



# Rotary Leader



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## From the Governor



It doesn't seem possible that it's already December and half of our year together to show that "Rotary Shares" is already gone. But we still have six more months to achieve the goals of the clubs in our district. My pledge to you is that I, along with our Assistant Governors and all of our District committees, will continue to provide the best support possible to help our clubs have the best year ever until we turn things over to DGE Joel and his team for next year.

Speaking of DGE Joel Chesney, the "circle of life....Rotary style" has begun as of December 8. This was the first training opportunity for DGE Joel and his training team to meet with many leaders from across our district to begin planning for our next Rotary year.

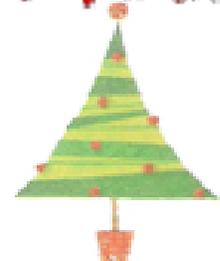
## Edge Hill Rotarians send supplies to Platoon Partners



Edge Hill Rotarians (back, from left) Bill Smith, Neal Stock, DG Russ deFuria, Ray Cline, and Peg Cline, and Brian Wirtshafter and (front, from left) Kristina Klugar, Tim Hughes, John Washington, and Marty Reddington, inspect the 200 plus pounds of personal items, toys and other items collected by the Edge Hill Rotary Club and the University of Pennsylvania Police Department before they were shipped to Platoon Partners in Iraq for the troops and the Iraqi children in time



*Holiday Blessings to you  
From Rotary District 7450*



## **Message from the Governor:**

# **Looking ahead to second half of Rotary year**

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Before we know it, it will be time for Governor's training in San Diego and for the training of next year's class of Presidents at their own PETS.

But, in the meantime there is still much to do and much to be accomplished this Rotary year. January 26<sup>th</sup> will be our first ever "Project Fair Mid-Year Assembly" at the Chester County Intermediate Unit, 335 Manor Ave., Downingtown (south of the Rt.322 Exit of Rte 30). It will run from 10-3, with presentations through the day, and you can come and go as needed. This should be a fantastic chance for clubs to share their great work and get some terrific new ideas.

February will start off with another first time ever event in our district Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup>, at a "Rotaract Leadership Institute". RLI has been a wonderful way to train and develop Rotary leaders, so now we are providing the same opportunity to our Rotaractors. Under the leadership of District chair Jane Williams of the Ardmore Rotary Club, Rotaract has been thriving in our district. There has been much success of late with the concept of community-based clubs, as opposed to being based at a local college or university. These emerging leaders are anxious to be an important part of the Rotary family.

February 22 to 24 will be our annual Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) event. RYLA is a great chance for us to recognize high school leaders and to help them develop their own talents. The event will be at the Freedom Foundation in Valley Forge. Chair Maria Mills-Torres of the Madrugadores Ro-

tary Club has developed an outstanding and very creative program for this year. But, the real success depends on you and your clubs providing young people that will take full advantage of what is provided. We hope that each club in our district will invest in the future by sending as many students as possible, once again adding members to the Rotary family.

In just over four months, we will be together for our first ever "Multi-District Conference". Mark your calendars now for the weekend of April 25 to 27 and join us at Skytop Lodge as we celebrate our many accomplishments and enjoy the fellowship of Districts 7430 and 7450. This promises to be a unique event with outstanding opportunities for Rotary networking, education, and most of all, a lot of fun for the entire family. Did I mention the golf course or the spa on premises? You'll be hearing lots more in the next couple of months.

District Conference Chair Tony Dileva of Glen Mills Rotary Club and his team have put a lot of work into making this extra special.

For now, I hope that all of you will remember all of the members of our "Family of Rotary" during this month. Early Act, Interact, Rotaract, RYLA, and Youth Exchange are all part of the family. But, so are GSE members, Ambassadorial Scholars, all of our alumni, spouses of deceased members, and our own spouses and families. If we are to truly act as a family, we need to be there for and support the other members.

I hope that all of you will have a most joyous holiday season. Thanks for all you do to show that "**Rotary Shares**"!



