



# Rotary Leader



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## From District Governor



February is "World Understanding Month" and a perfect time for our Rotary Clubs to think globally. There is no better

way for Rotarians to help world peace and understanding than through support of our own Rotary Foundation. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has recognized the great work of our Rotary Foundation with a \$100 million matching grant toward the eradication of polio. Likewise, United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon met recently with Rotary International leaders and praised Rotarians for their commitment to polio eradication in a recent visit to Chicago. If you haven't made a donation yet this year, now may be the perfect time to join in.

Also this month, we celebrate the 103<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the formation of our great organization on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Paul Harris was a lonely lawyer in the city of Chicago, looking for friendship, and looking for fellowship with other businessmen and professionals of similar values.

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## District 7450 promotes Rotary programs at Philly airport

### Clean water...basic to life

Rotary's working on it

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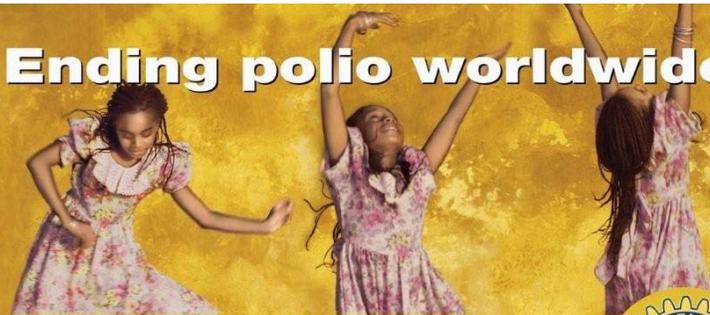
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**From the Governor:****Busy calendar offers Rotarians much to do***(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)*

So, it's also a great time to remember the friendships and fellowship that we all enjoy in Rotary.

Speaking of friendship and fellowship, we now have another Rotary Club in District 7450 where we can share that friendship and fellowship. The West Chester Downtown Fridays Rotary Club has achieved provisional status. The club meets Friday at 2 p.m., something a little bit different. It may just be the perfect time for people you know in the West Chester area who haven't previously been able to be part of a Rotary Club due to time commitments or travel schedules. We anxiously look forward to welcoming our 55<sup>th</sup> District 7450 Rotary Club very soon. They are well on their way to success!

Earlier this month, we held our first ever "Rotaract Leadership Institute" at the Boy Scouts of America offices in Philadelphia. Attendance at the event was beyond our wildest imagination, with Rotaractors and Rotarians joining us from as far away as Baltimore, Washington, and New Haven. It was wonderful to see the interaction between Rotaractors from around District 7450 as well as with the Rotarians present. Special thanks go to District Rotaract Chair Jane Williams of the Ardmore Rotary Club for leading the event, Frank Hollick of Philadelphia Rotary Club for his work setting up the venue, and PDG Bob Lankin of the Northeast Sunrisers Rotary Club for developing the training curriculum.

The training opportunities don't stop with that event. The weekend of February 22-

24 is the annual RYLA event at Freedom Foundation in Valley Forge. It promises to be a very creative and eye-opening experience for the young people gathered.

That same weekend is PETS (President-Elect Training Seminar) at the Radisson Valley Forge, where DGE Joel's team will get the training it needs to do the best job possible in leading our Rotary Clubs.

The clock is ticking toward District Conference! By now, you all should know that we will be having our first ever "Multi-District Conference" from April 25 to 27 at Skytop Lodge in the Poconos. It will be a great chance to share a mini-vacation with old friends from around District 7450 and make new friends with Rotarians from District 7430. It will offer fun for the whole family, as well as a lot of Rotary information. If you've never been to a conference, this is the one to try. I hope you will sign up to join us and share the fun.

Finally, we have two large dioramas (shown on Page 1 of this month's *Rotary Leader*) featuring Rotary programs displayed at Philadelphia International Airport for a period of five months. These displays will expose the great work being done by Rotary International around the world to millions of travelers passing through the airport. Thanks to Joe Batory of Philadelphia Rotary Club, District 7450 is doing a great job of raising awareness for Polio Eradication and Clean Water Issues around the globe. They are located in Terminal B near baggage claim. Look for them next time you're traveling!

**Rotary Stamp Club sets initial meeting March 10**

Rotarians are invited to the first meeting of the World Community Service Stamp Club Monday, March 10, at 6 p.m. for an evening of fellowship, pizza, and stamp sorting at Douglas Blazey's office at 925 Harvest Drive, Suite 300, Blue Bell. If



it is your collective opinion that these items are worth sale or marketing by the District we will do so and raise funds for District or Gundaker Foundation activities. For information, contact Doug Blazey at [BlazeyLaw@aol.com](mailto:BlazeyLaw@aol.com).

## District Conference depends on Rotarians volunteering to work on committees and to become sponsors

The District Conference Committee continues to seek help from District 7450 Rotarians on a variety of projects associated with the planning for the April 25 to 27 Multi-District Conference at Skytop Lodge in the Poconos. For the first time, District 7450 will partner with District 7430 to co-host the annual conference.

