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Greetings from the District Governor



I am humbled and honored to be your District Governor. My immigrant parents, of blessed memory, would be proud of me. I would be remiss if I did not thank John Wynn for asking me

to join Rotary back in 1975. Also thanks to Parry Scott for asking me to join Ardmore Rotary in 1990. Of course a great deal of thanks is due to Elizabeth Rhoads for all she did as District Trainer. And I must thank Bob Lankin for his advice and guidance during this past year.

Bill Boyd, Rotary International President, has mandated us to "Lead the Way" Now don't expect me to **Lead the Way** all by myself. I need your help. I consider all Rotarians to be leaders and that's what makes Rotary unique. We are all equal, and therefore we all will together strive to do good works in our communities.

Bill Boyd also is asking Districts to emphasize Literacy, Water Management, Health and Hunger, and the Family of Rotary. Our District has been pursuing outstanding projects with great success in all those areas. So all we have to do is kick it up a notch to the next level.

Let's truly be a Family of Rotary. Let's partner with clubs in our District. Let's partner with other service organizations. Let's strengthen our existing clubs. Let's diversify our membership (more women and more minorities). Let's support our Foundations. Let's take advantage of the matching grant opportunities with both the RI Foundation and the Gundaker Foundation.

I look forward to a wonderful Rotary year. My phone and mail box are always open so please call or send an e-mail if there is anything you wish to discuss. I thank you all for affording me the opportunity to serve you as District Governor

MARTY PHILLIPS



Tony DiLeva, Charter year president of Glen Mills Rotary Club, accepts the Presidential Citation for the club at the Installation Dinner June 7..

Living the 'Vida Loca' in District 4160

By Linda Messer
GSE Team Leader to Mexico

So, what happens when you put five American women, a ton of luggage, several cameras and a desire to explore a different culture, careers and Rotary in a plane headed to Mexico? You get the recent District 7450 GSE trip to Central Mexico.

This past April, I was lucky enough to lead a GSE trip to District 4160 that began in Morelia, Mexico. The story really begins when I gave my classification talk shortly after my induction into Rotary in 2005. I am a Spanish teacher at a local Montessori School and work exclusively with kindergarteners. The Glen Riddle Club President was listening and when the request came for a Spanish-speaking group leader, he challenged me and I accepted. The moral of the story: "Watch what you share at your Rotary meeting!" (Just kidding!)

Non-Rotarian, young professionals were selected as team members in early 2006: Jenée, a journalist; Juana, a social worker; Kathy, a professional photographer / commercial cleaning business owner; and Leah, a bilingual human resources assistant now studying for her teaching degree in ESL.

We visited four Mexican states and slept in 9 or 10 different beds. Various schools, rehab centers, newspaper and radio stations opened their doors to us so that we could learn about our careers as they are practiced in Mexico. We met the mayors of several towns and explored the history of Mexico, since we were in their Cradle of Liberty. (How appropriate for a team based in Philadelphia area!) We attended 15 Rotary meetings and the District Conference. The only thing we didn't do was sleep! We accomplished this most hectic schedule in 28 days.

We assisted in the collection of funds for the Red Cross in the small town of Lagos de Moreno. How odd, when you think about it! Five American women begging for funds in a foreign country in a different language and enjoying it! Guess what? The club doubled its normal "take" that day! Various radio and newspaper interviews had us feeling like celebrities, but the public relations

component of the interviews really brought the good works of Rotary to light. We translated a fellow California Rotarian's words when he donated goods for various projects in town. In turn, Louis Sciarrotta taught us what "Service above Self" really means.

We met a dying club in central Mexico that has only six remaining members. It was quite fulfilling to be able to provide the contact information for their next three District Governors, whom we had previously met! We are still brain-storming ideas to help this club get back on its feet.

We visited orphanages and senior centers that the local Rotary Clubs help with. We visited a town that lost two blocks of housing to a fire because the fire truck is inoperable. We learned that the needs are great throughout this section of Mexico and that the local Rotarians have learned how to help out with quite limited manpower and financial resources.

We learned a lot about ourselves as well. Spending four weeks traveling together in close quarters, speaking a foreign language, meeting new people daily, having little or no known schedule, dealing with technical presentation problems and being "put on the spot" by radio show hosts helped us all grow as individuals. The professional visits gave us ample opportunity to compare and contrast our jobs and skills and bring home new ideas for our employers. The Rotary experience just furthered our needs and desires to make our world a better place.

