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## Greetings from the District Governor



Congratulations to Al Marland who has been nominated to serve as District Governor for the Rotary year 2009-2010. Al, a member and past president of the Rotary Club of Wayne, has been the district treasurer for the past

five years, and a faculty member of the Rotary Leadership Institute for four years. We wish him well in his new position.

I am pleased to announce a first for our District. Susan Pacitti, of the Rotary Club of Feasterville, has organized an EarlyAct Club at the Ferderbar Elementary School in Feasterville. And these kids already are performing good deeds for the community.

A huge thank you to Dr. Louise Vitiello for organizing and running a very successful RYLA weekend at the Freedom Foundation for the future leaders of Rotary. She was ably assisted by Carol Staubach.

And for the Rotarians, we have coming up in the spring the Rotary Leadership Institute. It would be nice to have at least two Rotarians from each club attend. PDG Bob Lankin is our District Chair. Please check the district web site for details.

I urge all District Rotarians to consider contributing to both the Gundaker Foundation and The Rotary Foundation. These are **our** Foundations and deserve our support. At the Gundaker Foundation (our own District 7450 foundation), all funds are controlled by District Rotarians. Each club has a representative to Gundaker and has a voice in how the monies are distributed.

Concerning the Rotary Foundation, we receive back in the District 50 percent of all funds that are contributed by District Rotarians. So for every \$100 donated, we get back \$50 to utilize for district club projects. The decisions as to what grants receive funding is made locally by our District Foundation Grants Committee.

Again I ask you to send articles and pictures of your club's projects for publication in this newspaper. Please share with all in the district the wonderful activities and good deeds you are performing. A picture with names and a short paragraph will do. Be proud of your accomplishments. Send to: [mombugjoan@msn.com](mailto:mombugjoan@msn.com), and [info@rotary7450.org](mailto:info@rotary7450.org).

Continue to Lead the Way,

**MARTY PHILLIPS**

## 84 students learn leadership skills at RYLA 2007 at Valley Forge



*Freedoms Foundation's Melissa Koval gives the 84 high school students at RYLA 2007 instructions for Saturday Culture Walk. The Culture Walk, second most highly ranked event of the weekend, raised issues and awareness regarding students' personal and group identities including gender, nationality, athletes, "nerds," disabilities, addictions and chronic illness. The students, sponsored by 26 Rotary Clubs, participated in the Feb. 23-25 RYLA at Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge. (Story on page 3)*

## Area One Rotary Clubs hosting first 'Family of Rotary' dinner meeting

**By Michael J. Buchheit**

*Assistant Governor, Area One*

The Presidents and President-Elects of the six Area One Rotary Clubs; - Bensalem, Bristol, Feasterville, Langhorne, Levittown/Fairless Hills, and the Provisional Langhorne/Shady Brook Club - clubs who service Historic Lower Bucks County, are diligently working together to host a "Family of Rotary" dinner meeting Wednesday, April 25, , at the Twining Hall, 4900 E. Street Road, Trevoise, Bucks County, which is conveniently accessible from the PA Turnpike or I 95 or U.S. Route 1. Sign-in begins at 5 p.m. and the dinner meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m.

The festivities will feature an evening of fellowship to further friendships within our Area One clubs and the District Family. The meeting's theme of "Family of Rotary" was chosen to emphasize our understanding that the Rotary family reaches beyond our personal family members to the much larger Rotary Family, including our neighbors in other District 7450 clubs and districts around the world; Rotary Foundation alumni; Group Study Exchange members; Rotary Youth Exchange students; Rotaractors; Interactors; RYLA participants; our club's scholarship recipients. Our current RI Theme of "Lead the Way" and our new RI Theme of "Rotary Shares" are clearly indicative of our Family of Rotary and our combined humanitarian efforts.

Our speakers are the deFuria Rotary Family, DGE Russ, wife Dawn, and youngest daughter Yvonne, absent will be daughter Nicole, who is an active Rotaractor and will still be attending classes at Cornell University on the date of our dinner, and Dr. Lehiem Thi Bui, who was the Charter President of her Bristol Borough High School's Interact Club, and was awarded a Rotary Scholarship. She is now affiliated with the Lower Bucks Hospital and has participated in several foreign health missions. They will share their personal messages and their Family of Rotary experiences.

The dinner is priced at \$24 per person and includes three hot entrees and the customary goodies. Come, and share your Rotary Fellowship. Enjoy a complete dinner, friendship and food for thought; all three will abound as you listen and enjoy the messages from the members of our Family of Rotary.

Make your reservation, which also qualifies as a make-up, by calling Rotarian Joseph Slemmer at the Rotary Club of Bensalem at 215-788-0448 before Friday, April 20. Please make your plans early.