Sponsors are needed for the Sponsor Book which will be distributed to each person at the conference. Sponsors who sign up by March 1 will also have their advertisement included in the Conference Program. In addition, the advertisement

will be posted on **Rotary7450.org**. Cost to sponsor a full page is \$500 and there are no restrictions on how the page may be used. Deadline for ads is April 1.

District Conference Chair Tony DiLeva is handling the sale of 50/50 raffle tickets at \$200 each. Only 108 tickets will be sold with the winning ticket paying \$10,800. If all 108 tickets are not sold, the cash prize will be based on the number of tickets sold, multiplied by \$200 and divided by two.

The tickets can be purchased by a District 7450 Rotary Club, or individual or group of Rotarians in the District.

There is no limit on number of tickets which a Rotarian or Rotary Club may purchase. To pur-

chase raffle tickets, contact DiLeva at 610-656-2543

The District Committee announces six Hospitality Suites are available on a first come-first serve basis. Hospitality suites, which may be purchased by either a District 7450 Rotary Club or an individual sponsor, cost \$425 for one night and \$750 for the conference weekend. DiLeva

points out that the purchase of a Hospitality Suite is in addition to the Conference Registration Fee in as much as there are no sleeping a r -

District Conference  
April 25th - 27th

*Skytop Lodge & Resort*

To see real time updates go to  
<http://www.rotary7450.org/common/hotnews-DistrictConference.htm>

rangements or meal packages included with the suites. A 1 a.m. curfew has been set for the suites.

In connection with the conference, a Friday Golf Tournament will tee off at 10.a.m. For more information, contact Golf Chairman David Lafferty at **dave@kdcom.com**.

The committee is working on plans for programs for children which may include, among other events, a family scavenger hunt and a hayride Saturday afternoon.

The committee continues its monthly meetings and as the final schedule is confirmed, information will be posted on **Rotary 7450.org**. Registration forms are also available at **Rotary7450.org**. Rotarians should contact **Conference Chair D7450 ~ Tony DiLeva ~ pad553221@aol.com**

## Rotaplast theatre benefit is March 13

By Dan Bronson, PDG  
Rotaplast Mission Director

As you are aware, I have been involved for the past 10 years with Rotary District 7450's efforts to provide cleft lip and cleft palate surgery around the world through Rotaplast (ROTA for Rotary and PLAST for plastic surgery = ROTAPLAST). We have sponsored teams to Argentina, Peru and India with another team planned for September in Cebu, Philippines.

In September, we gave a smile to another child as we completed our 1000th surgery.

This year the major fund-raising event for Rotaplast is a night at the Media Theatre Thursday, March 1. The special event will be the "Buddy Holly Story" and there will be a reception at 6 p.m. with the Broadway show at 7:30 p.m.

The price for the tickets is \$35.00 each with all proceeds going to Rotaplast International. Theatre management has contributed to the tickets as they have for the past several years.



**Rotaplast chairman Dan Bronson reads name of Kathleen Washington, wife of Edge Hill Rotary Club's John Washington, as winner of Amish quilt at Project Fair. Trish Dantis of Main Line Rotaract Club pulled the winning ticket.**

Please join me for this great event and help the children in our world see a brighter future with new smiles. Respond to me by e-mail with the number of tickets that you would like and send your check to me at Rotaplast International, 259 W. Fifth Street, Quarryville, PA.17566.

The theatre is at 104 East State Street in Media and it is a few doors from the Iron Hill Brewing Company in case you would like join my wife and I as we make an evening of it. I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at the theatre on March 13th!!

Yours in Service Above Self,

Dan Bronson, PDG, Rotaplast Mission Director, Rotaplast International,

Inc. 259 W. Fifth St., Quarryville, PA17566; 717-786-7277; Cell: 717-615-4767; Fax: 717-786-1064. Bronson's e-mail address is danbronson@epix.net; see:www.rotaplast.org.

### Chester Rotarians give \$1000 check and Gundaker match to Rotaplast

The Rotary Club of Chester continues its support of Rotaplast International with a check for \$1000 along with a Gundaker Foundation match of \$1000. Rotaplast International sends teams of doctors, nurses, speech pa-

thologists, dentists and orthodontists and Rotarians to Third World countries to perform free surgeries to correct cleft lips and palates. this surgery, these children are doomed to a life of ridicule, shame and poor health .

For more information or to schedule a presentation, contact Jack or Faith Holefelder at jackholefelder@comcast.net or faithholefelder@comcast.net or Dede Carruthers at dedecarr@earthlink.net.

## What's happening in District 7450



The Rotary Club of Exton Frazer recognizes Great Valley High School senior, Christine Garrard, as their December Student of the Month. On hand for the presentation are (from left) Rotary Club president Dave Ellis, Bruce Garrard, Christine Garrard, Anne Garrard and Meredith Bebee, Great Valley High School counselor. Christine was recognized not only for her academic excellence, but also for her commitment to her school and the community.



