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Plant-a-Tree fund hits \$7625 with \$1,000 donation from Swarthmore Rotary Club

As of December 2, the Rotary District 7450 Rotary Tree Fund is \$2375 from reaching the \$10,000 goal in connection with a program in partnership with the Philadelphia Horticulture Society, following the donation of \$1,000 by the Rotary Club of Swarthmore.

Earlier, Ardmore Rotarian Doug Klepfer, chairman of the District Tree Committee, announced the Tokyo Rotary Club made a \$2,000 contribution to the Tree Fund last month.

The Tokyo Club has a 45-year partnership with Ardmore Rotary Club starting with the exchange of cherry and dogwood trees in 1970s and continuing more recently with Ardmore Rotary Club participating in funding of two Centers for Mothers and Children in northern Japan following the 2011 earthquake and tsunami. Ardmore Rotary Club Board of Directors matched the donation during its November meeting.

Klepfer notes that with individual and Club donations, "we can make it over the top as we work to meet RI President Ian's challenge to plant a tree for each Rotarian in the world."

There are three methods for individuals, Clubs, and community sponsors to donate:

Go directly online to:

<https://phsonline.org/rotarytree>.

Text: "phs rotary" (this is not case sensitive and you need a space after phs) **To: 56512.** You should then receive a text message with the link to the donation page.

Make your check payable to: "Pennsylvania Horticultural Society" and write "Rotary Trees" in memo line.

Mail to: Pennsylvania Horticultural Society (Development Department), 100 North 20th Street, 5th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 1910.

For more details, visit RotaryDistrict7450.org/rotary-trees.

The District Tree-Planting event will be during the closing day of the District Conference, Sunday, April 22, in Heuser Park on the Schuylkill River West Trail in King of Prussia, With a canopy of Ash Trees affected by the Emerald Ash Borer, extensive tree removal will happen this winter, leaving the need of a complete replanting.

Message from DG Dawn deFuria

We are starting our wonderful winter holiday season and I am so thankful for many things this year: Russ (my husband), my children ,Nicole, Rich (Nicole's husband), Yvonne, my wonderful grandson William, my family; and my ROTARY family ...

Wow what a "journey" its been since July 1st.

I am having the best time visiting the Rotary Clubs of District 7450 and I thank each and every one of you for making me feel welcome. I hope you are able to sense the passion and excitement I have for Rotary through my message.

As I visit the Rotary Clubs, I start my message by putting on a train conductor's hat and blow a train whistle and say "Welcome Aboard the ACE Express." Once that happens, I get a lot of chuckles and smiles in the audience.

One of my goals is to have Fun being a Rotarian.

Life is too short and we are all busy and have a lot of stress in our lives.

Let's go to our Rotary meeting and leave that stress outside the door for that one-hour meeting and you will feel like a new person afterwards because you are serving others and you see the difference your Club is making in your Community.

You are hearing my story and my challenge to everyone is go out and tell YOUR story about why you are a Rotarian.

What I have witnessed as I travel around the District is that we have many different types of Rotary Clubs.

We have small Clubs, larger Clubs, Clubs struggling for membership and thriving Clubs.

But, what I can say is that every Rotary Club in our District is relevant in its community.

You are "Making A Difference" no matter if your work is a small or a large contribution. Congratulations for a job well done!

I am honored to be the District Governor for the 2017-2018 Rotary year and I am especially proud to be a ROTARIAN.

I am hearing and seeing that our Rotary Clubs are changing lives!! We are half way through this Rotary year.

Don't stop. Let's make this year the most amazing year ever in your Rotary Club and your community.

I wish each and everyone of you a Happy Holiday season and a Happy New Year.

Thank you for being a Rotarian.

