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Over 300 Celebrate '30 Years of Women in Rotary'



Thank you to all the Rotarians for "Getting On Board" and coming out on a rainy evening to the celebration of "30 years of Women in Rotary" on Tuesday November 7 at the Springfield Country Club. We had over 300 Rotarians and guests in attendance as we shared the celebration with District 7640 and there was a lot of excitement that evening. We honored 12 amazing women for service to Rotary and the community. Congratulations!

Past Rotary International Vice-President Jennifer Jones (above) was very passionate about Rotary and true to herself as she told her story. Thank you Rotary International Director-Elect Jeffry Cadorette, and Stacey Ballard and her team for making this event FUN and memorable. That night we all saw "Rotary Making a Difference," "Celebrating 30 Years of Women" in this great organization of ROTARY.

Message from DG Dawn deFuria



November is Rotary Foundation Month and it is time for us to look at what we have accomplished, what are we doing now and how can we move forward.

Last year, Our Foundation received \$304 million in total contributions worldwide. This month you will be receiving (or may have already received) a letter from District 7450 Annual Chair PDG Bonnie Korengel asking YOU to consider giving to the Rotary Foundation. For every dollar given during the 2017-2018 Rotary year, half of that money will come back to our District in 2020-21 and can be used for grants to assist you and your Clubs with a project that you want to help change your community for the better.

Polio eradication is the number one priority of Rotary and Our Foundation. This calendar year, so far we have 13 cases of Polio reported in two countries: Afghanistan and Pakistan. RI President Ian Riseley is asking Rotarians to keep doing everything we can do to End Polio Now. When we eradicate Polio from this planet, it will be the greatest work done by Rotary and Our Foundation. World Polio Day was October 24 and I know there are Rotary Clubs in our District raising money for Polio. It is never too late to raise money for Polio, if your club has not done so, please consider helping.

On Tuesday November 7th, we had an amazing Rotary Foundation dinner celebrating "30 Years of Women in Rotary" and our Annual Fund. We had over 300 guests in attendance to honor 12 women. What a celebration! We heard RI Past Vice-President VP Jennifer Jones tell her story about being a woman Rotarian and we saw a fabulous video message from NBC White House Correspondent Kristen Welker. Thank you to everyone who made this evening a memorable event!

Please "Get On Board" and consider giving to the Rotary Foundation today because "Rotary is Making A Difference"! Happy Thanksgiving everyone.

DG Dawn deFuria



Rotary District 7450 Gets Its Fifth Peace Fellow

Philadelphia Assistant District Attorney Stacy Hughes has been named winner of a prestigious, fully-subsidized Peace Fellowship by Rotary International. Stacy is the fifth Peace Fellowship winner from Rotary District 7450

Stacy was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Philadelphia and Rotary District 7450. The application process involved completing demanding paperwork including detailed personal/career defining essays followed by intensive vetting by District 7450 Rotary leaders and Rotary International's judging panel. Rotary International named only 100 Peace Fellowship winners from 34 countries worldwide.

Beginning on January 6, 2018, Stacy will begin three months of exploring innovative and other strategic approaches to violence-prevention and peace-building at Chulalongkorn University (the Harvard of the East) in Bangkok with an international group of other Peace Fellows from around the world.

"This is a well-deserved outcome," said Joseph Batory who chaired the 2017 Rotary District 7450 Peace Fellowship candidate search in the Philadelphia area. "Stacy is a very skillful attorney who has earned the respect of the 300 colleagues in the Philadelphia DA's office. She has a high intellect and proven courtroom skills but what impressed our area Rotary leaders the most was her open mind and her desire to search for new insights and innovative strategic ways to address violence and crime prevention. That is what this Rotary International Peace Fellowship program is all about...creating change agents to improve our world," Batory added.

Stacy has a supervisory role in the DA's office which will offer her the opportunity that whatever she learns in Bangkok can be shared with other ADAs in Philadelphia, according to Batory. Rotary District 7450's Peace Fellowship success story began in 2009, when Alison Castel, an educator in peace studies from Haverford College, became the first District 7450 Peace Fellow. In 2010, Lieutenant (now captain) D F Pace, from the Philadelphia Police Department, became the second District 7450 Peace Fellowship winner. (Captain Pace was the subject of a recent eight- page story in the Rotarian, Rotary International's magazine, which was circulated to one million Rotarians in 200 countries.)