**District trainer for 2008-2009 Arnold Graf welcomes DG Russ deFuria (left photo) to first training in Media December 8 and discusses plans with DG-elect Joel Chesney.**

## Westtown-Goshen Rotarians co-sponsor Health Advocacy Program in India

By Dr. Govinda Malya

*Past President, Westtown-Goshen Rotary Club*

Community Health Advocacy Program, known as CHAP, was launched in Kochi, Kerala State, India October 14. CHAP is an international Matching Grant project jointly undertaken by the Westtown-Goshen Rotary Club, Westtown, PA USA (the international partner) and the Rotary Club of Fort Cochin, Kochi, India (the host partner). CHAP is a four-year pilot program to develop a prototype model and to provide health care to economically disadvantaged, orphans, elderly and the disabled in Kochi, India. Dr. Govinda Malya, immediate past president of Westtown-Goshen Rotary Club, is project director.

The program entails screening, treatment, follow-up visits and health education for diabetes, asthma and hypertension using a mobile van to deliver the health care services to people who would not have access to the services because they live in remote areas, lack transporta-

tion and do not have health care facilities near by.

The mobile van has been equipped with basic medical equipments and the services have been provided to the needy by health care professionals, volunteer Rotarians and people in the community. At the end of the 4-year duration of the project a "prototype" will be built that can be easily expanded to provide these services to remote areas in other countries such as Kenya, Peru, etc.

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

Initially two screenings were completed of 106 patients who were provided health checks, free medicines and health education about diabetes, asthma and hypertension.

For information, contact Dr. Govinda Malya at [gmalya@comcast.net](mailto:gmalya@comcast.net) or 610-517-4350.



**Standing in front of the Community Health Advocacy mobile van are members of the Fort Kochin (India) Rotary Club (from left) secretary Nishesh Shah, project leader Rajend R. Bhat, president Yasin Basheer, immediate past president Anand Mehta and treasurer Ajit Menon.**

## Gates Foundation: \$100 M to fight polio

Rotary International has announced a partnership with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation that will inject a much-needed \$200 million into the global campaign to eradicate polio, a crippling and sometimes fatal disease that still paralyzes children in parts of Africa, Asia, and the Middle East and threatens children everywhere.

The Rotary Foundation has received a \$100-million Gates Foundation grant, which Rotary has pledged to match, dollar-for-dollar, over three years.

Rotary will spend the initial \$100 million within one year in direct support of immunization activities carried out by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, a partnership spearheaded by the World Health Organization (WHO), Rotary International, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and UNICEF. "The extraordinary dedication of Rotary members has played a critical role in bringing polio to the brink of eradication," says Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. "Eradicating polio will be one of the most significant public health accomplishments in history, and we are committed to helping reach that goal."

The polio eradication grant is one of the largest challenge grants ever given by the Gates Foundation and the largest grant received by Rotary in its 102-year history. Polio eradication has been Rotary's top priority since 1985. Since then, Rotary has contributed \$633 million to the eradication effort. "Rotary members worldwide have worked very hard over the years to reach this point, and it is rewarding to see our approach validated in such a significant way by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation," says Dr. Robert Scott, who leads Rotary's polio eradication effort and chairs The Rotary Foundation.

Rotary International President Wilfrid J. Wilkinson adds, "This endorsement of Rotary's polio eradication efforts by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is just the catalyst and challenge Rotary members need to keep our promise to the children of the world that polio will be eradicated."

Although the number of polio cases has been slashed by 99 percent over the past two decades, the wild poliovirus still persists in four countries: Afghanistan, India, Nigeria and Pakistan. These cases are the most costly to prevent due to geographic isolation, worker fatigue, low coverage with the vaccine, armed conflict, and cultural barriers.

Last month, WHO released data confirming that all four remaining polio-endemic countries are on track to achieve eradication. Significant progress has been made in India and Nigeria, which account for 85 percent of the world's polio cases. Nigeria has reported 226 cases this year, compared with 958 at the same time last year. In both countries, more effective oral polio vaccines have contributed to steady progress in reducing polio cases.

Most of the initial \$100 million will fund mass immunization campaigns in polio-affected countries, poliovirus surveillance activities, community education and outreach, and expanded research agenda on ways to halt the spread of the poliovirus. Rotary will distribute the funds through WHO and UNICEF.