Addie Ciannella, Haverford Township Library Director, is introduced by Joe McLoughlin, president of Haverford Township Rotary Club, at the January 31 breakfast meeting in the Rotary Room of the library. Ciannella outlined the current status and progress of the library and its possible future at the former Bubblegum plant on Eagle Road.

### New Rotarians

The Rotary Club of Shady Brook, at its December 20 meeting, inducted Morris Pashko (left), who returned after an injury, and Jim Stavros, (third from left) newmembers. Welcoming them are Rotary Club president Bob Morris and State Representative Chris King (right) who was guest speaker. The Shady Brook Rotary Club has inducted 10 new members since July 1, 2007. As of the end of 2007, membership totaled 42 members.

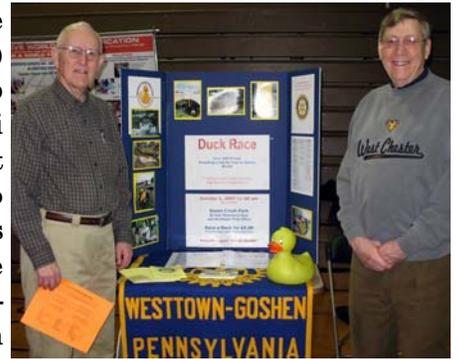


## 35 Rotary Clubs, committees outline service



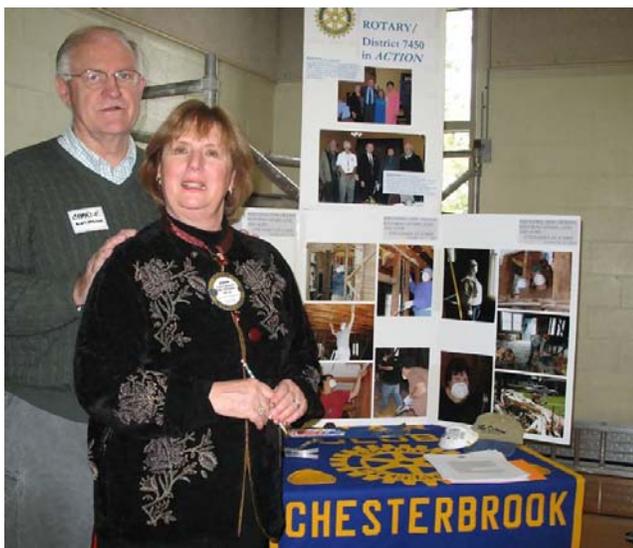
The Rotary Club of Northeast Sunrises Philadelphia display at the January 26 District Assembly Project Fair featured the club's most successful Spaghetti Dinner for PolioPlus. The fourth annual dinner raised over \$2,000 (before the Gates Foundation match) or more than the first three years combined. The club also hosted its annual holiday party for the disabled children of the Widener School in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Jenkintown. Children received a visit from Santa Claus, and individual gifts. Working at the Project Fair are (from left) president Mark Michelman, past president Stan Feldman, president-elect Holly Lankin and PDG Bob Lankin, who is charter president.

Reese Davis (left) and Bob Bielski present the We-Go Programs of the Westtown-Goshen Rotary



Club at the District Assembly Project Fair January 26 in Downingtown. The exhibit featured the club's annual Duck Race every October that raises \$25-\$30,000 for local and international projects. Also featured was their CHAP program which is a mobile van that operates out of Fort Chochin India and provides health screenings for people unable to get to a doctor. The \$80,000 4-year project is co-sponsored by We-Go Fort Cochin Rotary Clubs with matching grants from Gundaker Foundation and RI.

**Project Fair photography  
by Jay Childress**



Chesterbrook Rotary Club Past President Joann Huntington and her husband, Charlie, display photographs at the District Project Fair from several of Charlie Huntington's Katrina relief team trips. Governor Russ deFuria is encouraging District 7450 Rotary Clubs to continue to support Katrina relief by sending club and/or individual contributions marked for Katrina Relief directly to: Mr. Richard McCarthy, chairman, New Orleans Rotary Foundation, Inc., c/o Richard Grays Power Co., 5500 Pyrtania Street, Box 334, New Orleans, LA 70115. As a result of the Project Fair, two more volunteers were added to Charlie Huntington's team going to New Orleans in May.

## Project Fair offers 35 exhibits, 16 presenters



Tom Stuart and Rob Burnham of Ardmore Rotary Club (left) were on hand to discuss the club's literacy and musical programs at Meade School in North Philadelphia, restoration of Garden for the Blind in Wynnewood and well-drilling project in Malawi at the Project Fair. Stuart, who joined Exton-Frazer Rotary Club in 1959 and was president in 1965-66, joined Ardmore Rotary Club in 1969. Burnham is one of the club's newest members. Stuart urged all District 7450 Rotarians and their friends to donate old, unused musical instruments for students at Meade School and other Philadelphia schools.

