



District 7450 Rotary Leader

MERRY CHRISTMAS



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Message from DG Charles *Hats off for the ladies!*

For the first time in our District's history, we have two District-wide leaders for Interact and Rotaract!

A historic first was Brittany Maupin, becoming our first District Interact Representative. Brittany is a founding member and now president of the Interact Club at Henderson High School in West Chester. She even plans on attending our Rotary International Convention in Sydney, Australia this coming summer!



Cara Cugely, our new District Rotaract Representative, is a five-year member of Rotary's New Generations programs. She is a proud RYLA graduate, former Neshaminy High School Interact Club member, and a recent recipient of the Rotaract Club of Philadelphia's Changemaker Award.

Both were presenters this Fall at an event for Rotary leaders from Canada and the North-Eastern United States, where they were recognized and saluted by our RI President Ron Burton.

A not so well-known leader is Rotarian Suzanne Pacitti of the Feasterville Rotary Club. She has been the organizing energy behind numerous EarlyAct Clubs during the past six years!

Better known to most of us is PDG Bonnie Korengel. She has most recently achieved our first ever budget for Global and District Grants as chair of the District Rotary Foundation Committee. This is the largest and most active committee in our District.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge my Assistant Governor ladies: Bronwyn Martin, Karen Mazzarella and Adrienne Masak-Rozier. All have excellent records of support for their Clubs.

May the year end in peace and happiness as we welcome a happy 2014! -

Charles Streitwieser

Ambassadorial scholar reports from Cape Town

By Lindsey Elkin

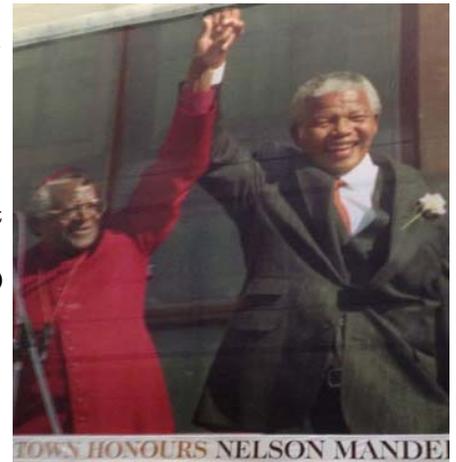
In the wake of Nelson Mandela's death, I wanted to reach out to the Rotary Clubs of District 7450 and let you know how Cape Town (South Africa) is coming along.

The spirit of Nelson Mandela is alive in every aspect of South Africa. Rich, poor, black, white, coloured— Nelson Mandela unites all the diversities that make this country the beautiful rainbow nation that it is today.

I am proud to live and study in the country that was home to such a beautiful individual. Since Mandela fell gravely ill in July, the Cape Town Convention Centre opened up a special Mandela exhibit, honoring his legacy.

At least for now, the Cape Town spirit and energy is quite positive. Tears were shed and the community is in mourning- but the violence and rebellions some predicted have not materialized.

Rather, many individuals I have spoken with have taken his death as a time to analyze their own character, and try to embrace the qualities that made Mandela the hero he will always be.



SAVE THE DATE
4th Annual "Kick Polio Off the Planet" Fun(d) raiser
September 20, 2014
To benefit End Polio Now



City assistant attorney, police lieutenant named RI Peace Fellows

Philadelphia Assistant District Attorney Erin Boyle (left) and Philadelphia Police Lieutenant LaMonte Adams (right) have been selected for Rotary International Peace Fellowships and will attend Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand in January 8 to March 28.

Having two Rotary District 7450 winners of this three month study experience abroad is unprecedented. In fact, these two Philadelphia recipients are among only 35 Peace Fellowship winners of the 2014 "short term" program worldwide.

The achievement is the culmination of a rigorous and yearlong process coordinated by Philadelphia Rotary Past President Joseph Batory, who guided and mentored the applicants through the challenging international competition. Each candidate had been endorsed by the Rotary Club of Philadelphia and the Rotary District 7450 Scholarship Committee.



The Peace Fellowship is for study at the Rotary Peace Center at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand. The curriculum focuses on "state of the art" and practical approaches to violence prevention, compromise, mediation and peace building.

