club have any pending membership? Let's be sure to give everyone an opportunity to provide "Peace Through Service" as we all take the opportunity to dance when it becomes available. Remember I HOPE YOU DANCE.

Thanks to each of you for allowing me to serve as your governor this year.



Rotarians to march in 'Welcome America' parade

District 7450's 53 Rotary Clubs have been invited to participate in the 2013 Wawa Welcome America Independence Day Parade in Philadelphia July 4th.

Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors, Early Actors and families are invited to be a part of the parade.

DGE Charles Streitwieser is asking each District 7450 Rotary Club to have a few representatives in the parade on July 4th.

"The only requirement is that all Rotarians wear blue Rotary shirts. And the more Rotary Club banners the better." All Independence Day Parade participants must sign the Individual Agreement of Release.

Fax "signed" forms no later than June 8 to: attention Sharon Quick at: 215-772-7620 or mail to: attention of Sharon Quick, Rotary Club of Philadelphia, 123 South Broad Street, 24th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19109

Link is also posted on the District 7450 website, Rotary7450.org.



Looking for members? Review classifications

Classifications help us to identify individuals who may be future Rotarians. Where have you looked for potential members? Consider the classifications that we offer each month and look for a potential Rotarian in each of them. Find other classifications and look for someone to fill them. Here are this month's classifications for you to search within your community:

- Beauty Salon
- Building Construction
- Clothing Children
- Dentistry General
- Education Private Schools
- Law Commercial
- Public Utilities – Gas and Electric
- Scouting
- Travel Agency

Call and invite one or more to your weekly Rotary Club meeting. After the visits, ask them to join your Club.

DG Dave Ellis

District Governor's Installation Dinner:

Come Celebrate DG Dave, welcome DGE Charles, ADGs.

All Rotarians are invited to celebrate at the District Governor's Installation Dinner, Sunday, June 30th, at 6 PM at the West Chester Golf and County Club, 111 W. Ashbridge Street West Chester.

Club Phone number is: 610-696-0150

The dinner is limited to 115 seats, so register early!

The cost is \$40 per person. The cash bar opens at 5:30pm.

Registration is online at:

www.rotary7450.org

Come to celebrate and thank Dave Ellis for a wonderful year of service and welcome incoming DG Charles Streitwieser.

The West Chester CC is home to Charles' West Chester Rotary Club of 123 members, the largest Club in our District.

The food is fabulous!

We will be inducting our Assistant District Governors and making some special awards as well.



West Chester Golf and Country Club

Rotary Night at the Union:

200 tickets on sale for soccer game Sept. 14 to benefit 'End Polio Now'

District 7450 End Polio Now Committee has 200 tickets to sell for the September 14 major league soccer game at PPL Stadium in Chester to raise funds for polio eradication. Tickets are \$30 per person and \$10 will be contributed to the "End Polio Now" Fund of the District. Rotarians who sell tickets will receive \$10 credit per ticket for their Club's "End Polio Now" Fund.

The festivities will begin at 5 p.m. with a complimentary tailgate party on the beautiful grassy knoll adjacent to the stadium and overlooking the magnificent Delaware River. Once again, the Rotary Club of Chester is hosting the tailgate party before the 7:30 p.m. game in which Philadelphia Union will play the Houston Dynamos.

It's the only Union home game during September, so bring your younger soccer players to see how they do it in the majors while they are playing fall soccer. They'll be blown away by the ball handling on the field and the enthusiasm of the Sons of Ben soccer fans in the stands.

Tickets for the event can be ordered from Bronwyn Martin at: Disrict7450.bronwyn@gmail.com. Parking in section B is conveniently located adjacent to the tailgate area and the PPL stadium is easy to get to directly off I-95.

District literacy website can help with literacy programs

Are you looking for ideas for your Club's literacy project or do you have ideas to share?

The District 7450 Literacy Committee website (rotary7450.org/literacy) has space to promote your projects and list resources for Clubs.

