



District 7450

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## Help our Rotary Foundation Save and Change Lives by Making Your Contribution Now! By Dave Ellis, DGN

I gave at the office!

With so many needs right here at home, why do we sent our money overseas?

All you want to talk about is money!

Fellow Rotarians, these are some comments that come when we ask for a commitment to The Rotary Foundation. They come with the territory and certainly with some merit. We do give at the office and to our church or synagogue, and to the Red Cross and to the high school band going to the Rose Bowl Parade. We give to many things and we give to The Rotary Foundation. Each of our Rotary Clubs is involved in determining the needs of our community and then addressing them. We want to serve our community – one of our Avenues of Service is Community. The Board of Trustees of The Rotary Foundation heard this concern several years ago and created a program called District Simplified Grants. This is administered locally with the available funds. Each club can submit their request to the District Foundation Committee for matching funds – in our case to Vasanth Prabhu. Each year for the past several years we have not used all the available District Simplified Grant funds.

As for the talk about money – yes we do, but that is not all we do. We always relate the dollars to lives that our changed. Lives like the children who will not contract polio because they received an inoculation against the disease.

Lives like those in Tanzania who now have a well to obtain potable water instead of the four hour walk to get one jug of contaminated water. Lives like those in Sierra Leone, Liberia, Guinea, and Côte d'Ivoire where the peace caravan passes to promote harmony along the borders. Lives like those in Israel, Italy, or India who came to District 7450 over the past few years as part of a Group Study Exchange to learn about another culture and returned with many new friends.

Yes Rotarians, we do ask for money because it can help keep our hopes high for peace. It can provide the tools and teachers that bring about literacy and it can provide the hygiene products as well as the understanding of how to use them to improve the lives of women and children around the world.

As we evaluate how we can spend and invest our treasure, I ask if there is a way that can impact more people in more different ways that The Rotary Foundation. We ask for an average of \$100 per Rotarian per year. That's less than the cost of a nice dinner for two. Consider where you are and make a contribution as you can. Challenge yourself. Give your check to your Club Rotary Foundation Chairman or go on line to [www.Rotary.org](http://www.Rotary.org) and use the Member Access in the right corner. Maybe you're in a position to do a little more and join the Paul Harris Society - \$83.33 each month for a year or a one-time contribution of \$1000 would get you membership in the Society.

We can impact the world.

Please feel free to contact Dave Ellis at 610 363-1490 or any other member of Our Rotary Foundation Committee with questions.

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## District Set to Host GSE Team from Brazil

By Kerri Costello

Greetings Everyone,

It is GSE time again! The GSE team from District 4530 from Brazil will be here from April 3 – May 10, 2011. We are looking for 5 clubs or a combination of clubs from the different areas, to host the team for a week a piece. The incoming team consists of a female Rotarian Team Leader, and 5 team members (4 female and 1 male). Please see the attached Team Bios.

The responsibilities for hosting the GSE each week, include; finding host families for the week, planning vocational (individualized for each team member), social, educational and recreational activities for them throughout their weeks stay, and have them attend your club's Rotary Meeting.

There are several events from the district that they will be expected to attend including; the 100th Anniversary Celebration of the Philadelphia Rotary Club on April 10, 2011 and the District Wide Rotary Day of Service on April 30, 2011. Other activities a club may think about is a trip to Harrisburg to see our State Government in action, a trip to DC to see our Federal Government in action and perhaps to NYC.

If your club would like to host the tem, please contact me as soon as possible, via email at [kcostello@Wordsworth.org](mailto:kcostello@Wordsworth.org). If your club gets selected to host the team, then a representative from you club will be required to attend a planning meeting on January 20, 2011 at Michael's Deli in King of Prussia at 6:00 pm.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 267-257-0730 © or at 215-643-5400 X3501 (w).

