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District Project Fair

Meet our Youth Exchange Students!

Come out to the Inn at Swarthmore on October 14th and see some of the great projects going on in District 7450.

Rotary is all about service and here we can see how Rotary is making a difference in our communities and with international projects.

Rotarians, come out for an informational event of Rotary Club projects around the District!

We all love to talk about our projects and our successes and we have 20 groups coming to Swarthmore to showcase their projects.

There also will be eight presentations for us to hear stories of how Rotary is making a difference.

Please bring out a prospective member so they will hear "Our Rotary Story" and they can see for themselves what Rotary is doing and why they should join Rotary.

One of the sessions is "Meet our Youth Exchange Students for the Rotary Year 2017-2018". We have six incredible students in our District that are making a difference with their host families. They are from Peru, Japan, Belgium, Germany, Spain and France.

A huge thanks to all the Rotary Clubs who are supporting the program.

First, come out on October 14th! Second, think about sponsoring an inbound student next year or sending a student outbound.

An exciting adventure awaits our high school students and we are taking applications now.

"Let's Get On Board" and join us on Saturday October 14th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost is \$25 with breakfast and lunch included.

Message from DG Dawn deFuria

Following the Rotary calendar, the international theme for October is "Economic and Community Development" Month.

Economic and community development is one of Rotary's six areas of focus. Your club can help by determining your community's needs and resources and is an important starting point for any community project. Community assessments identify the community's strengths and weaknesses and how Rotarians will be able to work with the community to meet its needs. It is vital to conduct a community assessment, often in conjunction with a cooperating organization, before starting your project. Remember to consider the historical, cultural, and social dynamics of the community with which you wish to partner.



October 24th is World Polio Day. It is a day to celebrate how far we have come and an opportunity for all of us to raise awareness and funds to complete the work of eradication. President Ian Riseley is asking every Rotary club to participate some way in World Polio Day activities, and I am asking you to visit endpolio.org for ideas and to register your event. Whether you host a silent auction, a fundraising walk, or a Purple Pinkie Day, your Rotary club can make a real difference.

This year, the World Polio Day livestream event will take place at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation headquarters in Seattle. You can watch it on endpolio.org beginning at 2:30 p.m. Pacific time. Rotary has committed to raising \$50 million a year for the next three years. This amount will be matched 2-to-1 by the Gates Foundation – effectively tripling the value of all money Rotary raised on World Polio Day and throughout the year. Let's all make a difference on World Polio Day – and help End Polio Now. This year alone our district has already raised over \$9400 for Polio and we still have the Kick Out Polio event in May 2018.

District committee getting ready for 'Plant a Tree' program

Greetings and Assistance from District 7450 Plant a Tree Committee,

As requested by Rotary International President Ian H.S. Riseley, and in the spirit of the commitment to planting trees by Paul Harris, founder of Rotary, we are working on a program to help our Rotary Clubs participate in the Rotary Tree Planting Initiative which seeks to plant 1.2 million trees worldwide during this Rotary year.

We know at least 12 Clubs are already planning projects to meet their Clubs' goal of one tree for each member. To support those Clubs and others who will be looking for ways to meet the goal, our committee has been developing a list of groups with whom we can partner that already have varied programs.

The Philadelphia Horticulture Society (PHS) offers several programs in which Rotary Clubs can participate in hands-on projects or by making a donation.

District 7450 Clubs can donate money to a special "Rotary Trees Fund Campaign" from October, 2017 to February, 2018 via the "Rotary" link on the PHS website (phsonline.org). Funds will purchase trees for stream bank buffer planting projects and 12 ft. to 16 ft. root ball trees to be planted by PHS Tree Tender groups in parks, curbside strips and open spaces throughout southeastern Pennsylvania. \$150 will buy a root ball tree and \$50 will buy a stream bank tree. Clubs can make donations of \$25, \$50, \$75, \$100, \$125, \$150, and "Other").

Rotary, Interact and Rotaract Clubs can donate funds and solicit individuals and businesses to donate funds directly via the "Rotary Trees Funds Campaign" link (phsonline.org).

PHS will also set up a text message donation platform for Rotarians to use beginning October 1, 2017. All donations to this restricted "Rotary" fund at the PHS are tax deductible.