Where to look

EarlyAct: rotary7450.org/earlyact

Rotary Foundation: rotary7450.org/foundation

Gundaker: rotary7450.org/gundaker

Interact: rotary7450.org/interact

Literacy: rotary7450.org/literacy

Rotaplast: rotary7450.org/protoplast

Youth Exchange: d7450youthexchange.org/

RYLA: rotary7450.org/RYLA

Rotary International: rotary.org

District Calendar: www.DaCdb.com; and rotary7450.org/Calendar

'It's not too late to make your 2012-2013 gift to The Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund! Make it easier with Rotary Direct.'

As of May 31, 15 District 7450 Rotary Clubs have reached or exceeded their goals for Club participation in the 2012-2013 Rotary Foundation fund drive.

The Clubs, according to Frank Hollick are:

Ardmore,
Bala-Cynwyd-Narberth,
Central Chester County,
Cheltenham-Rockledge,
Chestnut Hill,
Frankford-Northeast,

Glenside,
Greater West Chester Sunrise,
Haverford Township,
King of Prussia,
Langhorne,
Longwood,
Media,
Swarthmore,
West Grove-Avondale

Deadline for posting contributions is June 30.
Donations can be made on line at rotary.org

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Thanks to Longwood Rotary Club leadership:

Grand opening at Kennett Square Playground

June 2 was the grand opening of the new Anson B Nixon Park playground which was Longwood Rotary Club's major 2012-2013 project. Completion of installation of the playground equipment April 6 marked the completion of the project. Since then, the playground area was successfully reseeded and kid-tested. It passed with flying colors!

Longwood Rotary Club's \$50,000 investment was matched by the community for the purchase of the playground equipment. From April 4 to 6, Rotarians donated 350 hours of work which also was matched by community members from many businesses and other organizations.

"This project is the first large project we have undertaken in a number of years, and, like large projects we've done in the past, our community really got involved and gave us great support," said Longwood Rotary Club president George Gower. "The preparation over months became a really big three-day installation project. We needed the expertise of every one of the businesses involved to get the job done, from tree removal and ground preparation to final installation and seeding the grass afterward."

Businesses supporting the playground development included Bob's Cranes, Chadds Ford Trees, Dansko, Don Evans, Fence Experts, Heritage Concrete, Inniscrone Golf Course, Keating and Sons Excavating, Knox Equipment Rentals, Longwood Gardens, Southeastern Chester County Refuse Authority, and Wallace Landscaping.

Volunteers came from Longwood Rotary Club and all of the participating companies as well as students from Kennett High School who are involved with either The Garage Student Center or the Walking In Knowledge program; students from the Southern Chester County Technical High School; the Friends of the Kennett Area Park Authority, the park's governing body; and community residents, some of whom simply stopped and volunteered as they were walking past the work site and realized they could help.



President George Gower and local officials ready to cut the ribbon officially opening the new Anson B Nixon Park playground.

Promoting Rotary event



Kennett Square Rotarian Bronwyn Martin (right) visited the Natick MA Rotary Club to talk about the Philadelphia Union soccer polio fundraiser in District 7450 and mushrooms last month. Natick Club president Jillian Vorce (left) welcomed her as did District 7910 DG Rich Dietz who attended the meeting. Bronwyn, who is AG-elect, and DG Rich met at Rotary Day at the White House April 4-5.

Two Oklahoma Rotary Districts lead recovery efforts after tornadoes

Rotary International Districts 5770 and 5750 in Oklahoma are leading relief and recovery efforts following the tornadoes in Moore, Okla. May 20.

District 5770 DG Phil Moss said it is estimated that there were between 12,000 and 13,000 homes destroyed or damaged, in addition to businesses and schools.

Rotary Clubs which are seeking ways to help can send tax-deductible donations to :

**Oklahoma Rotary
Bi-District Tornado
Disaster Fund
P.O. Box 13800
Oklahoma City OK 73113-3800.**

In addition, the South Oklahoma City Rotary Club is accepting donations marked "Oklahoma. Tornado Relief" and made payable to **Salvation Army Disaster Relief, Box 2536, Oklahoma City, OK, 73102.**

For more information, contact Kennett Square Rotary Club president Bronwyn Martin at: ksrotary.Bronwyn@gmail.com.