"The funds made possible through the Gates Foundation grant will help the Global Polio Eradication Initiative scale up its efforts to provide oral polio vaccine to children in those isolated locations where it's most needed," says UNICEF Executive Director Ann M. Veneman

## Main Line Rotaractors tackle numerous projects

The Main Line Rotaract Club is going strong in its second year!

The club consists of about 20 young professionals from the Main Line area. As the result of a very successful fundraiser last June, the club raised \$5,000 to provide safe drinking water in Guatemala through "Water for People".

Since then, the group has participated in many other community service projects. Most recently, the group helped beautify the Meade School in North Philadelphia with the Lower Merion Interact Club and Philadelphia Cares.

Several members spent Saturday, October 20 enhancing the appearance of the Meade School by painting and collecting trash in and around the school.



*Working on the exterior of Meade School are Ardmore Rotarians Mike Greenberg, and Fred Fromhold and Rotaractor Mark Fromhold.*



*Barbara Steele, Steve Iskrant, Mike Greenberg, and Carin Lefkowitz clean and paint the Meade School exterior.*

The club also held a clothing drive, donating several bags to Purple Heart.

For the second year, the club helped MANNA in November.

The Main Line Rotaract Club also volunteered for the December 9 Jingle Bell

Run/ Walk, which benefitted the Arthritis Foundation.

The club has had a great time supporting other clubs. Some members attended the Philadelphia Rotaract Gala at the Omni Hotel, and have also enjoyed eating a delicious breakfast at the Ardmore Rotary Club Pancake Breakfast.

In addition to fundraising, volunteering, and supporting other clubs, the club has had the time to enjoy social outings as well. Among them was a weekend in the Pocono's and a haunted hay ride. Members also attended Rotary Day at the U.N. in the fall.

President Jennifer Greenberg notes, "We welcome anyone to join us who is interested in serving their community with a great group of young professionals! We meet every other Wednesdays at 6:15pm at Border's in Bryn Mawr."

For more information on Main Line Rotaract, Club contact Jennifer Greenberg, at [greenjen2000@yahoo.com](mailto:greenjen2000@yahoo.com).

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*Jennifer Greenberg, Barbara Steele, Trish Dantis, and Carin Lefkowitz work at Meade School.*

## GSE team visit leads to wheelchair project

The 2006 District 7450 GSE team visited the historic town of Patzcuaro, Michoacan in the hills of central Mexico and learned of the poverty in the surrounding countryside where getting out of the house can sometimes be a problem due to disabilities, disease or other incapacities. The Glen Riddle Club, of which Linda Messer, the GSE team leader, is a member, championed a project and worked with the Club Rotario Patzcuaro 2000 to provide wheelchairs. At the top, wheel-chairs are lined up in the town square prior to presentation ceremony. At the ceremony, are recipients of the chairs (from left) Augustin Chavez Lopez, Hector Plata Mondragon, assistant to the children, Lourdes Avilas Perez, Blanca Carbajal Chavez, and members of the Patzcuaro club.



Club Rotario Patzcuaro 2000 president Juan Maho Ochoa was instrumental in arranging the club's participation with Glen Mills Rotary Club.

## Rotary Shares Project Fair at mid-year assembly

### Why are we having this?

Our clubs and committees do a lot of wonderful work. This is our chance to show others what we do, share our ideas, and learn from others. To display and share information about the community and international projects that clubs and the district support.

### Who will have displays?

Individual Rotary Clubs and District 7450 service committees (Rotaplast, Polio Plus, Water Resources, Literacy, Wheel Chairs, Shelter Box, Platoon Partners, Gundaker Foundation, The Rotary Foundation, etc.), Women's Mobile Health Clinic). Exhibitors are asked to have their displays staffed from 9:50 AM through 3:00 PM.

### Where will it be?

Chester County Intermediate Unit, 335 Manor Avenue, Downingtown, Pa. For a map go to - <http://www.rotary7450.org/common/calendar.htm>

### Who should come?

This event is for all District 7450 Rotarians, family members, prospects and other service-oriented individuals. It is an open-house type affair and you are welcome to come and go as you please.