Main Line Rotaractors (from left) president Jennifer Greenberg, secretary Barbara Steele, and District Rotaract Representative Trish Dantis sold food at the Project Fair. Their goal was to raise money to help them with expenses of the International Rotaract meetings prior to the Rotary International Convention in Los Angeles in June.



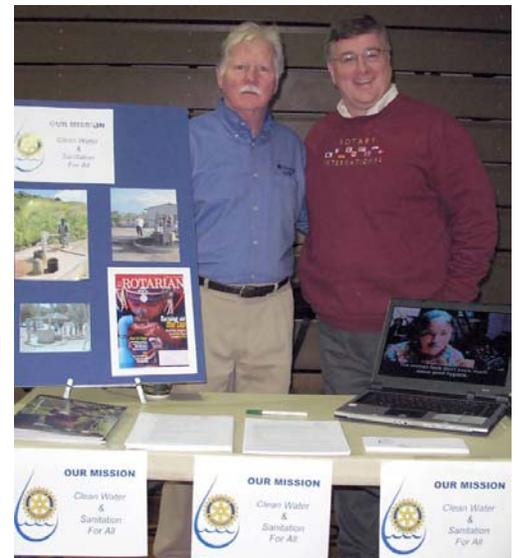
### Project Fair chairman says 'Thank you'

Thirty-five Rotary Clubs and District Committees shared their successes in serving others in their communities and around the world at the first Rotary District 7450 Project Fair. We also had 16 group presentations that truly showed "Rotary Shares". Several hundred Rotarians, family members and guests attended and enjoyed a great experience.

A huge "Thank You" to everyone who helped to make this a success and special thanks to the Rotary Clubs and committees who made the effort to display their work and the speakers who shared through words and video displays.

Individual thanks to Dede Carruthers, Elizabeth Rhoads and Sue Cohen. The Rotaplast Quilt was won by Kathleen Washington, wife of John Washington of the Edge Hill Club and a 2001 GSE team member to Argentina (before he became a Rotarian).

Yours in Service Above Self  
Dan Bronson, PDG



DG Russ deFuria (right) and Water Resources Coordinator John Steele, Ardmore Rotarian, discuss plans and hope that all of Rotary Clubs in District 7450 will participate in a World Water Sanitation project. The Water Resource Coordinator role was established this year by deFuria to share information and successful (and not so successful) experiences of Rotary Clubs already involved in this effort, and to identify resources available through RI and others.

## Indian Lane EarlyAct Club focuses on the environment



EarlyAct Club EARTH 911 from Indian Lane Elementary School was invited to Ten Thousand Villages as a featured guest Saturday, January 12 to present its projects and increase awareness of environmental issues including preservation and safety of local watersheds. Participating in the program are (at left, from left) Austin Kreeger, Renee Bilbrough, Eric Bilbrough, Rob Baidokas, and two children (with cricket frog masks) who attend Ten Thousand Villages Second Saturday program.



Indian Lane Elementary School EarlyAct Club members display some of 750 Earth Day Grocery Bags which club members decorated with environmental messages to be distributed to Media's Trader Joe customers on Earth Day weekend in April. They are (top row, from left) Mary Kate Klodarska, Reid Niermann, Rob Baidokas, Maddie Harper, Matt Simpson, Jessica Taing; (middle row, from left) Chase Dungan, Mark Ullman, MARRISA Boland, Ryan Stocku, Kayla Vay, Daniel Chuckran, Neil Carney; (front row, from left) Liam Donovan, Timmy Spencer, Olivia Rigby, Justin Rossi, and Mark Cullen.



Indian Lane Elementary School EarlyAct Club members, with container of Pop Tabs the club is collecting for the Ronald McDonald House of Delaware, are (back row, from left) Maddie Harper, Mary Kate Klodarska, Rob Baidokas, Carly Bartholomew, Neil Carney, and teacher advisor Mrs. Leslie Valuck; and (front row, from left) Mark Cullen, Olivia Rigby, Chase Dungan, Kayla Vay, and Justin Rossi. The EarlyAct Club Earth 911 is sponsored by Rotary Club of Media, in partnership with Glen Riddle Rotary Club and Glen Mills Rotary Club.

## District 7430, 7450 partner to help Iraqi boy

Rotarians in Districts 7450 and 7430 joined forces late last year to bring about a much-needed humanitarian effort in behalf of an Iraqi child.

Members of District 7430 were contacted in November by Eric Balcavage of the Concordville-Chadds Ford Rotary and his mother, Carol, at Lehigh Valley Hospital. Eric's older brother, Army Lieutenant Colonel Mark Balcavage, was stationed in Iraq where his troops came across a small four-year-old boy in need of help. The little boy, Mohammed Kareem, was born with a birth defect that required him to have a colostomy soon after birth. Further surgery to make life more normal for Mohammed is not possible in Iraq and previous attempts to get the child to the



**Army Lieutenant Colonel Mark Balcavage with Mohammed Kareem in Iraq.**

United States were unsuccessful. District 7430 DG Gerry Long sent an appeal to all the Rotary Clubs to assist in getting Mohammed here this time.