Thanks again



## Message from the Chair

By Russ deFuria, DRFC

There are so many needs in the world, how can my donation make a difference? Every year our members are asked to donate to **The Rotary Foundation** through the **Every Rotarian Every Year** program. We as Rotarians know that the job of Polio Eradication is not done. We know that after we're gone, the needs of the world will continue and that World Peace will likely still not be attained. So, what can we do? It all seems so overwhelming.

As Rotarians, we are fortunate to have one of the most highly rated foundations with a four star rating from **Charity Navigator**. ([www.charitynavigator.org](http://www.charitynavigator.org)) We should be proud of what we have collectively built and actively participate in its function.

Individuals like you are what make "*Our Foundation*" what it is, allowing it to change and save lives around the world. Yes, you are asked to remember **The Rotary Foundation** every year, because the needs of the world won't wait. The needs for clean water, disease prevention, education and peace demand our continued attention. Through **Rotary Foundation Grants and Scholarships**, we are addressing those needs. Please remember "*Our Foundation*" this year and every year.

The **Rotary Polio Eradication** effort has been ongoing for more than twenty years. But now as we have reached "the final inch", this is not the time to grow tired. The end is in sight with the lowest number of cases worldwide in years. ([www.polioeradication.org](http://www.polioeradication.org)) We hope that these donations will come from our clubs and our communities. Has your club had a fund raiser to help eradicate polio? If not, why not now? When the disease of polio is eradicated, that will be just the second time that feat has been accomplished. Won't you want to have been part of that effort?

Sometimes the expenses and burdens of our daily lives keep us from supporting Our Foundation to the level that we really desire. Why not leave a lasting legacy after you can no longer do it personally. Through a **Rotary Foundation Bequest**, you can help change the world for years to come. What's more, the choice of how you do it yours. Depending on the amount of your bequest, you can help fund your favorite programs in perpetuity or even help fund our Peace Centers around the world.

While the needs of the world are great and none of us can change the world alone, won't you work with us to use our collective strength through **The Rotary Foundation**?

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## Rotary Scholarships in a Nutshell

By Joe Batory

### **Ambassador Scholarships**

When to apply annually:

---April 1 to May 1....Applications due at the Rotary Club where the candidate resides; local Rotary Club checks for completeness, interviews applicant, and if approved, endorses candidate... one recommendation per club is allowed.

---May 1 to June 15 ....District 7450 Scholarship Committee reviews applications from local Rotary clubs and selects winner (s) to be submitted to Rotary Foundation for final approval which usually occurs by November. Study begins in the fall semester of the following year.

---Amount of Award & Number of Scholarships is determined annually by District 7450 (currently a flat grant of \$26,000 for one scholarship) for study abroad.

Requirements: Humanitarian focus for the future. At least two years of college; record of academic achievement and leadership prowess; willingness to act as an ambassador of good will and visit Rotary Clubs in the country of study. (Many past winners have had three years of college when they applied and then used the Ambassador Scholarship for the 1<sup>st</sup> year of master's degree study.)

### **Peace Fellowships Master's Degree**

When to apply annually:

-----April 1 to May 1....Applications due at the Rotary Club where the candidate resides; local Rotary Club checks for completeness, interviews applicant, and if approved, endorses candidate...unlimited recommendations per club are allowed.

---May 1 to June 15 ....District 7450 Scholarship Committee reviews recommended candidates from local Rotary clubs and selects applicant to be submitted to the Rotary Foundation which determines the winners usually by December.

Study begins in the next fall semester.

Amount of Award: Fully funded tuition, boarding, transportation and miscellaneous expenses at one of four designated universities abroad for two years. The four university choices available to United States applicants are the International Christian University in Tokyo, Japan; the Universidad del Salvador in Buenos Aires, Argentina; the University of Bradford in West Yorkshire, UK; and, the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia.

Requirements: Undergraduate degree; proficiency in a 2<sup>nd</sup> language; three years of full time work experience; academic prowess; commitment to a career in peace and conflict resolution.

### **Peace Fellowship Certificate**

This program is for three months for study at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok. Past winners have come from a wide variety of professional backgrounds.