— DG Dawn deFuria



West Chester Rotary Club celebrates 30 Years of 'Women in Rotary'

In keeping with Rotary District 7450 "Celebrating 30 Years of Women in Rotary," and the Rotary Foundation, the Rotary Club of West Chester honored women members with roses last month. Club President Mickey Hall gave a brief history of how a Duarte, California Rotary Club persisted in inducting women as members in 1987-88. Gathered with their roses are (standing from left) Faith Woodward, Jeanie McGinn, Sue Flynn, Fran Luft, Sheriff Bunny Welsh, President Hall, Deb Sparre, Glen Sweet, Christine Scott, Phyllis Dunn, Diana Liberi, Joanne Tadeo, and (seated from left) Winnie Stroup, Cathy Palmquist, Linda Hicks, Carol Hanson, Sue Casso Rogers and Michelle Venema. The women in front are among the 10 earliest members. Hanson was one of 12 women honored at the District event for her service in the health care field. There are over 50 women among the 135 members in the Rotary Club of West Chester. Six have served as president.



'Rotary Readers' distribute over 900 Dictionaries to students

The Rotary Club of West Chester has recruited 19 volunteers to become "Rotary Readers" to second-graders at seven elementary schools in the West Chester area. Fourteen of the volunteers are Rotarians, the remaining five volunteers are spouses, members of other Rotary Clubs or friends. Chris McCawley (seated right) is chair of the "Rotary Readers." In the spring, over 900 Dictionaries are distributed to all the second-graders.



*Holiday Blessings to you
From Rotary District 7450*



69 District Rotarians honored at 'Celebration of Women in Rotary'

HONORING THE WOMEN OF ROTARY



DENISE THOMPSON
Glenside Rotary



CONNIE REBER
Glenside Rotary



DAWN MCDUELL
Glenside Rotary



KERRY LERARIS
Glenside Rotary

HONORING THE WOMEN OF ROTARY



CHRISTINA BEAN
Glenside Rotary

KATHERINE DORAN
Past President

EMILY GUGLIELMI
Past President

ANNE MARIE METTUS
Past President

SUZANNE PACITTI
Past President

LINDA PUPKIEWICZ
Treasurer

GAIL CHAMBERLAIN
President Elect



HONORING THE WOMEN OF ROTARY



CHERYL KAUFFMAN
Langhorne Rotary



LORI HOPPMANN
Langhorne Rotary



KATHLEEN DO
Longwood Rotary



JENNIFER DRESSER
Longwood Rotary

HONORING THE WOMEN OF ROTARY



TAMMY DUERING
Longwood Rotary



KATHY HRENKO
Longwood Rotary



ALISA JONES
Longwood Rotary



STACEY BALLARD
Upper Mainline Rotary

HONORING THE WOMEN OF ROTARY



ERIN KIRK
Upper Mainline Rotary



WYLEY FRANKS
EADEH



LYDIA GOLDBERG
Upper Mainline Rotary



DARA GANS
Haverford Rotary

HONORING THE WOMEN OF ROTARY



CAROL HANSON
West Chester Rotary



MARY ANN SCHRADER
Bryn Mawr Rotary



PEGGY CADORETTE



VALERIE BRADLEY

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HONORING THE WOMEN OF ROTARY