Most importantly, however, were the friendships we made. We met our brother Rotarians and instantly felt a bond to each and every one of them. The most difficult part of our journey was leaving a town, whether we had been there for a day or six days; the good-byes were the hardest. Maybe that's why they say "hasta pronto," or see you soon, in Mexico instead of good-bye. (Continued on Page 2)

The GSE Team (below) helped at Red Cross Fund Drive in Lagos.



Changing of the Guard and Annual Awards Ceremony



Elaine Phillips pins District Governor's pin on Marty Phillips following his installation by Past District Governor Tom McCarthy.



Rotarian of Year Jay Childress gets a hug from PDG Sandra Costanzo



Past District Governor Sandra Costanzo and District Governor Nominee Joel Chesney are all smiles at reception prior to Installation Dinner.



Ready to roll up their sleeves to assist DG Marty Phillips are members of Ardmore Rotary Club who were on hand for the installation dinner at Green Valley Country Club June 7. Ardmore Rotary Club is host club for the 2006 District Conference in Atlantic City



Ardmore Rotarian Tom Stuart accepts Rotary International's regional Literacy Award from District Literacy Committee Chairman Mark Michelman. The award recognizes the club's seven-year partnership with the George Meade School in Philadelphia.

District Conference in Atlantic City Friday, Oct. 27 thru Sunday, Oct. 29

The District 7450 Conference of 2006 will take place on the Boardwalk in Atlantic City from Friday, Oct. 27, 2006 thru Sunday, Oct. 29, 2006. The venue is the Holiday Inn Boardwalk located between the all new Tropicana and the Hilton Hotel and Casino.

An all inclusive package includes hotel room for Friday and Saturday with a welcome wine and beer reception Friday followed by a buffet dinner at the Tropicana Casino (includes \$20 in chips), attendance at a casino show, breakfast, lunch, and dinner Saturday with a cocktail reception (open bar and hor d'oevres). Following the dinner, special entertainment is planned. A closing brunch will take place on Sunday, along with an interfaith service.

Following the 2006-2007 theme of "Lead the Way", the program will feature a

session on Team Building and Leadership presented by a recognized expert in the field, a unique perspective on membership development by Mike Colasurdo, a New Jersey Rotarian, along with some outstanding headline speakers.

The committee, headed by District Governor Partner Elaine Phillips and District Governor Nominee Joel Chesney, promises an informative weekend with many opportunities for fun.

The total cost is \$485.00. If you share a room (with spouse or another Rotarian), the cost will be \$675.00 which brings the price down to \$337.50 per person. For reservations or more information, contact Elaine Phillips at 610-828-1622 or at elaphil@comcast.net

GSE Team to Mexico

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Our mission of fellowship and understanding was definitely met on this trip! Understanding different cultures and living in peace and harmony can only bring a small bit of peace to this world or ours!

I must conclude by saying thank you to my fellow Rotarians for having confidence in my team and in me by selecting us to carry out this most important mission. Should you like further information on our trip or on ways that you can help in an international Mexican project, I would be more than happy to speak at your club. Just shoot me an email or give me a buzz!

(Linda Messer can be reached at lindamess@comcast.net or by cell at 484-433-7951.)

7450 Rotarians Answer Call from Katrina Victims

By Russ DeFuria

District Governor 2007-2008

The recent flooding in our own area brings to mind the wonderful response from Rotarians in our District, to the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina. It's hard to believe that it's been nearly a year since the devastation to the Gulf Coast. We need to be mindful that the reconstruction of that area is ongoing and will be for some time.

Thanks to the donation of \$58,000 by Rotarians, District 7450 was able to make a significant positive impact in three areas: Biloxi, and Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. and Pass Christian, Louisiana. The funds were collected by Gundaker Foundation and distributed to specific projects.

Specifically, we were able to work through the Rotary Club of Media to help rebuild the library in Pass Christian. The library serves all the people of Harrison County and our money was specifically targeted for replacement of computer network equipment.

In Bay St. Louis, we worked through the local Rotary Club to aid Notre Dame de la Mer, which provides housing to the elderly in their area. Their entire first floor was destroyed and our contribution went toward helping to rebuild that portion of their property.