Employers of candidates asked to contribute but all candidates are considered for a fully paid fellowship (tuition, boarding and transportation) for the three months of study.

The application window is:

---April 1 to May 1....Applications due at the Rotary Club where the candidate resides; local Rotary Club checks for completeness, interviews applicant, and if approved, endorses candidate...unlimited recommendations per club are allowed.

---May 1 to June 15 ....District 7450 Scholarship Committee reviews applications and selects recommended candidate to be submitted to the Rotary Foundation which selects the winners for three months of study in either January or July of the next year.

Requirements: Currently employed full time; Undergraduate degree; five years of work experience; demonstrated commitment to working toward peace and conflict resolution.

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## Purple Pinkies and Other Highlights From the District 7450 Polio Subcommittee by Carol Metzker

As we work toward two goals—the Gates Foundation \$200 Million Challenge and worldwide polio eradication—committed Rotarians in District 7450 are persevering.

**Kudos** to the Swarthmore Rotary Club for its recent donation of \$6,000 for the End Polio Now campaign, and to donors at Madrugadores, Chichester and Elkins Park clubs who gave first-time donations! These contributions helped Rotary reach the \$158 million mark as of Dec. 22, 2010. As the campaign notes, we’re “this close” to reaching our goal.

**Welcome back** to Rotarians and friends who traveled to India for polio immunization efforts in November. NID trip participants administered oral polio vaccine and painted pinkies purple for hundreds of children in an impoverished region in Mewat, Haryana.

Thanks to the video talents of Dave Haradon, script by Carol Metzker and photos by Carol and several NID team members,



Children in Mewat, India, show their purple pinkies to Emilie M. Barber of West Chester.

Rotarians who have been “waiting for the movie to come out” can watch via our district web site or Youtube: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T9S2IFrpS20>

**Looking ahead...** Catch polio/immunization trip presentations at West Chester Downtown Rotary Club on Friday, Jan. 14, or Longwood Rotary Club on Thursday, Feb. 24. Get ready to Kick Out Polio at a multi-district soccer game event at the Union next season. Date: TBA.

## Permanent Fund of the Rotary Foundation

By Bronwyn Martin



The Permanent Fund is an endowed fund invested permanently to build long-term stability for the Rotary Foundation’s future. It supplements the Annual Programs Fund because a portion of the fund is allocated to benefit Foundation programs every year, providing an extra stream of income to meet the increasing demands for the Foundations’ programs. The Annual Programs Fund supports programs today; the Permanent Fund is designed to secure those programs for tomorrow.

As you’re balancing your check books and receiving credit card statements of all your purchases made over the holiday season, remember that giving to the Permanent Fund doesn’t cost a nickel today. Simply let The Rotary Foundation aware of your *intention* to give over \$10,000 out of your estate at your death and you become a Bequest Society Member now. District 7450 has 2 new Bequest Society Member’s in the first half of the 2010-2011 Rotary year. Will you become one in the second half of the 2010-2011 Rotary year?

Permanent Fund District Chair Bronwyn Martin has spoken to several clubs recently about the Permanent Fund. If you’d like her to come to your club to give a 5 to 10 minute presentation, please email her at [dis-trict7450.bronwyn@gmail.com](mailto:district7450.bronwyn@gmail.com).

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## Community Health Advocacy Program (CHAP) International Matching Grants

*Dr. Govinda Malya*

“Two of the three phases of the **Community Health Advocacy Program CHAP**) were completed in Kochi, Kerala State, India from October 2007 to September 2010” said by Dr. Govinda Malya, the project director and past president of the Westtown-Goshen Rotary Club. CHAP is an international Matching Grant project jointly undertaken by the Westtown-Goshen Rotary Club, Westtown, PA, District 7450 USA (the international partner), and the Rotary Club of Fort Cochin, Kochi, District 3200 India (the host partner). CHAP is a 4-year pilot program to develop a “prototype model” and to provide FREE health care to economically disadvantaged, orphans, the old and the disabled people in Kochi, India. The program entails screening, treatment, follow-up visits and health education for diabetes, hypertension and asthma/COPD using mobile van to deliver the health care services to these people who otherwise would not have access due to remote areas they live. The “protopype” will be used in other countries, viz., Kenya and Peru.