In 2014, Erin Boyle, from the Philadelphia DA's Office, and Lieutenant Lamonte Adams, from the Philadelphia Police Department, received three-month Peace Fellowships for study in the academic program in Bangkok.

"It is doubtful that any other Rotary District internationally has had five Rotary International Peace Fellowship winners in this highly competitive and rigorous competition," according to Batory. "Rotary International's Peace Fellowships are making a difference for the better in our world and Rotary District 7450 has been playing a major part in this!"



As part of District 7450 Conference:

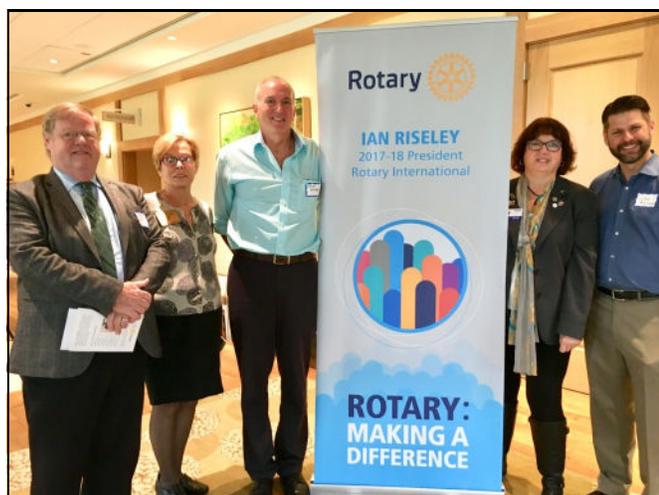
Fund drive underway to support Earth Day tree planting

In response to Rotary International President Ian Riseley's challenge of planting over 1.2 million trees, District 7450 has entered into an exciting partnership with the world renowned Pennsylvania Horticultural Society to plant trees in Heuser Park on the Schuylkill River West Trail in King of Prussia, on Earth Day, April 22, 2018. With a dominant canopy of Ash Trees affected by the Emerald Ash Borer, the site will be undergoing extensive tree removal this winter and will be in the need of a complete replanting. You can donate directly online to: <https://phsonline.org/rotarytree>

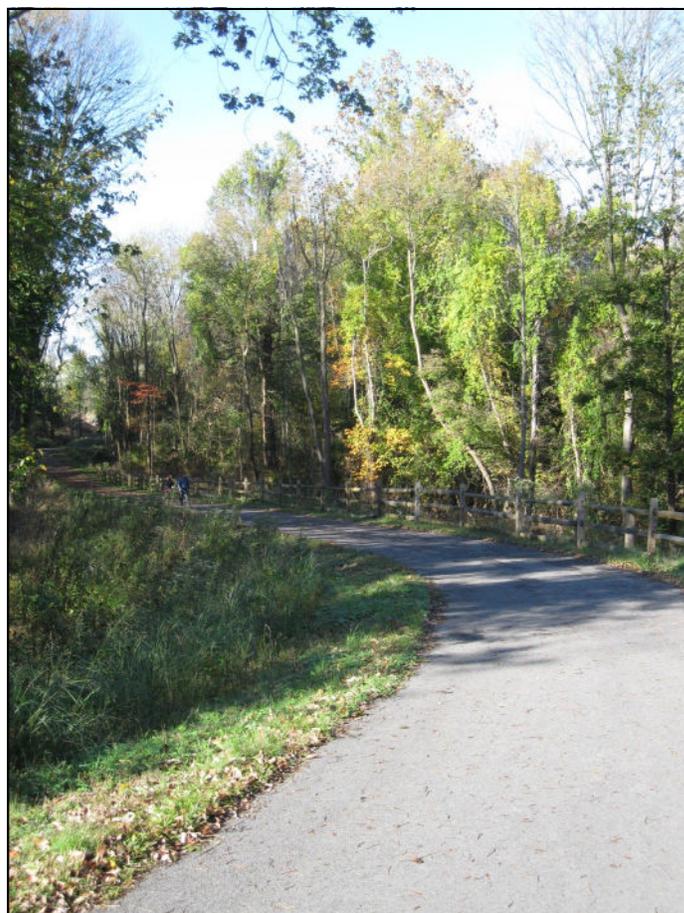
Or make your check payable to: "Pennsylvania Horticultural Society" write "Rotary Trees" in the memo line and mail to: **Pennsylvania Horticultural Society (Development Department)**, 100 North 20th Street, 5th Floor Philadelphia, PA 19103. All donations are tax deductible.