With the promise of assistance by the staff at Lehigh Valley Hospital and cooperation by several local groups, the child arrived at JFK Airport December 16. Eric's parents and the host mother drove there (in all that weather) to meet the child and his escort. Dawn Costello of Allentown, a long-time friend of the Balcavages, is coordinating the local Rotary efforts. The Lehigh Valley Muslim Association has provided a local host mother, Amel Yahya, with the help of Shehnaz Tahir also of that group. Others involved include: Cindy Hornaman from the Emmaus

Rotary, the Lehigh Valley Dialogue Center, the United Muslim Foundation, the Lehigh Valley Physician Group- Pediatrics, and the Pediatric Surgeons of Lehigh Valley Hospital.

Rotary District 7450 provided the early coordination and cost of transporting Mohammed and his cousin, Kitba, to Baghdad, and Amman for visas. The flight to the United States was donated by RI Past President Bill Boyd. Donations of clothing and other costs locally have come from Rotarians

Mohammed will be in Allentown up to six months preparing for and receiving surgery and follow up. The hospital is donating medical and surgical care coordinated by Dr. Michael Consuelos, assistant chair of Pediatrics, the pediatric surgeons, and Carol Balcavage, R.N., director of wound care at Lehigh Valley Hospital.



**Mohammed Kareem has had a colostomy since shortly after his birth in Iraq.**

### Hospital Update

Eric Balcavage reported Feb. 20 that Mohammed Kareem was operated on two weeks ago and is "doing great." In four or five weeks, Mohammed will undergo a second operation to close the colostomy and he will remain in the Allentown area for two or three months more to ensure everything is OK. Balcavage also reports his brother Mark and his platoon returned from Iraq and are stationed at Ft. Richardson, Alaska until May when the platoon will move to Ft. Polk, Louisiana.

## Now is the time to renew membership efforts

By George Whitfield

January is over and if you look in the sunny spots of your garden, you will notice daffodils are beginning to peak through the earth. That is a sure sign that winter is almost over and that spring will be here soon.

Spring is a time of anticipation, when gardeners look for what new life will spring forth from our gardens. Even though gardeners know exactly where everything is planted, there is that one bulb or dormant plant that was planted in the fall that causes the gardener to wait with great expectation to see if his or her hard work of cultivation and planting is going to pay off.

Sometimes however, once the bulb or plant begins to show a little interest in breaking through the soil, the gardener has to give it a little nudge to help it along to become a good healthy plant.

Well ladies and gentlemen, club membership is just like fall planting. If you planted the seeds of membership with prospective members in the fall, now is the time to give the prospects a little nudge. Unless the prospect told you that they were definitely not interested in Rotary, you have permission to ask them again.

Go ahead, nudge that prospect along. Help the prospect make the decision that being a Rotarian is the right thing to do.

During the fall months, I have traveled to all but one area in the district to help club membership chairpersons, club presidents and

district membership coordinators plant seeds for prospective members. In our meetings, we learned how to tell our own personal stories of Rotary, in hopes that when a prospect hears this they will receive a more clear picture. In addition, participants in the meetings learned the importance of having the entire club "buy in" to how the club would handle the importance of growing their club. Some clubs have done quite well, and to them I say, "Thank you."

Now is the time to nudge the prospects. The second round of area membership meetings need to occur. At these meetings, participants will share what their clubs have done since July and how their membership plans are working for them. If the clubs are having problems with their plans, the meeting participants will help to evaluate the plan and give good suggestions on how to turn things around.

Just as the gardener looks forward to the spring to nudge their plants, we have to do the same with our membership plans. This will allow our clubs to grow and provide additional hands to do the work of Rotary.

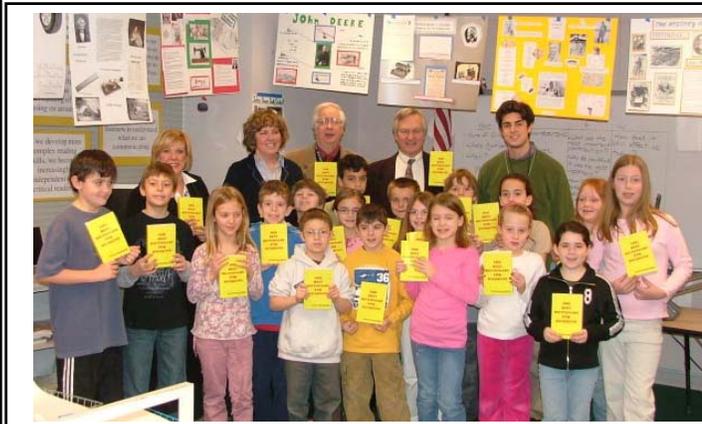
There are only five months left before DG Russ' term will be over. Let's put forth the effort needed to end the year with more members in the district than we had on July 01, 2007.