UD-Lansdowne Rotary Club honors three 'Students of Year'



The Upper Darby-Lansdowne Rotary Club honored three seniors from their respective schools at a regular luncheon meeting at Drexelbrook last month. Each student received a plaque as well as a \$1,000 scholarship from the Club to assist with their college plans. On hand for the presentation are (front row, from left) Genevieve Nacklicki of Bonner-Prendegast High School, Akins Shola of Penn Wood High School and Howard Goodison of Upper Darby High School; and (back row) Club Student of Year chair Ron Cole, Bonner-Prendegast High School president Father James Olson; Penn Wood Senior Class counselor Elizabeth Brown, UD School superintendent Lou DeVliieger, and Upper Darby High School Senior Class counselor Michael Levitsky.

Broomall Rotary's Firecracker 5k

The Cellucci Agency is a proud sponsor of the Broomall Rotary's Firecracker 5K Race on July 4th. The annual Firecracker 5K is sponsored by Broomall Rotary Club and takes place immediately before the Marple-Newtown Independence Day Parade. The run follows the parade route with a start time of 9:25AM. Runners of all abilities are encouraged to participate before the cheering parade spectators. The race proceeds will fund Broomall Rotary Club's charitable service projects. Runners can register online at Firecracker5KRun.com.



Robert Cellucci, (right) who is owner of The Cellucci Agency and a 27-year resident of Broomall, displays the Broomall Rotary's Firecracker 5K logo with Broomall Rotarian John McCoy.

Philadelphia Rotary Club honors advocate



Helen Gym (second from right) received the Rotary Club of Philadelphia 2013 Vocational Service Award for exemplary advocacy of Philadelphia's school children at the May 16 luncheon meeting at the Union League. On hand for the presentation are past president Joseph Batory who nominated Helen Gym, president-elect Jeb Brookman, and Vocational Service chairman Dr. Frank Hoffman. Helen Gym is a staunch advocate of the right to a quality public education for all children in the city. She is a co-founder of Parents United in Philadelphia for Public Education, a citywide parent group seeking greater investments in schools and classrooms, on the board of Asian Americans United, where she helped anchor a successful civil rights campaign focused on the responsibility of adults to create educational environments free from harassment, is a co-founder of Folk Arts-Cultural Treasures Charter School which supports community-based folk arts programming and serves many immigrant families in the city. This is the same school where the Rotary Club of Philadelphia volunteers recently painted stairwells and some school walls. She also is the former editor and a regular contributor for the Philadelphia Public School Notebook, an independent citywide education newspaper, and a national board member of Rethinking Schools, a social justice teaching journal. She was named Outstanding Asian Pacific American Community Leader of the Year in 2011.

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 ROTARIAN
 EVERY
 YEAR

Bryn Mawr Rotarians clean up Route 30 but flooding keeps them from cleaning up Morris Avenue railroad underpass



Bryn Mawr Rotary Club members who reported to work on Rotarian at Work Day to clean up Route 30 in Bryn Mawr are (from left) secretary Dick Cuff, president Andy Avellino,



Rod Tondreau, Dave Fish, and Chuck Myers. Also helping with the cleanup was Dan Cuff. When the team reached the Morris Avenue railroad underpass, they found it flooded.

Kennett Square Rotarians Tackle Red Clay Trail, highways



Working on the Red Clay Trail during “Rotarians at Work Day” are Kennett Square Rotarians (from left) vice-president Jenny Armitage, project manager Jerry Poe and Barbara Palmore. Club president Bronwyn Martin cleaned the Rotary welcome sign and placed the Rotary wheel on it.



A Boy Scout from Kennett Square Boy Scout Troop 53, his mother and Kennett Square Rotary Club members Janice Mahan, Brian Roberts and Rosa Moore head out for road side clean up on Rotarians at Work Day 2013. Janice Mahan was project manager for the cleanup effort.

Kennett Square Rotarians Assist Family Center Library



The Kennett Square Family Center welcomed members of the Kennett Square Rotary Club to organize, label, and stock the shelves of the Kennett Square Rotary Club Library which was funded by the Rotarians. On hand to help with the work are (from left) Debbie Dart, Louise Richardson, Al Schmitt, Barbara Palmore, and (seated) Don Lester. The Library is filled with books collected by the Rotary Club from Rotarians, the community and with funds from a District grant which matched Club Foundation money. In addition members of the Rotary Club plan to read books to the children throughout the summer.