Looking ahead to 2014-2015 Rotary year:

DGE Doug Blazey seeks suggestions from Club members

DGE Doug Blazey is asking District Rotarians to give him suggestions for location and substance for the 2014-2015 District Conference. "I explored holding the conference at Skytop Resort in the Poconos next fall but those Clubs responding to my initial request for validation of the venue generally preferred a local venue."

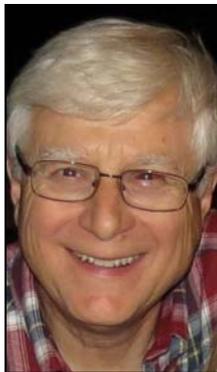
As a result, DGE Doug is hoping he and his District Conference Committee "will hear from Rotarians as to locations they find appealing and, very importantly, as to the program content and conference agenda they would like to see and would enthusiastically attend."

He seeks feedback on the suggested broad theme of "Projects, Peace and Phun." For example:

"Would our Clubs and members benefit from and enjoy hearing local Rotarians share their projects and Club programs as well as their successes in membership development and fund raising in a hands-on, how we did it type format?"

"Would hands-on computer training regarding social media and the District and International websites' access and utilization be welcome?"

"Would discussions on how Rotarians and Rotary Clubs have helped build peace at home and abroad in both simple and larger ways, be of interest?"



"Finally, would District Rotarians be interested in hearing from elected officials, not on their politics, but on their perception of community needs and those organizations that have creatively and effectively responded to those needs?"

Doug says no final decision has been made about the time of year for the Conference but he currently is planning on a Fall date since this season has been well received in the past. If there is a significant preference for Spring, 2015 or if the Committee has difficulty committing speakers or a venue for Fall, 2014, he may seek a Spring, 2015 date and venue.

Because the Conference planning requires the early identification of a venue and seeking and committing speakers way in advance, Doug is asking "Do not postpone assessing your desires and intentions for our 2014/2015 District Conference, but make a New Year's Resolution to provide your 'two-cents' with your responses by January 24, 2014 so that I can take your feedback to the planned District Leadership Retreat now planned for Saturday, February 8, 2014."

Doug can be reached at (215) 977-1089 or at drb@elliottgreenleaf.com, at any time, but asks "Please put your 'oar in the water' before January 24, 2014!"

For Stop Hunger Now: Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors pack 21,000 meals



Lee Warren directed the operation.



Rotarians refill bins with ingredients and measure ingredients in meal packages.



The 200 plus District Conference participants wasted no time Friday and Saturday getting started packing meals for the Stop Hunger Now. The goal was 10,000 meals during the Conference. The result was 21,000 meals packed and sent to feed hungry people around the world and very possibly the Philippines. The project was met with great enthusiasm following an inspiring presentation by Lee Warren from "Stop Hunger Now." Volunteers in hair nets and gloves worked in teams to fill packages with rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables, flavoring and 21 essential vitamins and minerals. Each pack feeds six people. District Rotarians donated the funds to cover the 25-cent cost for each meal.



Waiting to start.

DG Charles helps fill the bags.



PDG Hogie Hansen (left) seals the meal package after the team (below and right) measures the contents and then seals the bags.



Finished meal packages are packed into shipping boxes to await shipment (right) to areas food is needed. One package feeds six people.



Rotary 
 District 7450
 District Conference
 November 22-23, 2013

real happiness is
 Helping  others



Friday's District 7450 Conference opened with the memorial service with Larry Smoose reading Club's name and the names of Rotarians who died since the 2012-13 District Conference. The names of 22 Rotarians from 12 Clubs appears on page 10.



RI president's rep Jackie Hobal.



Abington at Edge Hill Rotarian Brian Wirtshafter enjoys the congo line which circled the hall during the Saturday lunch program.

District Conference celebrates New Generations Saturday



The District Conference featured the New Generations of Rotary with 75 Rotaractors, Interactors and exchange students who opened the Saturday lunch with the parade of flags (at left) in which the exchange students carry their home flag. Rotaractors, Interactors and exchange students participated in the breakout sessions, "Stop Hunger Now" service project, and after lunch program.



Interact rep Brittany Maupin (above) with RI President's rep Jackie Hobal.