Clubs would not have to plant stream bank tree



or root trees purchased with their donations as others (Tree Tenders or Rotarians) will plant them. Clubs that want to help plant the trees that they have purchased through their donations would contact the local PHS Tree Tender group via the Tree Tender link on the PHS website (phsonline.org) about helping with their fall, 2017 and spring, 2018 planting dates.

Clubs that plan to use other methods can purchase wholesale container trees from Eaton Farms in Leesport, pick them up and plant them in selected areas in the community;

The Philadelphia Orchard Project (<https://www.phillyorchards.org>) plants fruit trees in the city

for a \$60 fee per tree. The trees produce 150 pounds of fruit per year; and The National Forest Foundation (NFF) will plant a seedling in a forest in the United States for each \$1 donation. (www.nationalforests.org/get-involved/tree-planting-programs).

Plans are underway for Rotarians to participate in a riparian stream-bank planting on Sunday April 22 as part of the District Conference Day of Service and Earth Day. If you are not able to participate in this project, you can contact your local Tree Tender group to volunteer with them. Complete details about these opportunities and perhaps others will be available later this month. Let's work together to help green our communities through this exciting program!

Yours in Service,
Doug Klepfer, Plant-a-Tree District 7450 Chairperson and Committee members,
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The Rotary Club of Ardmore (also see page 6)

The Young and Witty Ben Franklin

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Ben Franklin**

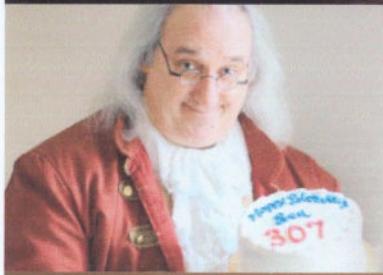
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Ben speaks on health, education, marriage, success and the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

God heals and the doctor takes the fees.



Ben Franklin can be invited (for a modest fee) to attend your special events, either in the City of Philadelphia, or in areas surrounding William Penn's Green Country Towne. The young and witty Ben Franklin is a gifted raconteur who can speak to any and all groups on topics including American history, Philadelphia history, and the life that earned him the title "The First American."

Ben Franklin was a printer, diplomat, inventor, publisher, author, statesman, Postmaster, and more.

Ben Franklin impersonator, Robert DeVitis, researched depth to give tribute to this great man. He is the Ben Franklin of today.

The young & witty Ben Franklin is one of the best Ben Franklin impersonator in Philadelphia. The looks, mannerisms and especially the wit of Ben Franklin come to life as if he were here today.

Come ye....come all

To hear the young & witty Ben Franklin speak about our American History

On Thursday, October 26, 2017 6pm

Hosted by; Keller Williams Main Line Realty
720 W Lancaster Avenue

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RSVP; Mariellen Weaver, Realtor 610-520-0100
Or email; me@weavergroup.net

& Bryn Mawr Rotary Club
www.brynmawrrotary.org

Food & Spirits will be provided by; The Bryn Mawr Rotary Club

GLEN MILLS -THORNBURY ROTARY CLUB HELPS THOSE AFFECTED BY HURRICANES IRMA AND HARVEY

The Glen Mills- Thornbury Rotary Club had a collection for the Hurricane victims of Harvey and Irma from September 26th to October 1st at the Animal Wellness Center in Chadds Ford, Pa. They collected non-perishable food, bottled water, cleaning products, clothes, shoes, diapers and wipes, baby formula, car seats, strollers, toys, blankets, sheets, and all types of pet food (including cat, dog, bird, hamster, and guinea pig) and supplies for them. There were also monetary donations given to the club by which the members went out and bought cat and dog supplies along with canned food items.

The outpouring of the community was heart-warming as one car after another drove through dropping off bags and boxes of so desperately needed supplies. Their generosity was greatly appreciated as most items especially for pets and infants were brand new. Also, all packing boxes and materials were so kindly donated by Dan Fellona.