Thank you for your support.

Dr. Douglas F. Klepfer, District 7450 Chairperson of Plant a Tree Committee.
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Members of District 7450 Plant a Tree Committee, (from left) Kery Dyer, Joan Batory, chairman Doug Klepfer and DG Dawn deFuria, attended the District 7450 Project Fair October 14, hosted by the Swarthmore Rotary Club. They were joined by (right) Glen Abrams from the Philadelphia Horticultural Society, who made a presentation on the PHS-Rotary tree-planting partnership in conjunction with the final day of the 2018 District Conference on Earth Day, April 22, 2018. The Tree-Planting Committee is working to assist the District's Clubs meet the challenge from RI President Ian H.S. Riseley for Rotarians to plant trees equal to the number of Rotarians in the world during this Rotary year. District 7450 membership totals 1404 Rotarians which means the goal for the District is 1404 trees.



Heuser Park on the Schuylkill River West Trail in King of Prussia, site of Earth Day tree-planting during final day of the 2018 District Conference, Sunday April 22.

Rotary Club of West Chester:**2017 Chili Cook-off nets \$24,000 for 11 Chester County agencies**

Eleven Chester County agencies were awarded \$24,000 in grants from the Rotary Club of West Chester, reflecting proceeds from the Club's 2017 Annual Chili Cook-off October 8. Representatives of agencies receiving grants at a recent Rotary Club luncheon meeting included (standing from left) Matt Holiday, standing in for Catherine Friedman, Friends Association for the Care and Protection of Children; Hallie Romanowski, Act in Faith; Kathy Sullivan West Chester Senior Center; Dolly Wideman-Scott, Domestic Violence Center; Michelle Maloney, Chester County Women's Services; Nicholas Lohr, Interfaith Housing Assistance Corporation; Mickey Hall, president of Rotary Club of West Chester; Myriam Ruager, Chester County Women's Services; and (seated from left) Carolyn McKenna, Home of the Sparrow; Denise Antonelli, Act in Faith; Terri Potrako, Volunteer English Program; Sue Flynn, Chester County Family Academy; and Nancy Zion, Chester County Children, Inc. Also awarded a grant was Young Men and Women in Charge. Holliday is chairman of the Rotary Club's Community Philanthropic Committee, which selects the awardees from requests submitted by the agencies.

**District 7450 partnership in spotlight in November Rotarian**

The November issue of *The Rotarian* features the District's partnership with the Rotary Club of Milford Haven in Wales to help 10-year old Megan Sadler, with severe curvature of the spine, and her family travel to Philadelphia Shriners Hospital for Children for a life-changing operation on her spine, first for tests last spring and again in the summer for the operation.

The story, on pages 14 and 15, details the efforts of District 1150 Governor Steve Jenkins and then District 7450 Governor Dave Haradon to welcome Megan and her family when they arrived at Philadelphia airport and to provide transportation and housing support during their stay. Coordinating the efforts in District 7450 was Longwood Rotarian Ted Trevorrow.

A number of Rotarians from District 7450 met the family at the airport with gifts and signs and a series of offers for transportation and information about the region. The article highlights the surprise and appreciation of Megan's parents for the outpouring of support and care for them.

According to the article, Megan and her family will return next month for the first of the semi-annual checkups. Since the operation, Megan has grown 4 1/2 inches and the curvature of spine has been reduced to 40 degrees, which is expected to become less as she grows.



Among the Rotarians on hand to welcome Megan Sadler and her family at the Philadelphia airport in late May are (from left) Ardmore Rotarian Dr. Doug Klepfer, Helena Tucker, DGE Paul Quintavalla of Broomall Rotary Club, Wayne Rotarian Julianna Blazey and Ardmore Rotarian Cynthia Rugart.