Finally, thanks to a contact made by Charlie Huntington, husband of Chesterbrook Rotarian Joann Huntington, we were able to help several institutions in Biloxi. Ellie Vasilopoulos of the Rotary Club of Biloxi was the key person "on the ground" to help us get to the institutions that would have the greatest positive impact in that community.

We were able to fund the Back Bay Mission, which serves 10,000 of the poorest of the poor along the Gulf Coast. That money was used primarily for a phone system and computers. Another beneficiary was Moore Community House, which provides early childhood services to approximately 180 families. Our money helped with utilities, classroom supplies, and equipment for an interim site. Wesley Academy was granted funding for tuition for six underprivileged students whose parents lost everything. The funds will be used for equipment and supplies. The Loaves & Fishes has fed the hungry of Harrison County for 20 years and we helped them to start over by helping with purchase of appliances and restoration. Ocean Springs-Long Beach Interfaith Hospitality Network provides emergency and transitional shelter and assistance to homeless families with children. The money was to help with office and industrial laundry equipment.

With the donations of local Rotarians, the Gundaker Foundation was able to make a difference in the lives of people in desperate need. If confronted with a disaster of this type again, we hope to have the same outpouring of generosity.



Representing some of the Biloxi, Mississippi groups helped by the Gundaker Katrina Fund are (from left) Debra Melton, executive director of Interfaith Hospitality Network; Paul Mallery, president of Rotary Club of Biloxi; Rita Baldwin, coordinator for Loaves and Fishes; and Rotary Club Katrina Fund Chairman Ellie Vasilopoulos.

Twin Valley Rotary Club, Gundaker Fund Horsepower Motor to Deliver Water

Indiana, Peru on the Amazon River is a town of 4,000 mostly poor residents – farmers, fishermen, and artisans. It is accessible only by water. Indiana is a 45-minute boat ride down the river from Iquitos.

A potable water distribution system had been installed; however, the community did not have a motor or pump to supply water from the Amazon River to homes. The Rotary Club of Twin Valley and the Rotary Club Lima Sunrise joined to purchase a 60-horsepower diesel motor and centrifugal pump in Lima and to transport them across the Andes Mountains to Indiana.

Since the Amazon River has a tidal

rise and fall of 8 meters between rainy and dry seasons, the pump must be moved as the depth and width of the river changes. Therefore, the pumping station is mounted on a raft.

The location of the shoreline changes by 300 meters between seasons. As the water recedes during the dry season, residents use the exposed riverbed to cultivate rice until the river reclaims the land during the rainy season.

The Rotary Club of Twin Valley contributed \$5,000 and received matching grants from the Rotary Foundation and the Gundaker Foundation to meet the project cost of \$15,000. The Rotary Club of Lima Sunrise provided local coordination.

Rotary Foundation Enters New Era

By Charles Streitwieser

Rotary Foundation Committee Chairman

When the Rotary Foundation was founded over a half a century ago, its long-term ambitions were focused on community service matching grants and building an endowment fund. Larger global programs such as Polio Plus, Health, Hunger and Humanities Grants, Rotary World Peace Scholars and Group Study Exchanges (GSE), took decades to develop as funds became available through significant membership growth.

The difference between now and Rotary's first Century of Service is that Rotary International is now interconnected with far-flung communities in 170 countries in efficient ways via the tools of the Information Age and the Internet. The Polio Eradication Effort has taught Rotarians that the once seemingly impossible is possible through our interconnected Rotary clubs and volunteers.

Larger capacity has challenged Rotarians to think globally and strategically in ways never before imagined. Our strength as an organization still rests with the vitality and commitment of each Rotary Club – large and small. Our 'strength' flows from our collective commitment of our time, our talents and our treasure (donations). It is the unique funding structure of our Rotary Foundation that prescribes that each club pledge every year what funds they hope to donate that Rotary Year. Each President-Elect has been asked to submit his or her 2006-2007 Fund Development Club Goal Report Form.

Each year's donations are held under prudent and sophisticated fiduciary care for a period of three years before they are released into two funds under the SHARE program. Thus 50% goes back into the account of the district that raised those funds (called District Designated Funds or DDF) and 50% goes into the World Fund which sustains long-range programs such as the Ambassadorial Scholars and GSE programs. The interest earned from this three-year stewardship goes towards administrative costs of the Rotary Foundation. Over \$86 million dollars are dispersed annually into Rotary Foundation Programs. So 100% of your donations go to Rotary service programs.