Contact George Whitfield at [george.whitfield.bu42@statefarm.com](mailto:george.whitfield.bu42@statefarm.com)



### Delivering holiday cheer

The Rotary Club of Elkins Park delivered 100 food baskets along with holiday gifts to families in Cheltenham Township. Helping with the delivery of baskets and gifts are (from left) Rotarians Pauline Kretschmer, Chair Betty Mc Hugh, and Thomas Mc Hugh, a volunteer.



## Rotarians deliver dictionaries

Exton-Frazer Rotary Club presented over 350 dictionaries to third-graders in four Great Valley elementary schools Feb. 13. Rotarians who participated in the presentation at General Wayne Elementary School in Malvern are (back, from left) Lynn Moran, Shannon Mick and Exton-Frazer Rotary Club president David Ellis (second from right).

## Feasterville Rotary Club sponsoring Ferderbar School EarlyAct

Feasterville Rotarians were on hand for the kickoff of the second year of Ferderbar Elementary School EarlyAct Service Club. Assistant Governor Michael Buchheit was on hand along with superintendent of schools Paul Kadri, also a Rotarian, and Ward McMasters, Area One Rotary Foundation coordinator who shared 'What is Rotary' with the students. Earlyact is sponsored by Feasterville Rotary Club. Earlyact pro-

motes goodwill, understanding and peace through the active participation of its student members so that with committed citizenship and effective leadership they may improve the quality of life of their school, local and global communities. Mrs. Patty Compton and Ms. Susan Walters are the teacher facilitators who initiated 18 fourth and fifth-grade students at the kick-off.



## WHERE'S MY NEWSLETTER?

If you know a Rotarian asking where his or her District Newsletter is, we are asking Rotarians who have access to computers and the [Rotary7450.org](http://Rotary7450.org) website to take a few minutes and print a copy (or two or three) of this newsletter (and maybe the past few issues) and give them to the Rotarian(s) who asked the question.

And if you know there are members in

your club who are not computer savvy, we ask you to print copies and place them on the sergeant-at-arms table.

Thank you.

For real-time updates, archives, pictures and additional information, visit the website at

[www.Rotary7450.org](http://www.Rotary7450.org) > Enter > Newsletter

## Rotarians send soccer equipment to Nigeria

An outreach project from Philadelphia Rotary Club to Nigeria was accomplished in record time thanks to the generosity of the members of the Rotary Club of Philadelphia.

Early in October, the Philadelphia Rotary Club had heard about the love of soccer in a small school in Nigeria and the desperate need for sports equipment among the young people there.

The Rotary Club of Philadelphia responded swiftly -no committees or studies,



Philadelphia Rotarians Joe Batory (left) and Bob Levitt prepare to ship soccer equipment to school in Nigeria.

just some quick action from their hearts - and within two weeks, the club had acquired 15 donated soccer balls and purchased 15 yellow soccer shirts emblazoned with "Rotary Club of Philadelphia."

A host of Philadelphia Rotarians chipped in \$10.bills to pay for the soccer shirts and the mailing the equipment which also included a camera and an air pump.

The soccer equipment was shipped by the Philadelphia Rotary Club to Father Charles Bassey and the church leaders at

St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Anua-Uyo (Nigeria) October 30.

## UD-Lansdowne Rotary Club honors students



The Rotary Club of Upper Darby-Lansdowne each month recognizes local high school students for their academic achievements and community service and hosts the students and counselors at lunch at Drexelbrook Wednesday at noon. Honorees and counselors at a recent luncheon are (front, from left) Caitlyn Oleykowski and Timothy Barr from Bonner-Prendergast High School, Adam Rodriguez from Penn Wood High School, Krista Moletteri and Nate Kuerschner from Upper Darby High School; and (back row, from left) counselors Sister Miriam and Jeff Esposito, Rotary Club president Pat Lynam, and counselor Sharon Donohue. Also honored was Joanne Hall from Penn Wood High School who was unable to attend.

## Welcomes new member



Norman Watts was recently inducted as a member to the Central Delaware County Rotary. Watts, a long-time Delaware County resident and former teacher with the Upper Darby School District, is the CEO of Watts Investments, Consultants in Media .

## Rotary provides fire equipment in Argentina

Edge Hill Rotary Club President John F. Washington Jr. spent 12 days in November in District 4800, Argentina, delivering fire fighting and hazardous materials equipment to the volunteer fire stations in the Province of Tucuman and JuJuy.

This was Washington's third return visit following his initial Group Study Exchange Team experience in May 2001 where he studied the make up, administration and training protocols of their police and fire departments.