On Saturday and Sunday September 30th and October 1st the Rotary club along with the Interactors from Bayard Rustin High School in West Chester sorted, packed, and sealed boxes that were loaded onto a U-Haul. President Tony



L- r Caitlin Winner, Maria Michos, Cindy Le, Elizabeth Kennedy and Lianne Baruch

All Interactors from Bayard Rustin HS

DiLeva drove the truck to the West Chester Giant parking lot, where they would be reloaded onto a tractor trailer on its way to Florida and Texas.

The Glen Mills Thornbury Rotary Club would like to thank everyone who helped in this project by "Getting On Board" and "Making A Difference" in so many people's lives. You never know whose life you have touched with your generosity, kindness and compassion in such a difficult situation!

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Mazzarella- Russo

Glen Mills Thornbury -Secretary





The Swarthmore Charity Fun Fair

The Rotary Club of Swarthmore invites any and all Rotary Clubs to participate in its annual Charity Fun Fair, scheduled this year for Sunday, May 20, 2018. Any group may raise funds for a cause of its choice in exchange for providing fun for those attending the event. All are invited to come have fun while helping others.

The Fun Fair is in its 17th year, conceived as an opportunity to combine community-building with serving others. Several streets in downtown Swarthmore are blocked off, a parade with a small-town flavor begins the event, and continuous live music is performed on flat-bed trucks situated at three of the Fair's corners. Members of the Swarthmore Rotary Club organize and advertise the event, host a Food Court, and provide highly popular "inflatable" fun for children of multiple ages with Moon Bounces, Obstacle Courses, and Slides.

The rest of the fun is provided by other groups raising money for the charity or cause of their choice. "Booth space" is reserved with a minimal \$25 to help cover Fair costs (the fee is waived for student groups). The type of fun provided is limited only by imagination and in the past has included activities such as face painting, hair braiding, ball tossing, pretzel selling, jewelry making, fortune telling, smoothie blending, massage receiving, raffle buying, and test driving new Lincoln cars.

Non-profits and other organizations that have benefitted from the fund-raising have in the past included, for examples, to name a few: The American Cancer Society, Relay for Life, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, the Delaware County Literacy Council, the Chester Children's Chorus, WorkReady Chester, Haiti Clinic, End Polio Now, the Rotaract Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C.

Thousands of people have come to the Swarthmore Charity Fun Fair, and thousands of dollars have been raised to help make a difference.

Interested? Spend an easy, illuminating four minutes watching a video account of a recent Fun Fair, professionally produced by a local Swarthmorean: <http://www.funfair.rcswarthmore.org/>. Follow the Fun Fair's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/SwarthmoreFunFair>. Visit the Fun Fair's webpage, which will be updated with this year's information:
<http://www.funfair.rcswarthmore.org/>.

Come to the District's Project Fair on October 14th -- coincidentally being held at the Inn at Swarthmore -- where you'll find a table staffed by Charity Fun Fair folks who can tell you more and talk with you about how your club might participate.

Most of all, come help others by having fun on May 20th!

--- By Joy Charlton, Swarthmore Rotary Club President , 2017-2018.



566 enjoy Ardmore Rotary Pancake Breakfast , help Marion Fire Company 2017 marks 30-year anniversary for fundraiser



Ardmore Rotary Club's Pancake Breakfast drew 566 customers to its annual fundraiser for the Merion Fire Company of Ardmore, which hosted the event October 1. This is the 30th year that the Club has sponsored the breakfast. Several Rotarians and firefighters were on the scene an hour before anyone began to arrive shortly after the 7 a.m. start. By noon, there were a few people finishing up as volunteers began the cleanup job. Proceeds help the fire company purchase equipment not covered by township funds.

(Bill Kemmerer photos)



Join Stroud Water Research Center and Brandywine Conservancy as they each celebrate 50 years of land and water conservation!



Plant trees for healthy streams!

1 - 4 pm

**Friday, October 13
Coatesville (East Fallowfield Twp.)**



**BRANDYWINE
CONSERVANCY**



Trees are vital for filtering contaminants, stabilizing stream banks, and providing food, shade, and habitat for fish and wildlife!

Join us for a fun afternoon of team building and partnership as we give back to our local community with this great service project. There will be more than 1,000 trees to plant, so plan to get dirty and have some fun!



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Please RSVP to Jessica Provinski jprovinski@stroudcenter.org
or 610-268-2153 x 288



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