Cynthia Stroup receives her first Paul Harris Fellow Award

PDG Dave Haradon presents West Chester Rotary Club member Cynthia Stroup, with her first Paul Harris Fellow Award while her proud mom, Winnie, also a West Chester Rotarian, looks on. Cynthia is the youngest and one of the newest members of the Rotary Club. PDG Dave visited the Club especially to present the award to Cynthia because she made the most auction purchases at the 2016-2017 Multi-District Conference last spring in Gettysburg. PDG Haradon also was on hand to welcome Cynthia into the Club a few months ago when she was inducted as a member. In presenting the Paul Harris Fellow Award, Haradon commented on Cynthia's enthusiasm and joy at being a Rotarian.



Rotary Club supports Hands Across the Sea

Members of the International Committee of the Rotary Club of West Chester recently presented a \$2,000 check to Tim and Harriet Lindsey (third and fourth from left), founders of the Hands Across the Sea project. Representing the International Committee are (left) Cristina Combee, Club president Mickey Hall, and (right) Carol Hanson. Hands Across the Sea is a Caribbean literacy project that makes a positive difference in the lives of thousands of grade-school children in the eastern Caribbean.



Originally Ardmore Rotary-Lower Merion 'Garden for the Blind'

Ardmore Rotary Club, neighbors conduct fall cleanup of Sensory Garden



A group of Ardmore Rotarians and nearby residents and members of the Friends of Wynnewood Valley Park spent Saturday, October 28 morning cleaning up the Ardmore Rotary-Lower Merion Township Sensory Garden in Wynnewood Valley Park. Young and old alike helped with the weeding, raking, and planting in the park which is designed to allow sighted people to feel and smell the contents of the garden. Ardmore Rotary and Lower Merion Township dedicated what was originally called "Garden for the Blind" in 1973. Rotarians led the restoration of the park in 2005 with support and funding from Lower Merion Township which received a federal grant to make the park and garden accessible to all. Included in the garden are cherry trees donated by the Tokyo Rotary Club, which has partnered with Ardmore Club for 45 years after Ardmore sent 300 dogwood trees to Japan for the Imperial Gardens. The Garden also features a Rotary Peace Pole which was dedicated at the completion of restoration work.



Making a difference:**Rotary membership made a difference in life of this Rotarian**

I wanted to become a Rotarian for several years before women were welcome because I wanted to make a difference in lives of people Rotary Clubs helped. I saw examples of Rotary in action while a reporter and editor and saw the enthusiasm of Ardmore Rotarians as they responded to calls for help from the Mississippi towns hit hard by hurricanes and flooding.

However, what I discovered once I was inducted into the Ardmore Rotary Club in March, 1990, was that Rotary also has made a huge difference in my life.

Rotarians embrace the motto, "Service Above Self:" and Rotary enables one person such as myself, to make a difference in all sorts of programs and projects in the community, and around the world, in ways one person could never accomplish working alone.

I found my life gained a real sense of accomplishment after we raised funds and delivered a second-hand van to the Women's Center which delivered health care to families in areas without transportation in Logan West Va.

I found my life took on a sense of helping provide a real need and simple appreciation when we initiated a Literacy program at the General Meade Elementary School in North Philadelphia my presidential year which continued for 10 years until the school district's financial problems removed the advisor from the budget.

I discovered real musical talent in Meade School students who selected used instruments we collected and Musicopia refurbished.

There are few words to explain the great joy and sense of accomplishment the students had when they joined us for lunch and performed a mini concert for the first time in their lives. Several of the students we introduced to the program developed into real talents and performed with the District's select orchestra and bands at the end of the year.

I am humbled by the unbelievable success of the END POLIO NOW program with UN, World Health Organization, and United States to eradicate polio in this century. I am cheered each time I hear of the move toward a 100 percent polio-free world.

No longer will young people face the life without mobility thanks to Rotary which took the leadership and 1.2 million Rotarians who carried out the fundraising and distribution of vaccine in a 30-year campaign of true "Service Above Self."

I was fortunate to be able to participate in three Rotary Conventions as a sergeant-at- arm volunteer and had the opportunity to meet and share ideas and dreams and successes and disappointments with other Rotarians at each of the conventions. One of the three was the 100th anniversary Convention in Chicago.