POLLY FORD HUNTER
Penns Grove Avondale



PENELOPE REED



DONNA ADELSBERGER
Glenside Rotary



LYN CHURCH
Glenside Rotary

HONORING THE WOMEN OF ROTARY



NORMA HALL
Glenside Rotary



KAREN STRAWHACKER
Glenside Rotary



BARBARA NYE
Glenside Rotary



PATRICIA DEMAY
Glenside Rotary

HONORING THE WOMEN OF ROTARY



JANE WILLIAMS
Ardmore Rotary



BETTY ANN FLYNN
Swarthmore Rotary



ALICE PUTTY
Swarthmore Rotary



GLADYS SNIVELY
Swarthmore Rotary

HONORING THE WOMEN OF ROTARY



ANN SEIDMAN
Swarthmore Rotary



ANNE HANSEN
Swarthmore Rotary



KATHLEEN HORWAT
Langhorne Rotary



SANDY CONSTANZO
Langhorne Rotary

HONORING THE WOMEN OF ROTARY



REBECCA ANTCAK
Upper Darby/Lansdowne Rotary



KAREN MAZZARELLA-RUSSO
Thornbury Rotary



ROSE DILEVA
Thornbury Rotary



RUTH LUNDY
Montoursville Rotary

HONORING THE WOMEN OF ROTARY



CYNTHIA A. PETTY
PMB Rotary



CARLA CHIEFFO
PMB Rotary



STEPHANIE WALSH
PMB Rotary



JOAN TOENNISSSEN
Ardmore Rotary

At Springfield Country Club 69 District Rotarians honored at 'Celebration of Women in Rotary'

HONORING THE WOMEN OF ROTARY



MEGHAN KILLEEN
Rotary Club of Upper Darby,
Lansdowne



KAREN DOHERTY
Rotary Club of Upper Darby,
Lansdowne



MAUREEN INGELSBY
Rotary Club of Upper Darby,
Lansdowne



JENNIFER SCHOENER
Rotary Club of Upper Darby
Lansdowne

REBECCA ANTCAK
Rotary Club of Upper Darby,
Lansdowne

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HONORING THE WOMEN OF ROTARY



MARTI MAGEE
Rotary Club of
Paoli Malvern Berwyn



NAN TURANSKI
Rotary Club of
Paoli Malvern Berwyn



CAROL E. ROBINSON
Rotary Club of
Paoli Malvern Berwyn

CYNTHIA A. PETTY
Rotary Club of
Paoli Malvern Berwyn

STEPHANIE WALSH BELLMAN
Rotary Club of
Paoli Malvern Berwyn

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RYLA registration underway

It is time to start recruiting students for RYLA 2018 which will take place at Freedoms Foundation in Valley Forge on February 9th-11th. The fee is \$280 per student. Since it is a month earlier than last year, Clubs should begin to reach out to eligible candidates.

Clubs are encouraged to invite students from the 10th grade so they have two more years of leadership in their Interact Clubs and schools. Students from private, parochial, and public schools are invited as are students who are home-schooled.

Clubs which have a problem finding students can sponsor a student from another Club. Many smaller Clubs can only sponsor one student due to finances but the Club may have more than one student who would like to attend.

Updated documents for RYLA are on the District website. Clubs are asked to make sure the documents are given to guidance teachers or the Interact liaison to help the students to register. "Rise Against Hunger" meal packing event returns at start of RYLA. The program is 29 cents a meal with a minimum of 10,000 meals to be packed. Clubs are asked to make a donation if they can to meet the \$2900 fee. Please make checks to "Rise against Hunger."

I personally thank Clubs for their continued support in sponsoring students each year! It is because of the generosity and continued partnership that we can continue this excellent leadership program in our District. Many Clubs have had students return to give a recap of the weekend and their enthusiasm is evident! You never know the impact it has had on their lives now and will have in the future. As always, you are welcome to come and help or observe the program in action!

If there are questions about the process or program, contact RYLA chair Karen Mazzarella Russo at 610-613-3841 or karenkeckmazz@gmail.com

HONORING THE WOMEN OF ROTARY



CHANTAL EADEH
Rotary Club of Upper Main Line



DEE KARRAS
Rotary Club of Upper Main Line



PAM HONNOLD
Rotary Club of Upper Main Line



ROSEMARY HOLMES
Rotary Club of Montoursville

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HONORING THE WOMEN OF ROTARY



HEATHER EADEH
Rotary Club of Upper Main Line



LESLIE EADEH



EADEH CREW



SARAH TOLEN
Rotary Club of Upper Main Line
(Honorary Member)

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Over 300 celebrate 30 years of 'Women in Rotary'

Women Of Rotary Honorees (at right)