# Longwood Rotary Club makes 'Sweetheart' deal at Gala Dinner-Dance and Auction fundraiser

Longwood Rotary Club hosted a spectacular Sweetheart Gala Dinner-Dance and Auction on Saturday evening, February 17, in the recently renovated East Conservatory and Ballroom at Longwood Gardens. Guests were greeted with champagne as they prepared to enjoy the spectacular surroundings of Longwood Gardens along with fine food, dancing, and silent and live auctions.

A make-a-deal drawing was held for five cash prizes. Grand prize winner of \$5,000 was Cathy Cotter. Other lucky winners were Jamie DeFazio (\$1,000), Chris and Bill McDougall (\$750), Joan and Tim Walsh (\$500), and George Gower (\$100).

Longwood Rotary Club holds its annual fundraiser each February, and all proceeds are used to support worthy causes, in Kennett Square and the surrounding area.



*Longwood Rotary Club's make-a-deal drawing created great anticipation among cash prize winners (from left:) Veronique Liska accepting for George Gower (case 1), \$5,000 grand prize winner Cathy Cotter (case 4), Jamie DeFazio (case 2), and Joan and Tim Walsh (case 3). Rotary Club vice president Dave Haradon (far right) served as master of ceremonies.*

The silent auction featured nearly 100 items, including dinners, artwork, wine collections, handcrafted furniture, beauty products, special services, and more. A rousing live auction, skillfully conducted by well-known local auctioneer William Bunch of William H. Bunch Auctions, included a driver-signed NASCAR auto hood, a gemstone necklace by Jeff Connelly of Bove Jewelers, an artwork by world-famous painter Fred Stone honoring beloved racehorse Barbaro, a reproduction side table, and a week in Cape May, New Jersey. A luxury BMW from Bavarian Motorsport in Kennett was also presented for bids.

Guests finished the exhilarating evening dancing to a wide variety of musical selections played by renowned professional disc jockey Jim Batty of JB Productions.

Longwood Rotary Club has 67 active members and proudly serves the Kennett area through such contributions as Operation Warm funding and coat distribution, home restoration with Good Neighbors, Kennett Book Bag Program for Study Buddies and La Comunidad Hispana, volunteering at Camp Dreamcatcher, Route 1 Highway Cleanup, financial support for the Rotary Club program, participation in the Kennett Mushroom Festival, directing and supporting the Kennett Run, oversight of the annual Kennett High School Basketball Tournament, holiday parking assistance at Longwood Gardens, and many other area projects. This year's president is Bonnie Korengel of Umbreit Korengel & Associates, PC, an accounting firm in Kennett Square.

Longwood Rotary Club meets each Thursday morning at 6:45 a.m. in the Terrace Restaurant, Longwood Gardens. Visitors are always welcome.



*Longwood Rotary Club vice-president Dave Haradon congratulates \$5,000 grand prize winner Cathy Cotter at the Sweetheart Gala Dinner-Dance and Auction Feb. 17 in Longwood Gardens Conservatory.*

## News from around District 7450

**Media Rotary Club** will put on the Cherry Blossom Festival April 20 at the Granite Run Mann in Media. Each year, Media Rotary Club partners with a carnival company in April to promote the event and independently sell concessions (hot dogs and such) and schedule additional connected community activities. This year's special attraction is an antique car show. The Festival/Carnival opens on Friday, April 20. The Car Show is Sunday April 22 in coordination with the Historical Auto Society of PA; and runs through Sunday April 29. The event site opens around 5p.m. on weeknights and 12 noon on weekends; the car show starts at 9 a.m. Contact Jonathan Becker at 215-990-7456 if you want additional information.

**Chester Rotary Club** will be celebrating its 90th anniversary on June 1, 2007. Club was chartered June 1, 1917. The anniversary event will take place at Harrah's Chester casino on June 1, from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Details are in the planning stage. For details, contact President Francy Cross.

**R.I. President 2007-2008 Wilf Wilkinson** invites all Rotarians in Zones 31 and 32 to "Share the Magic of Rotary" July 13 and 14 in Philadelphia. The conference will focus on club growth. More details will follow.

**District 7450 Assembly** will be May 22 at Delaware County Community College, Marple Township.

**Installation dinner** for 2007-2008 District Governor Russ deFuria is June 27 at Desmond Hotel in Malvern.

**GSE Team** from India will arrive in April. For information contact Co-Chair AG Jennifer Armitage at 610-925-6341; [jennyarmitage@verizon.net](mailto:jennyarmitage@verizon.net).

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## 84 students attend RYLA

By Carol Staubach

*Glen Riddle Rotarian*

The 84 high school students arrived for RYLA Friday, knowing only a few others from their own high school. By Saturday, they had made life-long friends.