Dr. Malya commented .... “Mr. R. R. Bhat, project coordinator and past president of the Rotary Club of Fort Cochin, Kochi, India, was instrumental to conduct the program with support fom Rotarians, area hospitals, volunteers and NGOs to strengthen community service and to ‘Sharing Rotary’ with the general public and to improve public image of Rotary”.

During the two matching grants (Phase 1 and Phase 2), 3,712 patient visits and 55 screenings were completed in three strategic areas and 7 sub-locations, within 3 miles radius in Mattahcnerry, Kochi, Kerala State, India. The patients were provided free of charge health checks, medicines and health education on diabetes, hypertension and asthma/COPD. The patient demographics were 37% males, 63% females and <1.0% children of age ranging from 7 to 79 years. This, also, represented 47% of patients who re-visited more than once since these patients were positively diagnosed for diabetes, hypertension and/or asthma/COPD. Medication was provided free of cost to the duly diagnosed patients and also, education related to the diseases were also, provided to these people through mass awareness, one-on-one interaction as well as in class room panel settings.



The disease distribution in patients with positive diagnosis during first visit and subsequent visits were 22% diabetics, 21% hypertensives, 7% as-matics/COPDs and combiation of these diseases. Significant decreases in blood sugar (fasting blood sugar or post parential blood sugar) and reduction in distolic and diastolic blood pressure revealed that the program has been making an impact on Below Poverty Level people in Kochi, India.

Overall, the program not only increased awareness of these chronic disease conditions, but also it has provided baseline measurements in the BPL population which the population would not have ever received. Furthermore, it will improve their “quality of life”.

The Phase 3 of CHAP will be undertaken in the near future to continue to develop the “prototype” and eventually to replicate it in other countries.

The program will have long term benefit helping a society to better the peoples' health and educate them about their health. Overall it will improve their quality of life.



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## District 7450 Ambassador Scholar Selected For Study in 2011-2012



David Gau was the unanimous selection of the Rotary District 7450 Committee as the recipient an Ambassador Scholarship to study in 2011-12. David was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Kennett Square. Rotary International has already approved the District 7450 recommendation of this candidate. He will attend the University of New England in Armidale, Australia for graduate study in 2011-2012.

David has excelled academically as an undergraduate at the University of Pittsburgh with a "triple major" in bioengineering, mathematics and economics. He will commence his senior year at Pitt in the fall of in 2010. He has coupled his scholarly achievements with a solid record of campus leadership and community service.

## Bob Lankin Named to Serve as the Next District Rotary Foundation Committee Chair



Bob Lankin, founder and current President of the Rotary Club of Northeast Sunrisers, Philadelphia Pa., has been named as the next Chairperson of the District Rotary Foundation committee, by District Governor Elect, Bonnie Korengel. His term will begin on July 1, 2011.

Lankin has served as a Rotary Foundation committee member for numerous years prior to and after his term as District Governor in the 2005-06 Rotary year. During his year as governor, the district greatly improved attendance at District training functions, including the Mid-Atlantic PETS, Assistant Governor and Committee training, Rotary Foundation and Membership Development workshops and with the District Assembly which hosted a high point of 220 Rotarians. Over 265 Rotarians and guests participated in the District conference which was held at the Racquet Club in downtown Philadelphia. Lankin initiated the first Pre-PETS in our District and conducted a successful Mid-Year Assembly. During his year, the Katrina disaster took place and as the District governor, he established a special Gundaker fund which raised over \$58,000 and was utilized to assist non-profit organizations in Biloxie Mississippi.