Washington has been involved in the fire service for 30 years, serving as an instructor with the Montgomery County and Pennsylvania State Fire Academy specializing in hazardous materials and chemical, biological and nuclear weapons

The first return trip to the area was in March 2004 when he was able to donate \$2,500 in fire-fighting and emergency medical equipment to each of the volunteer fire stations in La Banda, Santiago del Esterio Province and Tafi Viejo and Alberdi fire stations in Tucuman Province. The province is located approximately 750 to 800 miles from the capital of Buenos Aires.

In 2005, the Rotary Club of Edge Hill, pairing with the Rotary Club of Tafi Viejo, Ar-

gentina, secured a matching grant from Rotary International in the amount of \$14,800 to provide specialized hazardous material protection suits, chemical detection equipment and air monitoring devices to the volunteer fire station in Tafi Viejo.



**Edge Hill Rotary Club president John Washington describes the first fully encapsulating chemical protective to be owned by the firefighters in Tafi Viejo, Argentina, thanks to Rotary International and Edge Hill Rotary Club.**

Washington returned to District 4800 for the second time in January 2006 to deliver the first installment of the equipment purchased through the grant money and to provide some basic instruction in the use of the equipment. While there, he presented a Paul Harris Fellow Award to 2000 GSE Team member Amelia Campos, Washington's guide and translator while in Argentina.

The most recent trip was scheduled for November 2007, Rotary Foundation Month, to recognize the Matching Grant but to also reconnect with Rotary Foundation Alum from Argentina who have spent time in District. 7450. Washington was able to spend time with 2000 GSE Team Alum Amelia Campos, 2004-05 Youth Exchange Student Maria Cynthia Lopez, and 2006-07 Youth Exchange Student Maria 'Pippi' Cadenazzo.

It was a true Rotary experience for Washington, who became a Rotarian in October, 2003.

**From District Governor Partner:**

**RYLA provides leadership training for teens**

This month I would like to talk a little bit about RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards). This is Rotary's leadership training program for high-school age young people.

RYLA emphasizes leadership, citizenship, and personal growth. It aims to demonstrate Rotary's respect and concern for youth, as well as to encourage leadership development in our youth and train potential leaders.

On February 22-24, District 7450 is having its annual RYLA event at the Freedom Foundation in Valley Forge. This year, Maria Mills-Torres of the Madrugadores Club is the chairperson and has developed a very creative curriculum for the young people. As of the time I'm writing this, we have 75 students from our district registered to attend this great event. Our thanks go to the participating Rotary Clubs for providing a scholarship to

these future leaders. It will be two full days learning about leadership and Rotary.

This year during the RYLA weekend, we will be celebrating the 103<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of Rotary with a birthday cake! Our Youth Exchange students will also handle part of the program, talking about their home countries and teaching the students a "hands on" activity. There will also be a talent show one evening.

This year, we are very fortunate to have our Rotaractors help lead this event. They will bring a unique perspective to the RYLA weekend. I want to personally thank all of the Rotary Clubs who participated in this event; your students will have a lot to share with your club once the weekend is over. Each month we are trying to "Share Rotary" with someone, and this month it is with our future leaders.



**By  
Dawn  
deFuria**

**HT Rotarians are reading coaches**

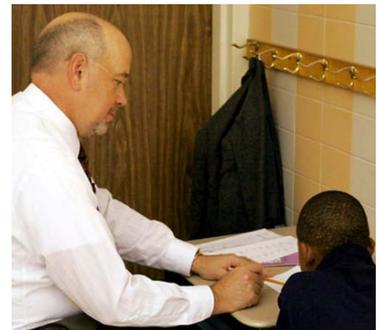


PDG Paul Osimo works with second-graders at Highland Park School in Upper Darby. Members of Rotary Club of Haverford Township are reading coaches in Barbara Sacchetti's class Thursday mornings. Barbara is the wife of past president Nick Sacchetti.

Past President Gary Urtz helps a second-grade student with a reading assignment.



Working with second-graders are past president Chris Schultz (above) and president Joe McLoughlin (right).





# 2008 DISTRICT 7450 CONFERENCE

## "ROCK THE BOAT"

Skytop Lodge  
Skytop, Pennsylvania  
April 25 through April 27, 2008



### INFORMATION:

Rotarian's Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name for Badge \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest's Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name for Badge \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) and Ages of Accompanying Children \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State and Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Past District Governor       Club President       Paul Harris Fellow

Home Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Cellular Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

### Registrant's Rotary Information:

Rotary Club \_\_\_\_\_

Classification \_\_\_\_\_

#### Please indicate if you are:

Past District Governor       Club President       Paul Harris Fellow  
 Club Treasurer       Club Secretary       President Elect  
 Past President       1st Time Conference Attendee

### Spouse/Guest's Rotary Information:

Rotary Club \_\_\_\_\_

Classification \_\_\_\_\_

#### Please indicate if you are:

Club Treasurer       Club Secretary       President Elect  
 Past President       1st Time Conference Attendee