The purpose of the weekend was to create a vision of leadership through exercises in critical thinking; complex problem-solving; and creating visions of the future.

Many of the students, have had some challenges and emotional experiences in their young lives, yet they have so much passion and optimism for the future.

The exercises and speakers were varied but tied into the theme of leadership.

The visit by Thomas Jefferson involved sharing the mood, the vision, the personalities and political realities that existed as our young country was defining the vision, principles, and practical application of our government.

The Mock Congress (Freedom Summit Saturday morning led by local college professors, Dr. Bruce Murphy and Graham Lee), dealt with the balance between security and liberty by scrutinizing the Patriot Act, analyzing precedent-setting judicial cases involving freedom of speech, and protection of privacy.

And the "Culture Walk" featured discussions around appearances, first impressions, assumptions, and what painful issues a person might be experiencing that never shows on the surface such as divorce, losing a family member to illness, living with someone with a disability or someone who is addicted to alcohol or drugs.

The students became inspired by the inspirational speakers including Jeff Cadorette, who discussed what it means to become involved in "giving back" through community service and offered amazing insight into how "privileged" we are in this country. Many students were all ready to sign up for Rotary, NOW! Thank you Jeff Cadorette.

Bob Tryanski presented the message, "Believe in yourself. If you have a dream, pursue it; it is easy to get sidetracked by the 'noise,' peer pressure, the inner voice that sometimes tells you aren't good enough, settle for something less. and visions give you a clear path; follow it!" - Thanks Bob Tryanski.

Within 24 hours, the students became close and recognized the gifts of so many – the friendliest; the funniest; the student with the "best hair"...

Three Rotoractors from Lincoln University Rotoract Club helped facilitate the entire three-day weekend and were chaperones in the girls' dorm. One Rotoractor from Haverford college helped with the sessions Saturday.

"We should feel comfortable that our future is in the hands of students who have passion, who believe in themselves and the good of the world," comments Carol Staubach.



*Thomas Jefferson visited RYLA Friday evening to share the mood, vision and principles of a young America Among those who greeted him was Nick dellaMonica.*

## Rotarians urged to register for April 14 Leadership Institute

By Robert Lankin

*Past District Governor, RLI Chairman*

Rotary Club members are urged to attend the Wilmington Delaware session of the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) which will be held on Saturday April 14. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. The sessions begin at 8 a.m. and continue until 3:30 p.m.

The cost of the one day session is \$90 if the member has registered in advance. To register, visit [www.RotaryLeadershipInstitute.org](http://www.RotaryLeadershipInstitute.org) and pay with a credit card.

The cost includes two meals and educational materials. There are three sessions which must be taken in order. All three sessions will be given at that site.

The Rotary Leadership Institute was started in New Jersey to provide training for up and coming Rotary leaders. The sessions are given in a discussion forum which enables members to share ideas and participate actively. The only lectures are at the meal functions.

Every club President has been mailed certificates to award a session on the RLI to up to four of its members. It is felt that if clubs had three or four people who completed the full program of the Rotary Leadership Institute, those clubs would have no problem having someone available to serve as the President Elect.

sessions have been widely acclaimed by the members who participated in past sessions of the RLI. Clubs are urged to reimburse members who register in advance and attend the full session of the course. For more information, contact Bob Lankin PDG, chair of the RLI for Rotary District 7450, at 215-887-9990 or [Bob.Lankin@Raymondjames.com](mailto:Bob.Lankin@Raymondjames.com)

## Bristol Rotary Club provides shoes



*School students in Nashik, India are all smiles after receiving shoes provided by Bristol Rotary Club which also provided 450 books and 10 computers to 10 village schools near Nashik.*

## What are they doing at Glen Mills Rotary Club meeting?



*Anyone have any idea what Dr Len Schuchman, John Munro, Paul O'Brian, Debbie Marchiano, Gene Mitchell, Tony DiLeva, and Chris Zawawsk of the Glen Mills Rotary Club are doing? Send your answer to District 7450 Leader at [info@Rotary7450.org](mailto:info@Rotary7450.org). There are no prizes for correct answers but take a stab at it anyway. You might be right.*

# Rotaplast gives gift of a smile

## A SMILE IN THE ANDES

Day Five – July 2, 2006

(Following are report and photos by Past District Governor Dan Bronson and Lew Hill on the team of Rotary volunteers from Rotary District 7450 and District 5050 from Washington State and British Columbia, Canada who traveled to 12,000 feet in the Andes of Peru to help in cleft lip and cleft palate surgery for indigent children last year.)