Ardmore Rotarian, wife honored for gifts to TRF



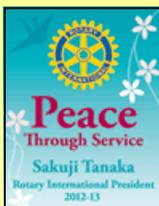
(Bill Kemmerer photo)
Ardmore Rotarian and PDG Bill Walsh and his wife Barbara received The Rotary Foundation Bequest Society crystal from District Foundation Bequest chair Bronwyn Martin during the May 30 luncheon meeting of the Ardmore Rotary Club at the Merion Cricket Club in Haverford. The crystal recognizes contributions of \$10,000 or more to The Rotary Foundation.

West Chester Rotary Club honors student volunteers



"We not only honor you for the volunteer service you have given to date, but we challenge you to continue your volunteerism into your college and adult life," said Linda Hicks, chair of the annual Volunteer Community Service Awards Committee of the Rotary Club of West Chester (right), as she introduced this year's scholarship winners, Chelsea Sammarone of Henderson High School and Christopher Brown of West Chester East High School and presented them with \$2,500 scholarships. The two students were selected from numerous applicants for the Volunteer Community Service Awards for their extensive volunteer service. Chelsea's service included Interact Club at Henderson, helping with Chili Cook-off, laying wreaths at Arlington National Cemetery, helping at Safe Harbor homeless shelter, Chester County Hospital May Festival, and Paradise Camp for Children. Chris's service includes Goshen Township camp program, Interact Club at East, Neighbor to Neighbor Day, holiday parties and spring fairs at elementary schools, programs for children with disabilities, raising money for a school in Guatemala, camp counselor and the Challenge Baseball Program. Both students have been previously recognized by the West Chester Club as outstanding students from their respective high schools. These students are Rotarians in the making!

DEADLINE for the July **District 7450 Rotary Leader** is June 15. Please **identify all people in photos. Send photos/news to info@Rotary7450.com and mombugjoan@msn.com. Thank you.**



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WC Rotary Club fruit sale raises \$11,333 for Interfaith Housing Corp.

West Chester Rotary Club's annual "Taste of Florida Fruit Sale" this year made it possible for the Club to present a check for \$11,333 to this year's beneficiary, the Interfaith Housing Assistance Corporation, at a Club meeting. Taking part in the check presentation were (from left)



sale co-chair Christine Wildauer, Interfaith Housing Board president Michael Louis, Interfaith Housing Corporation executive director Joyce Lacy, Interfaith Housing board member and Rotarian Stuart Brooks and Club sale co-chair Mickey Hall. Interfaith Housing is celebrating its 15th year of aiding single, employed parents with dependent children. Rental, budgeting and financial assistance, parenting and life skills training are among the services provided by Interfaith Housing.

Upcoming events

June 9

Jenkintown Rotary Club sponsors "Ride for a Reason" Sunday, June 9, with varied length of bike rides, 7 mile, 22 mile and 45 mile through the local Montgomery County and Bucks County Countryside. For details, go to www.Rotary7450.org/Calendar

June 23-26

Rotary International Convention in Lisbon, Portugal where RC of Norman, Oklahoma, USA Rotarian Ron Burton, Esq. will be installed as the 2013-14 RI President.

June 30

2013-14 Installation of DGE Charles Streitwieser and recognition of DG Dave Ellis will be at the West Chester Country Club. For details, go to www.Rotary7450.org/Calendar

July 2 – 7

RYLA North America hosted by D-7620 at George Washington University with the theme "Peace Thru Dance" for those 18 – 30 years and alums of RYLA, Interact, Rotaract, GSE and Ambassadorial and Peace Scholars. Info can be obtained from Navin Valliappan at navin@rylanad7620.com.

July 31st

Rotary Night at the Phillies vs. the San Francisco Giants, 7:05 p.m. For details, go to www.Rotary7450.org/Calendar

August 7th

Rotaplast Phillies "Diamond Club" Fundraiser to support our Rotaplast Mission to Cumana, Venezuela. Drawing is August 7. Go to www.Rotary7450.org/rotaplast.



September 12 thru 15th

37th annual Delaware County Fair For details, go to www.Rotary7450.org/Calendar