The managers of this crucial effort are chairpersons for the Rotary Foundation Committee in each Rotary Club. They are the vanguard who inspire, persuade and educate us in the good works of our Rotary Foundation. It belongs to us since we as clubs are its members and sustainers.

The trustees of the Rotary Foundation plan strategically based upon this three-year funding cycle and the annual pledge commitments of each Rotary Club. That is why these pledges are encouraged to be submitted before July 1st of each new Rotary Year. The reality is that each President-Elect often needs to wait until his/her term begins in order to make this pledge possible. I am asking each Club Foundation Chairperson to complete this pledge with the President and Board of Directors as soon as possible. The form was given to each President-Elect in the President's Manual at PETS. One copy is sent to the Rotary Foundation, one to your District Governor and the third copy is for the Club Foundation Chair and/or your club records.

The magnificent web of Rotary's willingness to accomplish great works really does hinge on the bedrock of each Rotary Club's pledge and ultimate donations. Please recognize and honor the unique role each Club Foundation Chair carries in this global quest to promote the success of Rotary's World Fund programs and its support of all the 530 Rotary Districts around the world today.

It is truly a new era of possibilities. Let's make great things happen together!

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Rotary Leadership Institute Plans Fall Schedule

By Bob Lankin
Past District Governor

The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) Home division, which conducts classes from Washington D.C. and north up the east coast including Canada, announces its schedule of fall 2006 classes. All Rotarians are invited to participate.

The RLI was started by Dave Linett, Past Rotary International Director, (PRID) from New Jersey, who believed that while the Presidents-Elect had training, other members, especially future club leaders, should also have the opportunity for training. The original program consisted of three sessions, from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., usually but not always on a Saturday in the fall or spring. The sessions have been shortened to end at 3:30 p.m. and there is a session for graduates of the previous sessions.

Each day-long session, which includes books and two meals, costs \$90 except for sessions scheduled at universities, which cost \$65. People, who are not pre-registered, are charged an extra \$10.

Last year, District 7450 had its highest participation rate ever with 65 people attending a class. This year we expect to have over 100 attendees with those who attended last year attending the second or third course and new people attending Course I.

While all Rotarians are welcome to attend, the courses are designed to train future club leaders. Since this is important to the club, clubs are urged to reimburse members who register and attend the full session. Every club President will be sent a package including brochures, instructions, and certificates to present to your future leaders recognizing their value to your club. Every club is urged to send two to four people to a session this fall.

Some of the nearby sessions are:

Saturday, Oct. 7, Lewisburg (Part 1), \$65
Saturday, Oct. 14, King of Prussia, \$90
Wednesday, Nov. 8, Edison N.J., \$90

For more information and a full schedule and on-line registration, visit www.rotaryleadershipinstitute.org and click on the home division or contact Bob Lankin at Bob.Lankin@Raymondjames.com



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Exchange Students Bid Farewell; Clubs to Welcome 15 New Students in August

The YEP District Committee, Host Families and Youth Exchange Students bid farewell to each other at the Bon Voyage Picnic June 10 at the Upper Maine Line YMCA in Berwyn.

District 7450 sponsored nine students from South America; Europe, and Asia this year. What a wonderful group of talented and inquisitive youth. They loved the trips to New York City and Washington, DC and learning the wonderful history of Philadelphia. Many of you have met them as they participated in Rotary events, and we hope you enjoyed your time with them.

Our deep gratitude goes out to the hosting clubs, and their counselors who have a deep emotional investment in this program. But most important to this program, year after year, is the generosity of the host families. It is not easy to make a commitment to bring a foreign student into your home, help overcome homesickness, become proficient in our language and adjust to a new school. Host families put their hearts and souls into their new "adopted" child and soon they do become part of their family...and the greater Rotary Family of District 7450. And many families come forward year after year to host another student. We are amazed by their spirit and what they impart to the visiting youth.

Many tears were shed as the students have been departing our country – it is hard to say good-bye after nine months. But we are preparing for the Exchange Students of 2006 – 2007 school year. We have ten students who will be outbound in August to France, Croatia, Argentina, Switzerland, Japan, and Costa Rica, Brazil, Belgium and Ecuador. And we will welcome 15 students in August - a district record!