### When?

Saturday, January 26th from 10A.M. to 3 P.M. with a one-hour setup/take down window (before/after)

### What will we see or do?

- Displays: Each club/committee is asked to bring their own card table or 6-8' picnic table and two chairs. Your club/committee display of the community/international service activities that you are proud of.
- Presentations: There also will be a demonstration area with 60-70 seats and a podium, plus screen and LCD projector. Presentation schedule is shown below. Your committee should contact Dan Bronson to get a time slot

(danbronson@epix.net). The actual time available is 15 minutes per group. There will be a five-minute changeover between groups.

10:20 A.M., 10:40 A.M., 11:00 A.M., 11:20 A.M., 11:40 A.M., 12:00 Noon, 2:00 P.M., 2:20 P.M., 2:40 P.M.

- Rotary Jeopardy: Conducted from 12:30 to 1:30 P.M. with the finals 1:30 to 2: P.M. There will be three rounds with teams from three areas participating per round. Contact your AG to represent your club and join in the fun.
- Come for the fun and prizes!! Why not make this your club's meeting for the week? There will be door prizes and special giveaways throughout the day. All proceeds will go to Rotary's battle against Polio!

### Sponsor:

Rotary District 7450 – This event will combine our mid-year assembly with a Rotary Shares Project Fair

### What should our club or committee do?

Confirm that you will have a display and by January 1 advise Dan Bronson (danbronson@epix.net) of the table size that you will use (you will be assigned a location for the event).

Develop a club/committee display of some of the things your club does for your community and/or world.

Committees should consider holding a mini-seminar or presentation on the great work that they do.

Select someone to represent your club on an area-wide Rotary Jeopardy team.

Consider making this your club's meeting for the week and urge your members to attend and participate.

## Spotlight on District 7450 Rotarians

### U.S. Military helps in distribution of ShelterBoxes in Bangladesh after cyclone



(Marine Seaman Christopher Lange photo) Marines delivering ShelterBoxes.

Many survivors of the cyclone that hit Bangladesh last month have benefitted by the delivery of ShelterBoxes by the 22nd US Marine Expeditionary Unit. Many Rotary Clubs around the world support the ShelterBox program which provides accommodation and other survival essentials to disaster areas around the world.



Many families were living in makeshift shelters on the edges of roads and other patches of dry ground before the ShelterBoxes were delivered. The aid operation has been led by the country's military. Bangladesh supplies a large proportion of the UN's peacekeeping forces and its soldiers are experienced at working in very difficult situations but the aftermath of the cyclone stretched the nation's military to the limit and the United States Department of Defense responded to the Bangladesh's government request for assistance. That response is part of a larger United States response coordinated by the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Agency for International Development. Until the Marines arrived, the ShelterBox Response Team was having difficulties getting its disaster ShelterBox out of Dhaka to the cyclone -stricken area because of blocked roads,



Taking part in the distribution of more than 200 International Atlases by the Rotary Club of Philadelphia at the Key School in South Philadelphia on December 11 are (back, from left) principal Norris Eldridge, Rotarians Lou Mosca, Frank Hollick and Joan Batory; and (front, from left) students May Su Chou, Jordan Barnes, Seak Lay and Nicky Chea.



Judy Martelli, a native of Delaware County and graduate of Immaculata College, spoke to the Rotary Club of Central Delaware County about her experience playing for the Mighty

Macs basketball team which won three consecutive National Women's Collegiate Championships in 1972, 1973 and 1974. She talked about her cameo role as a nun in the film "Our Lady of Victory", on 1972 championship team. Among those on hand for the meeting were president Jeanne Lee (left) and Joyce Laughlin.

## Exchange students have breakfast with Santa



**Photos by Jay Childress**

Gathered around Santa Claus (DGE Joel Chesney) at a Breakfast with Santa December 15 are Rotary Exchange students (front from left) Benjamin Latour from Belgium, Victor Sant'Anna from Brazil, Carlos Albrecht from Chile; (second row, from left) Vera Sverdlyk from Ukraine, Clementine Carre from France, and Amanda Cury from Brazil; (third row, from left) Lara Gurniski from Argentina, Santa, and Maite Martinez from Spain; and (fourth row, from left) Elf (Joyce Chesney), Andrea Kogoj from Italy, and Bjoern Brauner from Germany. The breakfast, at the Brookhaven home of Fancy and Dave Cross, was attended by about 60 exchange students and host parents and counselors. The students received a photo book about Pennsylvania landmarks.