Since serving as Governor, Lankin has served as the District Chair of the Rotary Leadership institute, as District membership Chair, as a training team member, and as the Chairperson of the district nominating committee. He also played a role in the drafting of the new District Corporation by-laws. In his 22 years as a member, he has recruited over fifty people to become members of a Rotary Club including ten people who eventually served as club presidents.

Bob and his wife Holly are major donors to the Rotary Foundation and are members of the Paul Harris and Bequest Societies. He is the Branch Manager of Raymond James Financial Services Inc., in the Glenside and Quakertown offices. He is an Attorney, a Certified Financial Planner and a Certified Estate Planner.

Lankin looks forward to his role leading our district committee, encouraging greater participation in the programs of the Rotary Foundation, and to establishing a new program encouraging greater contributions to our foundation.

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## Rotary Peace Fellowship Winner Feted at Meeting of the Rotary Club of Philadelphia by Joe Batory

Lieutenant D F Pace, a distinguished member of the Philadelphia Police Department, was publicly acknowledged as a winner of a Rotary International Peace Fellowship at the weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Philadelphia on Thursday, December 2, at the Union League in center city Philadelphia.

A packed room of attendees included the Philadelphia Commissioner of Police (The Philadelphia Police Department is the 4<sup>th</sup> largest in the USA), four other high ranking Philadelphia police officers, Rotary District 7450's District Governor Joan Batory, District Governor Elect Bonnie Korengel, District Governor Nominee Dave Ellis and Past District 7450 Governors Tom McCarthy, Lynmar Brock, and Hogie Hansen.

Three Philadelphia Television stations covered the event.

This Rotary scholarship is for three months of study at the prestigious Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand. Lieutenant Pace will attend the session that begins in June of 2011. The curriculum focus is on violence prevention, mediation, compromise building and the philosophy of peace building. Born in Italy and raised in the humble surroundings of an immigrant family, Lieutenant Pace exemplifies the finest qualities of a law enforcement officer. He is "self made" with a proven work ethic. Indeed, he is one of only five lawyers among Philadelphia's 6600 police officers. Lieutenant Pace has extensive patrol experience in the field and he is also a valued instructor in the Philadelphia Police Academy. In his teaching, he echoes the vision of Philadelphia's Police Commissioner Charles Ramsey toward creating a new generation of police officers with enhanced professionalism, dramatically improved judgment skills, and a true dedication to being instruments of peace.

At Thursday's Rotary meeting, Commissioner Ramsey praised Rotary for its Peace Fellowship initiatives and promised that Lieutenant Pace would fully use this scholarship study to influence other police officers upon his return from Bangkok.



Lieutenant D F Pace of the Philadelphia Police Department

Lieutenant Pace expressed his deepest gratitude to Rotary and emphasized his full commitment to maximizing the learning experiences he will obtain at Chulalongkorn University.

Philadelphia Rotary president Joe Batory offered this summary: *"I cannot emphasize strongly enough that this is a world class competition and that winning a Peace Fellowship is a monumental accomplishment. Lieutenant Pace is now among a distinguished group of Rotary Peace Fellows which has representatives from 44 countries with an average age of 32 and with an average of seven years of experience. And Rotary International has termed this year's winners as "a very promising array of peace builders ever from all across the globe."*

*"We in the Rotary Club of Philadelphia, and in Rotary District 7450, and now in Rotary International firmly believe that Lieutenant Pace is clearly in the perfect position to have a major impact on the next generation of Philadelphia police officers using the skills and knowledge and international perspectives he will obtain from study at Chulalongkorn University. There could not be a better use for this type of Rotary Peace Fellowship."*

*"It is wonderful indeed for our local Rotary clubs (Rotary District 7450) to have a winner from this international competition for the Peace Fellowships. But much more importantly, we in Rotary are convinced that Lieutenant Pace is a superb representative of the Philadelphia Police Department with the intellectual commitment, the philosophical base and the professional ability to use this Rotary Peace Fellowship to make a significant impact for the better in the city of Philadelphia."*

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### A Message from the Editor

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