Three Rotary Clubs ring the bell for Salvation Army



The Rotary Club of Coatesville participated in the annual Christmas time bell-ringing for the Salvation Army at the Parksburg Walmart, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on November 30. Among the Coatesville Rotarians who participated were (left photo) Past President and Treasurer Mich Givler, and past president and District 7450 Area 6 Assistant Governor Grover Koon.



Concordville Chadds Ford Rotary Club helped with the bell-ringing for contributions at the Salvation Army location outside the Concordville Town Centre ACME Saturday, December 7. Taking a turn were (from left) Jeff Brown, Dominic Cappelli, Jane Snyder, and Sondra Eisenman, who was accompanied by her granddaughter.



Glen Mills Rotary Club members who rang the Salvation Army bell outside the 926 ACME in West Chester included PP Karen Mazzarella and new member Rich Harvitz.

Glen Mills-Thornbury Rotarians pack 250 cartons of food for Loaves and Fishes for Thanksgiving meals for needy families



Glen Mills-Thornbury Rotary Club past president Paul O'Brien (left photo) pushes a cart filled with food out of the Loaves and Fishes office at the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry in Prospect Hill Baptist Church, Prospect Park. The food was delivered to the Rotarians and volunteers (middle) who packed the items in 250 cartons which were delivered to needy families for Thanksgiving. In addition, turkeys and cans of vegetables and cranberry sauce, along with stuffing mix and pies were delivered to the families. Preparing to close filled boxes (right) are Club president Deena Jones and Jill Pagliei. The Club plans to continue with the program in the New Year. The Club also packed large size children's coats for distribution to young people as needed.

Upper Merion Rotarians plant 63 trees in Valley Forge



Six King of Prussia Rotary Club members participated in planting 63 trees in Valley Forge National Historic Park last month. At one point, Brad Brooks prepares to drive in tree support and stops short of Kevin Katarnick (holding the support). Enjoying the fun are Guy Homer and Tom Phillips. The tree planting was the first official use of the Club's custom-made Club

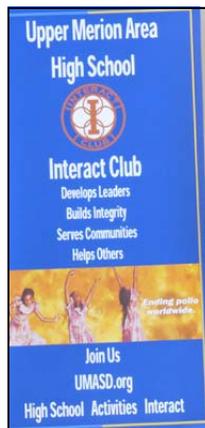


pop-up banner, which is surrounded by Rotarians (from left) Brad Brooks, Kevin Katarnick, Janet Iaquinto, Grover Emrich, Tom Phillips and Guy Homer.

Interact Club gets banner



Britney Lewis (left) and Daja Johnson stand next to their new Interact Club Banner. Both students are members of the Interact Club in the Upper Merion Area High School. King of Prussia Rotary Club worked with the Interact Club to design the banner that will be used at Interact Club events.



Rotarians serve as chaperones



A group of Philadelphia Rotarians served as chaperones for nearly 200 blind citizens at a party at the Hilton Hotel on City Avenue December 4. Rotarian Chris Kaufer (right) escorts his new friend into the banquet room.

District honors Clear Channel, Jeffrey Jones



At the District Conference, Philadelphia Rotarian Joe Batory presents Clear Channel's Jeffrey Jones the "Exemplary Business Partner" award for partnering with the District PR Committee to develop a series of billboards promoting Rotary. Batory said the four-year contract, valued at \$1 million, cost the District and RI \$20,000.



For Middle School students**Feasterville Rotary Club sponsors unique Interact Club**

Feasterville Rotary Club is proud to introduce District 7450 to its newest Interact Club — The Poquessing Interact Club. Unlike most Interact Clubs, this one is in a middle school and its members are seventh and eighth-graders.

Feasterville Rotary Club is sponsor for the Club and the paperwork for its formal charter has been completed for submission to Rotary International.

The Poquessing Interact Club was prompted by former Ferderbar Elementary School EarlyActor Matt Pozzuolo, who asked his principal for an Interact Club because he valued his EarlyAct experience. Many other



The new Poquessing Middle School Interactors include (from left) Shannon Boyce, Jackie Ziegler, Pat Nicol, Chris Quinlan, Drew Miller, Matt Pozzuolo, Emily Abrams, and Toni Levi.

past EarlyActors enthusiastically signed up (Ferderbar Elementary is adjacent to the middle school.)

The club's first project, Poquessing Has Heart, was held from November 18 to 22.