Telling Santa (DGE Joel Chesney) what she wants for Christmas is Sarah White, host sister for Clementine Carre from France. The Youth Exchange committee presented the host families "thank you" gifts for their hospitality and taking the responsibility of a student in their home this Rotary year.



Santa's elf (DGE Partner Joyce Chesney) gets a laugh from the gift ideas Jolly Old Santa (DGE Joel Chesney) is giving to DG Russ deFuria at the Youth Exchange breakfast. In addition to serving a delicious breakfast, the committee shared holiday traditions with the students.

## **From District Governor Partner:**

# **‘Family of Rotary’ month filled with fellowship**

**By Dawn de Furia**

Happy Holidays to every Rotarian in our district and their families!

December is “Family of Rotary Month”; a time when we place emphasis on our own families, as well as the members of our Rotary family. We have had the opportunity to attend many holiday parties this month and I want to thank each club for their warm hospitality. We are having such a great time being together with members of this district, as well as the many Rotarians we have met from around our Zone.

Last April, Russ read on the RI website that Rotary International was looking for Rotarians and their families who were going to attend the convention in Salt Lake City. Russ emailed RI and we were chosen to have our picture taken to possibly be part of the “Family of Rotary” issue of *Rotarian* for December. We met at our scheduled time to be interviewed and had numerous pictures taken of our family. The photographer wanted us to use props and since our family loves to travel, we chose two old fash-

ioned suitcases. Russ wore a tri-corner colonial hat (since Philadelphia is part of our district) and they had me wear a chef’s hat since I love to cook. We were hoping to be in the December *Rotarian*, but when the magazine was published, we didn’t make it into the issue.

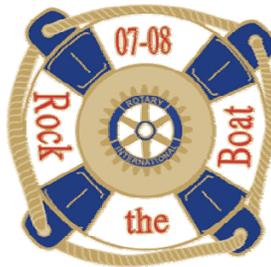
We were a bit disappointed, since we really thought we had an opportunity to be in the magazine. But, Russ again went on the RI website at the beginning of December and there was the topic “Family of Rotary” He clicked on the topic and once he did, there we were! Our

family’s picture had made the website, if not the *Rotarian* magazine. We are thrilled to be a part of the “Family of Rotary” segment and will remember all the families we had the chance to meet in Salt Lake City.

I’m looking forward to the next six months being as exciting as the first half of this year has been for Russ and me. Thanks for all you do in the name of Rotary!



**Among the Rotary families featured on Rotary.org. “Family of Rotary” page complete with suitcases and Colonial hat and chef hat are DG Russ and DG Partner Dawn deFuria and daughters, Nicole deFuria (seated) and Yvonne deFuria.**



## Six Bucks County Rotary Clubs fund two ShelterBox units to help victims of disasters

Six Rotary Clubs in Lower Bucks County, PA (Bensalem, Bristol, Feasterville, Langhorne, Levittown-Fairless Hills, and Shady Brook) joined together to provide direct relief for victims of disasters with immediate shelter and life-saving supplies.

ShelterBox USA is a grassroots Rotary Club project, which has helped thousands of homeless and refugees in more than 30 countries.

The ShelterBox mission is to deliver immediate relief to victims of natural and other disasters in any country. ShelterBox reaches those people most in need, through the network provided by Rotary International, and its 33,000 clubs worldwide.

Each Shelter/Box contains a rugged 10-person tent to be used as emergency accommodation and other survival essentials required by people who are suddenly homeless.

Each Shelter/Box can be delivered for about \$1,000. ShelterBox USA has sent aid to 31 different countries, providing shelter for more than 500,000 people in need.