**Full Conference Registration Includes:** Friday Plenary, Dinner and Lodging  
 Saturday Plenary, Breakout Sessions, Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner and Lodging  
 Sunday Plenary, Breakfast and Lunch

<b>One Adult</b>	<b>Two Adults</b>	<b>Children Staying with Parent(s)</b> (Under the age of 16)	<b>Children Staying with Parent(s)</b> (Age 16 or over)
<input type="checkbox"/> \$470 before 03/15/2008	<input type="checkbox"/> \$670 before 03/15/2008	<input type="checkbox"/> \$90 before 03/15/2008	<input type="checkbox"/> \$140 before 03/15/2008
<input type="checkbox"/> \$545 after 03/15/2008	<input type="checkbox"/> \$765 after 03/15/2008	<input type="checkbox"/> \$105 after 03/15/2008	<input type="checkbox"/> \$165 after 03/15/2008

Smokers / non smokers circle one ~ bed preference king or 2 doubles circle one ~ note 2 kids per room ~ \*\*\*\*\* first come first serve

### Single Day Conference Registration Per Person:

<b>Friday Plenary and Dinner</b>	<b>Saturday Plenary, Breakout Sessions, Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner</b>	<b>Sunday Plenary, Breakfast and Lunch</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> \$75 before 03/15/2008	<input type="checkbox"/> \$185 before 03/15/2008	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75 before 03/15/2008
<input type="checkbox"/> \$100 after 03/15/2008	<input type="checkbox"/> \$210 after 03/15/2008	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100 after 03/15/2008

**Payment Information:** Please make checks payable to: Rotary District 7450  
 Please fax completed forms to: (610) 933-5387 (This is a private and secure fax machine)  
 Please mail completed forms to: 7450 Conference Registration, C/O Al Marland  
 Post Office Box 1063, Oaks, PA 19456

**Credit Card Information:**       MasterCard       Visa       American Express

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 Name as it appears on Card      Signature

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**If you have any questions regarding your registration, please contact Tony DiLeva at (610) 656-2543 or PAD553221@aol.com.**  
 For real-time updates, pictures and additional information, visit the website at [www.Rotary7450.org](http://www.Rotary7450.org) > Enter > District Conference

## DGE Joel Chesney reports on DG training experience

My fellow Rotarians:

A few weeks ago Joyce and I spent a week with 529 other DGE's in San Diego learning about becoming District Governor. The 529 DGE's represented 169 countries in the Rotary world including the first DGE from. Regardless of race, religion or background, everyone greeted each other warmly as if there were no conflicts or wars in the world.

This experience is one we will never forget. Joyce and I are extremely proud to be Rotarians.

I know it is a little early in

writing to all of you, but I just wanted to ask everyone to support District Governor Russ and his great programs. See you at SKY TOP in April for the District Conference.

Yours in Rotary,  
Joel and Joyce Chesney

### January Attendance ~ please send attendance to info@Rotary7450.org

Ardmore	100	5	67
Bala Cynwyd/Narberth	17	5	60
Bensalem	42	4	60
Bristol	30	Not Reported	
Broomall	39	Not Reported	
Bryn Mawr	22	4	66
Central Chester County	29	4	63
Central Delaware County Aka: Media Sunrisers	10	5	86
Cheltenham Rockledge	26	Not Reported	
Chester	26	4	61
Chester Pike	28	Not Reported	
Chesterbrook	16	Not Reported	
Chestnut Hill	51	5	62
Chichester	20	5	73
Chonshohocken -Plymouth Whitemarsh		Not Reported	
Coatesville	53	5	64
Concordville-Chadds Ford	50	4	58
Downingtown	17	Not Reported	
Eastwick/Phl Airport	14	5	51
Edge Hill	15	5	75
Elkins Park	16	Not Reported	
Exton-Frazer	13	5	71
Feasterville	22	Not Reported	
Frankford - Northeast Philadelphia	39	4	46
Glen Mills	18	5	91
Glen Riddle	28	Not Reported	
Glenside	40	4	67
Greater West Chester Sunrise	43	5	72
Haverford Township	31	Not Reported	
Jenkintown	37	Not Reported	
Kennett At Longwood	75	5	76
Kennett Square	16	4	88
King Of Prussia	55	Not Reported	
Langhorne	33	5	55
Levittown-Fairless Hills	25	4	57
Madrugadores	20	Not Reported	
Media	93	4	53
NE Sunrisers	21	4	62
Newtown Square	35	5	57
Octorara	12	3	61
Oxford	12	5	57
Paoli-Malvern-Berwyn	29	4	66
Philadelphia	104	4	43
Phoenixville	32	4	60
Shady Brook	43	6	50
Springfield	25	Not Reported	
Swarthmore	47	Not Reported	
Thorndale	14	3	79
Twin Valley	13	Not Reported	
Upper Darby-Lansdowne	37	5	65
Wayne	25	Not Reported	
West Chester	126	Not Reported	
West Grove/Avondale	33	5	72
Westtown-Goshen	40	4	88



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