The Interactors sold breast cancer awareness bows, bracelets and shoe laces. Nearly \$300 was raised during the school lunch period sales. The money will be donated to the Healing Consciousness Foundation in Southampton. This cancer healing center has served a number of parents and school staff and keeping the donation local was important to the kids

CDC Rotarian of the Year

Central Delaware County Rotary Club President Mikael Nordstrom presented the "Rotarian of the Year" award to PP Norman Watts for his ongoing service to the Club and to Rotary. Watts also has been active with the Gundaker Foundation and served a term as president. He joined the Club in 2007.

**To Guardians of National Cemetery****Shady Brook Rotary Club presents \$4000 check**

At a recent meeting, the Rotary Club of Shady Brook presented a check for \$4000 to the Guardians of the National Cemetery. Taking part in the presentation are (from left) Burt Forman, Club President Irv Perlstein, Past President Mark Nath, Guardians representative Robert Craven and Past President Henry Garcia. The check represents the proceeds from the Club's October golf outing.

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

Coatesville Rotarians distribute dictionaries, clean highways



Coatesville Rotarians, including chair Cammie Arvay, PDG Mark McGill and president Greg Hines gather to unpack and place the names of Coatesville area third graders in dictionaries which were presented to students last month. The Rotarians also placed the Four-Way Test cards into each dictionary..



Coatesville Rotarians and Coatesville High School Interact Club members get ready to tackle the fall highway cleanup under the direction of Environmental project chair Bob Pointier and Interact Club advisor Marther Skiadas.

Bensalem-Gundaker scholarships available for grad, undergrad



The Rotary Club of Bensalem, in conjunction with the Gundaker Foundation of Rotary District 7450, is seeking qualified applicants for graduate and undergraduate grants that range from \$1,000 to \$10,000. for the 2014-2015 academic year.

To be eligible for undergraduate scholarships, applicants must be a full-time student who will be enrolled in the junior or senior year of an undergraduate program in a college or university during the next academic year. They must be a permanent resident of Bensalem and have an outstanding academic record, along with a record of leadership in their school, community or other setting.

To be eligible for a graduate scholarship, the applicants must be enrolled in a full-time graduate or professional school now, or plan to be enrolled in the fall of 2014. They must be a permanent resident of Bensalem, have an outstanding academic record and a record of leadership in their school, community or other setting.

Undergraduate applications must be completed and returned by February 10, 2014 and graduate applications must be returned by January 13, 2014

For more information contact:

<http://www.rotary7450.org/gundaker/programs.htm>

Steve Moran, Rotary Club of Bensalem (215) 768-4254.

Philadelphia Club inducts three new members



Philadelphia Rotary Club welcomed three new members at its December 12 meeting at the Union League in Philadelphia. Past District Governor/ Past Rotary International Director/ Past President Lynmar Brock (right) conducted the installation of (from left) Jason Jones, Jeff Fonda and Anna Perini.

PDG Paul Osimo, 62, who died December 7, requested that memorial contributions be directed to The Hunger Project (thp.org) and The Rotary Foundation (rotary.org). Services for Paul were Sunday at Media Friends Meeting House.



District Conference Memorial Service remembers Rotarians

The opening program for the 2013-2014 Memorial Service for 24 Rotarians who died since the 2012-2013 opened the Friday schedule. Leading the service were Larry Smoose, Sue Greenberg and Lester Groves who invited representatives of the Rotarian's Club to place a red rose in a vase. The committee invited a Club member take the rose to a family member.

The Rotarians who were remembered are:

Central Chester County

Beverly L. Bock

Chestnut Hill

Frances L. Ascetta

Concordville-Chadds Ford

Lannette Badel

William H. Pittock

Frankford/Northeast Philadelphia

Joseph S. Cymbor

Glenside

Philip Seltzer

David C. Cooper

Jenkintown

Walter J. Lufkin

William I. Scott

Robert M. Hoag

William G. Hendrixson

Joseph Jurich

T. Frank Decker Jr.

Levittown-Fairless Hills

Norman Dinnerman

Media

Marvel Wilson Jr.