Philadelphia Rotarians Collect Books for Family Court

In the spring of 2005, the Rotary Club of Philadelphia was approached by Judge Field of the Family Court of Philadelphia for help for a project she envisioned. Most of the cases brought before Judge Field involved young children and their parents who had to wait, sometimes for hours, in a stark, sparsely furnished waiting room.

The judge wanted to provide books for the young people so they had something to help occupy their time. Sadly, she had no budget for collecting new and slightly used books, so she turned to the Rotary Club for help.

Members of the Rotary Club of Philadelphia set about collecting new and used books, parts of family collections, and receiving donations from public libraries with overstocked books, and placing donation boxes at their places of business.

By the end of 2005, the club had delivered over 1000 children's books to the Family Court of Philadelphia. A second drive is underway to replenish books which were given to many of the children served by the court in an attempt to encourage reading at home.

Districts 7430, 7450 Membership Seminar Sept. 18

Rotary Districts 7430 and 7450 Membership Seminar is Saturday, Sept. 18, 2006 from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Best Western Inn at Towamencin at the Lansdale Exit of the Northeast Extension of Pa. Turnpike. Plan now to share ideas, have fun, make new friends, discover solutions and participate in interactive exercises..



Youth Exchange Students bid farewell to each other at the Bon Voyage Picnic June 10 at the Upper Maine Line YMCA in Berwyn.

We already are thrilled with the number of clubs who have come forward and sponsored outgoing and incoming students, for which we thank you. With the large group that we are hosting this year, we will need all the help we can get from all clubs. Get involved with our weekend activities and act as a tour guide for one of students for a day or a weekend. Host a student in your home for one-half year. Get involved and explore the world through the eyes of an exchange student. Your life will be enriched as much as the students!

If you are interested in being a Host Club or Host Family, contact BJ Barrett at 610-269-9740 If you know someone interested in being an Outbound Student for 2007-2008, contact Carol Staubach at 610-891-6034

To get involved in the Youth Exchange Committee or to have someone from the committee give a program at your club, contact Chairman John Lotz at 610-656-5461.

DG Marty's Schedule

Bensalem	Oct.31,2006
Bristol	Sept.13,2006
Broomall	Sept.19,2006
Central Chester County (Lionville)	July 11,2006
Central Delaware County	Oct.4,2006
Cheltenham Rockledge	Nov.16,2006
Chester	Oct. 10, 2006
Chester Pike	Oct.3,2006
Chesterbrook	Oct18,2006
Chestnut Hill	July12,2006
Chichester	Nov.22,2006
Coatesville	Oct.5,2006
Concordville Chadds Ford	Oct.25,2006
Conshohoken Plymouth	
Whitemarsh	July20,2006
Downingtown	Nov.7,2006
EastwickInternational Airport	Nov.1,2006
Edge Hill	Nov.9,2006
Elkins Park	Sept.14,2006
ExtonFrazer	Sept.6,2006
Feasterville	Sept.19,2006
FrankfordNortheast Philadelphia	Sept.26,2006
Glen Mills	Oct.11,2006
Glen Riddle	Oct.17,2006
Glenside	Sept.15,2006
Greater West Chester Sunrise	Sept.20,2006
Haverford Township	Aug.24,2006
Jenkintown	Oct.3,2006
Kennett at Longwood	Sept.28,2006
Kennett Square	Aug.29,2006
King of Prussia	Jan. 22,2007
Langhorne	Oct.19,2006
LevittownFairless Hills	Aug.24,2006
Media	Sept.7,2006
Newtown Square	Nov.30,2006
North Philadelphia Madrugadores	Sept.12,2006
Northeast Sunrisers Philadelphia	Sept.8,2006
Octorara Area (Atglen)	Nov.14,2006
Oxford	Nov.8,2006
PaoliMalvernBerwyn	Aug.24,2006
Philadelphia	Oct.12,2006
Phoenixville	Aug.29,2006
Springfield	Oct.24,2006
Swarthmore	Oct.20,2006
Thorndale	Nov.10,2006
Twin Valley (Elverson)	Nov.15,2006
Upper DarbyLansdowne	Aug.23,2006
Wayne	Oct.18,2006
West Chester	Aug.17,2006
West GroveAvondale	Nov.2,2006
WesttownGoshen	Aug.31,2006