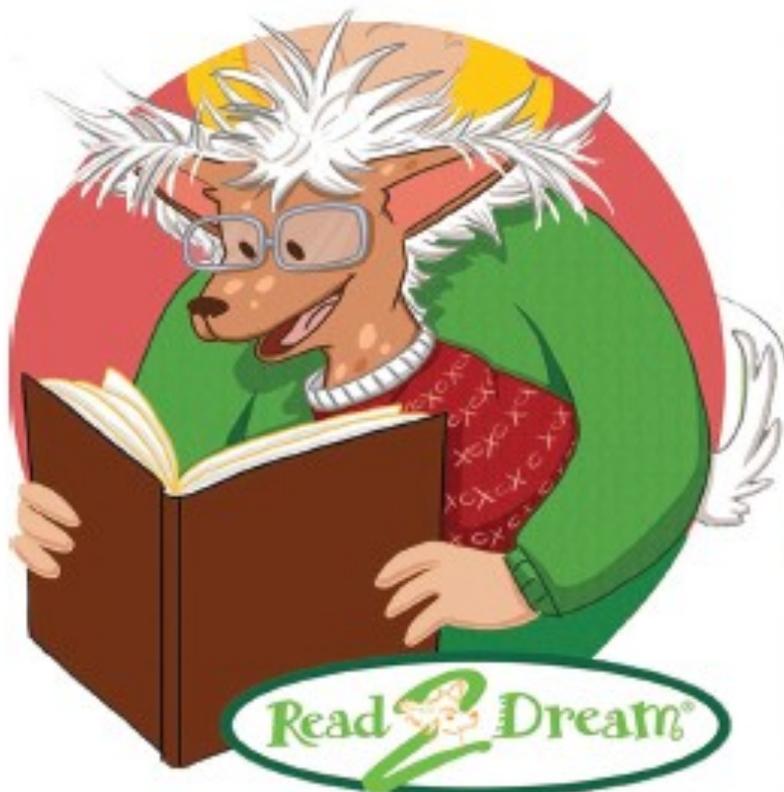


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Rotary Exchange students see the sights in New York City



District 7450 Rotary Exchange students recently visited New York City for a sight-seeing trip around town. The students are Javi from Spain, Odile from Belgium, Lukas from Germany, Jules from France, Leo from Peru, and Kanako from Japan.

Looking for more applicants for 2018 outbound student exchange program

Rob Newman, District Youth Exchange Outbound chair, reports there are five potential outbound candidates for 2018 who are working on long-term applications and a few are “thinking about it.” Newman indicates the District would like to have 10 outbound students and at this point there are no short-term applications.

As a result, Newman is seeking help from Rotarians in locating potential students by contacting

Interactors, previous RYLA students, outstanding high school sophomores, juniors and seniors, who may be interested in receiving an application. The deadline is the end of February and the District has 41 countries to choose from.

For information, contact Newman at 484-547-9633 or captain-newman@usafa-grads.com.



ROTARIAN YANIV ARONSON/PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHER ELECTED MAYOR OF CONSHOHOCKEN CONSHOHOCKEN, PA. (PRWEB)14, 2017



In a record-breaking voter turnout for the November 7th municipal elections, Conshohocken elected Philadelphia public school teacher, Montgomery County Community College Professor, and local civic leader Yaniv Aronson as its new Mayor.

“I ran for Mayor because the safety of our community, whether on Fayette Street or in our neighborhoods, is my top priority. I ran because as Mayor, I can be an active and energetic presence in our borough and an advocate for our small businesses,” said Aronson.

Although new to politics, Aronson will bring years of leadership, education, and community service experience to Conshohocken Borough Council. As a public school teacher for the School District of Philadelphia, he built a Film and Video program from the ground up where students from all backgrounds are trained in industry-standard technology and are certified in professional production software. Aronson has also taught at the Montgomery County Community College for the past 10 years.