Bala Cynwyd-Narberth

Lawrence Bale

Oxford

James Bailey

Swarthmore

James M. Brower

Marten S. Estey

West Chester

David C. Rayburn

Thomas Sparkman

Phoenixville

Furman Gyger

Ardmore Rotary Club seeks support for Child Care Center for mothers and children in area hit by 2011 earthquake

Ardmore Rotary Club has once again joined with the Rotary Club of Tokyo to raise funds for a center for children and mothers who were left homeless after the 2011 earthquake and tsunami.

The Club has pledged to raise \$27,000 with an initial pledge of \$6,000 from Ardmore Rotary Foundation. The Club has been approved for a \$1,000 grant from Gundaker Foundation, and a District 7450 DDF grant award of \$4,950, and is anticipating a matching Rotary Foundation grant of \$4,950 as well as a second 50 percent grant from the Foundation,

In addition, the Club has pledged of support from several District 7450 Rotary Clubs including \$500 each from Broomall and Coatesville Clubs, \$600 from Media Club, \$150 from individuals, and a \$1,000 pledge from Rotary Club of Washington, D.C.

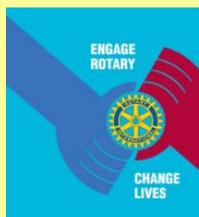
The project committee is contacting Clubs in the District to seek pledges which would be due by

June 30, 2014. For more information, contact Project chair Doug Klepfer at douglasdpm@comcast.net ; (610) 642-5282.

Ardmore Rotary Club has a 40-year partnership with the Tokyo Club which was initiated by the gift of 300 dogwood trees to the Tokyo Club in 1973 to replace dogwood trees in the Imperial Gardens which had been damaged or died. The original trees had been a gift of the United States in appreciation for Japan's gift of the cherry trees donated and planted along the mall in Washington, D.C. in 1911.

The Tokyo Club sent cherry trees to Ardmore Rotary Club which were planted in the Garden for the Blind which the Club built and dedicated in 1977. When Ardmore Rotarians restored the Gardens two years ago, Tokyo sent \$10,000 for the project and for cherry trees for the Garden in Wynnewood Valley Park, Wynnewood.

DEADLINE for the **January *District 7450* Rotary Leader** is **December 30**. Please **identify** all people in photos. Send photos/news to info@Rotary7450.com and mombugjoan@msn.com. **Thank you.**



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Please identify people in photos.

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RI president asks:

Rotarians to vote to win airmiles

Friends,

Here's a wonderful way to support Rotary! Vote early and often to help Rotary win up to 10 million United Airlines travel miles! It won't cost you a penny and the miles will be used to help numerous Rotary projects.

All you have to do is go to "Charity Miles" and vote for Rotary International. You can vote every day until December 25th. Rotary is neck and neck with the Shriners. Your vote may just make the difference!

In the past "Charity Miles" have provided transportation for Rotary International's Gift of Life surgical teams. Teams have traveled to Haiti and El Salvador, where volunteer doctors and nurses from the United States performed life-saving heart surgery on many children and provided important training for local doctors. "Charity Miles" have also helped Rotary International transport Iraqi children with birth defects to U.S. hospitals for treatments they cannot receive at home.

"Charity Miles" are also used to send volunteers to help immunize children during National Immunization Days. And, "Charity Miles" provide airfare for financially disadvantaged Rotary youth exchange students so they may live and study overseas for one school year, enabling 8,000 secondary school students to study abroad in 80 countries around the world.

And don't just vote yourself! Share this message with your network of friends. If you are a Facebooker, a Twitterer or a Texter - get cracking and spread this message. Remember, by winning these Charity Miles, we can bring smiles to the faces of thousands of underprivileged children!

Warm Rotary regards,

Ron D. Burton,

Rotary International president

Philadelphia Rotarians to partner in Global Grant outreach To Uganda

Last spring, the Philadelphia Rotary Foundation approved a \$5000 grant for participation in a Rotary International Global Grant that would seek to improve maternal and child health care in remote parts of Uganda beginning in January, 2014. Past Rotary District 7430 Governor Ron Smith (left), the project leader, and Drexel University Medical School's Laniece Coleman presented an overview of this initiative at the December 5 Philadelphia Rotary luncheon. This project will involve a two-way exchange of doctors, nurses and other health care professionals from Drexel University Medical School as well as doctors, nurses and related staff from Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda for the three year initiative. Several other Rotary Districts and Clubs in the USA and Uganda as well as the Rotary International Foundation will be part of this Global Grant partnership.