I am blessed to have had the opportunity to help Ardmore Rotary Club raise more than \$100,000 (IN PAST 30 YEARS) for the Merion Fire Company of Ardmore at the annual Pancake Breakfast in October. The proceeds fund firefighter's equipment not included in municipal funding.

And I was moved to tears when groups of blind children and adults visited the Ardmore Rotary's Garden for the Blind which was a created through a partnership between Ardmore Rotary Club and Lower Merion Township. The garden, renamed the Sensory Garden, was restored and made accessible several years ago.

These are but a few ways my life changed during my 27 years in Rotary. Perhaps the greatest impact on this Rotarian, along with the fight to end polio, was Ardmore Rotary Club's 45-year partnership with the Rotary Club of Tokyo, first in an exchange of cherry trees and dogwood trees and, in the past five years, our co-sponsorship of a Rotary Global Grant to provide a second Center for Mothers and Children in the area of Japan devastated by an earthquake and tsunami. We initially had co-sponsored a new Center for Mothers and Children in a nearby town. The two centers serve about 5000 women and children (and some men) recovering from the loss of home, belongings and in many cases a member or members of the family in the disaster. *Thank you Rotary for all you have given me!*

—Joan Connor Toenniessen, Past President of Ardmore Rotary (1988-89); two terms as Assistant Governor; Paul Harris Fellow Society; editor of District Newsletter, 2001-2002 to 2014-2015; 2017-2018.

Bronwyn L. Martin named District Rotary Foundation chair

By Bronwyn L. Martin

District 7450 Rotary Foundation Chair (DRFC)

Thank you District Governor Dawn for nominating me to the District Foundation chair position. I am honored that she, District Governor Elect Paul Quintavalla, and District Governor Nominee Peter Mardinly are confident that I can carry out the responsibilities required. I have been involved with our District Rotary Foundation for over eight years, coming on board when PDG Russ deFuria asked that I serve on, what is now the Endowment Fund. I worked under Russ, PDG Al Marland, and PDG Bonnie Korengel. I'm glad to say that both Russ and Bonnie will continue to work on our District Rotary Foundation Committee; Bonnie as Annual Fund chair and Russ as interim Global Grants chair.



Since 1985, more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries, like these children in Tiga, Nigeria, have been immunized against polio.

I became involved in the District's **End Polio Now** campaign when PDG Joan Batory went out to all Clubs and asked for a donation to sign a soccer ball that was going off to India on a National Immunization Day (NID) trip. When Carol Metzker came back to my Club to show her beautiful photos of that NID trip and there was a photo of three young Indian boys holding up that soccer ball and my name was right in the middle of the screen. That was my ah-ha! Rotary moment, and I got permission from PDG Al Marland to work with the Philadelphia Union (our local Major League Soccer team) to use soccer as a means to raise funds to **End Polio Now**.

Working with my good friend, Ardmore Rotarian Jane Williams, we have raised over \$26,000 from six events thanks to District Rotarians, friends and the Gates Foundation match. The last three years, Jane Williams and I have coordinated the "Hit Polio Outta the Park" Phillies event raising over \$50,000 for **End Polio Now**, with the Gates Foundation Match.

The Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund is pivotal to making the world a better place. In 2015-16, 494 District grants funded small-scale, short-term, District-sponsored activities that Rotarians used to address local or international needs totaling \$25.5 million; and 1,165 Global grants supported large international activities that had sustainable, measurable outcomes in Rotary's areas of focus totaling \$76 million. What a HUGE impact!

Every dollar you contribute to the SHARE program helps make our communities a better place. Please donate to the Annual Fund and consider donating every year and become an Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) donor.

I believe we can use our good efforts to encourage people to join Rotary Clubs and Districts can have resources to effectively tell the stories of their projects and achievements. The Rotary Brand Center offers the templates and tools needed to prepare visual and digital materials, with many new resources to come. Get your message out not just to Club members but in your local media! You are all making the world a better place one person, one dollar at a time. Help get others 'on board' to do the same by promoting your Club's successes to the world!

Please contact me if you have any questions about our work or if you'd like to join our committee at: **610.453.7215; bronwyn.d7450@gmail.com**

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