“I come to work every day striving to make a positive difference. There’s nothing like watching one of my students’ films and knowing that they now have these cutting-edge, real-world skills,” said Aronson.

In addition to being a teacher, Aronson is Chair of the Conshohocken Plymouth Whitemarsh Rotary Club, a local non-profit service organization. Aronson provides tools, resources, and support to the residents of the greater Conshohocken area. Under his leadership, the Club has participated in food drives for Colonial Neighborhood Council, including a flash food drive during the winter holiday season that generated more than 600 pounds of food, a cleanup on the Schuylkill River Trail, extensive renovation of the Conshohocken Dog Park, a clothing drive for Cradles to Crayons, and service events at Habitat for Humanity’s Re-Store.

“We live in a wonderful community full of active, hardworking individuals. I am fortunate to have met many Conshohocken residents through my volunteer work and it will be an honor to further serve the borough as Mayor,” said Aronson.

Mackenzie Breinlinger, a Conshohocken resident who works in the borough, said she was drawn to Aronson’s campaign because of his comprehensive safety message and ideas for energetic and active community involvement. “I had never had a candidate knock on my door before and he came to speak with me four or five times,” said Breinlinger. “It’s a pretty special town when you can meet candidates and elected officials face-to-face.”

Anita Barton, Conshohocken Council Member for Ward 4, who was re-elected on Tuesday, is excited about Aronson’s vision for the community. “Yaniv is exactly the type of Mayor that Conshohocken needs: active, energetic, and willing to listen.

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ROTARIAN YANIV ARONSON

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The future of our borough benefits from that type of positive leadership," said Barton.

Those interested in more information about Aronson's campaign can visit <http://www.aronsonformayor.com> email info@aronsonformayor.com.

The swearing-in ceremony for Conshohocken's new Mayor will be on January 2, 2018 at Conshohocken Borough Hall.

Community Warehouse Opens



One of Rotary Club of West Chester President Mickey Hall's goals of her presidency was to develop a project for collecting and redistributing donated furniture to needy individuals and families in Chester County. Mickey's goal came to fruition recently when the Community Warehouse Project (CWP) was established in Downingtown. "Turning Empty Houses into Homes" is the objective of the project, sponsored by the Rotary Club of West Chester, E. Kahn Development Corp., and West Chester University Center for Community Solutions. Accepting and arranging some donated items on a recent Saturday were (seated front) Mickey Hall, Rotary Club president; Patty Jefferies, Ally Aurillo, and (standing from left) Val Jester, Eric Kuhn, Jeannie McGinn, Bill Friedman, John Lilley, Glenda Brion, board president of CWP; Catherine Friedman, Ebbie Alfree, Eric Rosle and Debi Friedman. For information about donating furniture, household items or funds, or inquiries about receiving items, go to the website, Communitywarehouseproject.com.



SAVE THE DATE !!!
APRIL 20 - 22, 2018

“WHISTLE STOP TOUR”
2017-18 DISTRICT CONFERENCE

“Get on board” for a unique experience at “stations” across our own district as we celebrate our year! (...details to come)



More to come:

Friday, April 20:
2nd Annual SASY Awards at the Springfield Country Club 5:30 P.M.

Saturday, April 21: Rotary Program at Hilton Double Tree in King of Prussia 8:30 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Sunday, April 22: Brunch at the American Bar & Grill, in Conshohocken. Tree Planting follows at Heuser Park in King of Prussia. 10 a.m.



For Project Cure
Rotarians help pack medical supplies

District Rotarians recently joined other volunteers at Project Cure warehouse in West Grove in Chester County, to sort and pack medical supplies for shipment to third world countries. Among those helping with the project were Past Assistant Governor Rick Trivane, Vladimir Kogan, Ardmore Rotary Club President Roe Dorris, and Ardmore Rotarians David Blumenthal and Roseann Tulley. Volunteers are welcome to join those who make regular trips to the warehouse to join in the work.

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