Today shows us how much a smile is worth. As we reviewed the cases that have been evaluated and scheduled we discover a 20-year old girl who has gone through early childhood, primary school age, and the years for early dating with a deformity of her lip that has made her life difficult and developing lasting friendships almost impossible. For her, there was no Rotaplast when she was a youngster and only now is she able to travel alone to La Oroya to receive the free surgery made possible by the Partnership of Doe Run Peru, Rotaplast International, and the Rotary Club of La Oroya.

We also have met a young lady who is seven years old and, in a way,



Sonia, before and after operation, thanks to Rotaplast.

she can thank Sofia Reyes of Lima, Peru for having her chance at a new look on life. When one of the team anesthesiologists said that he could not come three days before the mission, Sofia was contacted and immediately agreed to drop everything to become a part of Rotaplast 2006 in La Oroya. She has a niece with a cleft and doesn't want other children to face the same pain and challenges as they grow up.

On this day, operating room nurses Carmen Ando of Texas and Sandy Swiatek of Pennsylvania will assist the surgeons to transform these lives as other Rotaplast teams have done in the past. Rotaplast was founded in San Francisco almost 15 years ago by members of the Rotary Club of San Francisco. This organization annually provides 12-14 medical missions around the world to indigent children.

Today's patients know that the future is bright for them and that they can expect results like those of these children who were operated on in La Royal last year for cleft lips and have returned this year for

treatment of their cleft palates

### Rotaplast Benefit May 3

District Rotaplast Committee fundraiser is May 3 at the Media Theatre production of "Oklahoma." A wine and cheese reception will precede the show. Contact Faith Holefelder at [faith@delcochamber.org](mailto:faith@delcochamber.org) for details.

## Applications due by May 1 for Rotary World Peace Fellowships

Applications for the Rotary World Peace Fellowships are available at the Rotary website, [www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amscho/centers/](http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amscho/centers/)

Completed applications must be submitted to the local Rotary Club in the community where the applicant resides on or before May 1, 2007.

The academic opportunities are for study abroad at one of the Rotary Centers for International Studies established by the International Rotary Foundation at the International Christian University in Tokyo, Japan; the Universidad Del Salvador in Buenos Aires, Argentina; the University of Bradford in West Yorkshire, UK; or the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia.

Rotary World Peace Fellowships are for up to two academic years and are typically utilized in pursuit of a master's degree. Rotary provides funding for round-trip transportation, tuition and fees, room and board, and other miscellaneous expenses.

Rotary World Peace Fellows work to advance knowledge of issues related to fostering peaceful relationships among nations and groups, resolving causes of conflict, and building world understanding.

Rotary World Peace Fellows are expected to have a bachelor's degree and have proficiency in another language beyond English. And should have three years of work experience in a related area such as conflict resolution, mediation, diplomacy, or international relations. A future commitment to making some impact for world peace is required.

Inquiries/questions can be addressed to PDG Thomas McCarthy at 215-884-9925.

### May 1 deadline to apply for grant for three-month course

Applications for the short term certificate course via the Rotary International Peace and Conflict Studies Program are available through District 7450 Rotary Clubs and from the Rotary International web page, [www.peacestudies@rotary.org](http://www.peacestudies@rotary.org). The completed application must be submitted to the local Rotary Club where the candidate resides: on or before May 1, 2007.

The successful applicant will study at the Rotary Center for Peace and Conflict at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand. The goal is to provide community, business and industry leaders with high level skills necessary to prevent and resolve conflict and develop policies with a focus on the ability to effect positive change where tension exists.

Rotary provides funds for round-trip transportation to Bangkok, Thailand. Applicants (and/or their sponsors) are asked to cover the estimated \$5,000 cost of tuition and fees, educational materials, room and board, and other miscellaneous expenses

Applicants should have bachelor's degree and be employed fulltime (five-year minimum experience preferred). For more information contact PDG Tom McCarthy at 215-884-9925.



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Send change of address information promptly to [info@rotary7450.com](mailto:info@rotary7450.com).

### West Chester Rotary Club honored for community service

By Cathy Palmquist:

PR Chairman, West Chester Rotary Club

Over 35 members of West Chester Rotary Club attended the Feb. 6 Chamber of Commerce of Greater West Chester's annual banquet at the Mendenhall Inn, where President Annalie graciously accepted the J. Dewees Mosteller Community Service Award on behalf of the West Chester Rotary Club.

Earlier in the day, at the Morning Awards Ceremony at West Chester University, Annalie accepted proclamations for outstanding service from Senator Andy Dinniman's office, from State Representative Barb McIlvaine Smith, and from fellow Rotarian, Mayor Dick Yoder. A number of West Chester Rotary Club members attended the two events:

Greater West Chester Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Katie Walker, who did a great job leading both events, and incoming Chamber Board President Sue Casso, are members of the West Chester Rotary Club.