Representatives of six Bucks County Rotary Clubs, which purchased and delivered two ShelterBoxes to the site of a disaster, are (from left). Edward Carne, president-elect of Shady Brook Rotary Club; Tim Birch, president of Levittown-Fairless Hills Rotary Club; Bob Harris, president of Bristol Rotary Club; Emily Guglielmi, president of Feasterville Rotary Club; James Jones, president-elect of Bensalem Rotary Club; Michael Buchheit, assistant governor for Area One and member Bristol Rotary Club; and Greg Krasovsky, Rotary District 7450 ShelterBoxUSA representative and member of Philadelphia Rotary Club.

## RI lists tax changes for Rotary Clubs in 2008

Beginning in 2008, USA and Puerto Rican Rotary clubs and districts with gross receipts of \$25,000 or less will be required to file Form 990-N, an electronic e-Postcard report. This report is required annually starting 15 November 2008.

Failure to meet the annual filing requirement for three

consecutive years will result in revocation of the tax-exempt status of the club or district in question.

Rotary International indicates it wants to stress that this form is not required for submission until 2008.

Clubs are being alerted so that adequate receipts may be kept throughout the course of

the year. As of the date of this message, Form 990-N had not yet been posted on the US Treasury Web site.

To learn more about this requirement, and to obtain the necessary e-Postcard report form once it's posted, go to [www.irs.gov/eo](http://www.irs.gov/eo) or call the toll-free number: (877) 829-5500.

## Sing Songs for Rotary and for Polio Plus funds

District 7450 Polio Plus Committee has written new lyrics to 17 old favorite songs that almost everyone knows. These include "Beer Barrel Polka", "Row, Row Your Boat", "Happy Birthday", "You Are My Sunshine". "Rotary Songs for Dummies," songbooks that have the Rotary words to these songs, is \$2. each.

A CD with the lyrics in a Power Point program will also be available for \$20.. All proceeds will go toward the Rotary Foundation pro-

grams to eradicate Polio. Contact the Polio Plus Chair Dan Bronson at [danbronson@epix.net](mailto:danbronson@epix.net) or 717-786-7277 (H).

### November Attendance -- please send attendance to [info@Rotary7450.org](mailto:info@Rotary7450.org)

Ardmore	102	Not Reported
Bala Cynwyd/Narberth	18	4 70
Bensalem	41	Not Reported
Bristol		Not Reported
Broomall	39	Not Reported
Bryn Mawr	20	4 63
Central Chester County	29	4 68
Central Delaware County Aka: Media Sunrisers	10	Not Reported
Cheltenham Rockledge		Not Reported
Chester	26	4 72
Chester Pike		Not Reported
Chesterbrook	16	3 100
Chestnut Hill	50	Not Reported
Chichester	20	4 49
Chonshohocken -Plymouth Whitemarsh	11	3 56
Coatesville	55	Not Reported
Concordville-Chadds Ford		Not Reported
Downingtown	17	4 47
Eastwick/Phl Airport		Not Reported
Edge Hill	15	4 74
Elkins Park	16	58
Exton-Frazer	13	4 52
Feasterville		Not Reported
Frankford - Northeast Philadelphia		Not Reported
Glen Mills	20	4 55
Glen Riddle	28	4 61
Glenside	40	4 63
Greater West Chester Sunrise	43	4 67
Haverford Township	31	Not Reported
Jenkintown		Not Reported
Kennett At Longwood	71	79
Kennett Square	19	4 68
King Of Prussia	55	Not Reported
Langhorne	18	4 53
Levittown-Fairless Hills	24	4 56
Madrugadores		Not Reported
Media		Not Reported
NE Sunrisers	20	56
Newtown Square	35	4 60
Octorara	12	3 58
Oxford	12	Not Reported
Paoli-Malvern-Berwyn	31	4 68
Philadelphia	114	4 45
Phoenixville	34	4 65
Shady Brook	40	Not Reported
Springfield		Not Reported
Swarthmore	50	Not Reported
Thorndale		Not Reported
Twin Valley	13	Not Reported
Upper Darby-Lansdowne	37	4 65
Wayne	25	Not Reported
West Chester		Not Reported
West Grove/Avondale	29	4 80
Westtown-Goshen	40	4 83



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