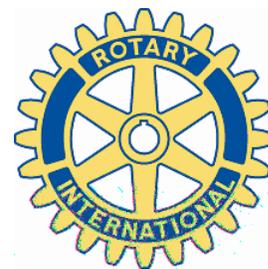




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Message from DG Joel



My fellow Rotarians,

September is half over and summer almost gone. Hard to believe we are about to enter the fall season.

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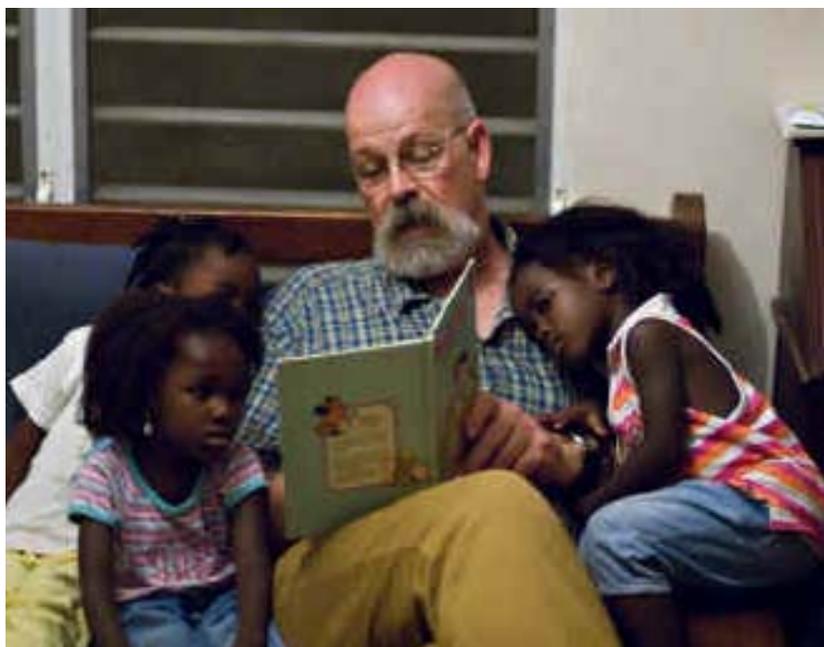
hosting the Zone Institute held at the Hyatt Regency in Penn's Landing, Philadelphia first week in September.

We were honored by International President D. K. Lee and his wife, Young Ja's presence at the Institute. I had the distinct pleasure of introducing D. K. to Rotarians of Zones 31 and 32 at the Saturday luncheon. We were encouraged by D. K.'s words of wisdom and motivated to convey his message to Rotarians of District 7450.

Moving forward, a District Conference Committee has been created. Now that the summer months are over, the committee will meet on a regular basis to work on creating a fabulous District Conference April 17, 18 and 19, 2009 at Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square. We will also utilize the Mendenhall Inn for our plenary and break-out sessions.

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Twin Valley Rotarians helping Haitian orphans



Jeb Bland reads to three Haitian children during one of his trips to Haiti.

In the past seven years, Jeb Bland has spent over 120 days in Haiti traveling there three to four times a year. Often he is accompanied by his wife, Gail, and small groups of people he takes along to help in the ongoing work in this impoverished nation.

Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere where 80 percent of the population lives below the poverty line. Over 10 percent of Haitian children will not live to five years of age. Malnutrition is the second leading cause of death for these children.

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We can make a difference... one day at a time

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Buses will be provided for transportation between Longwood Gardens and Mendenhall Inn.

If you would like to participate on the committee or make suggestions, please contact our chairpersons: Bonnie Korengel - 610-444-3222 ; Dave McKeon - 610-212-6505 ; or Joyce Chesney - 610-761-8446.

On September 1, a lease was signed for our new District 7450 office in Wayne. This office will be utilized for District Committee meetings and other important District business. For more information, please call 610-405-3490 or e-mail info@rotary7450.org.

Also on the horizon, I will be formulating

a Nominating Committee to interview prospective District Governor applicants for the 2011-2012 Rotary year.

District 7450 has much to accomplish in the coming years ahead. The District will need a dedicated Rotarian with strong leadership skills to motivate and guide our "Family of Rotary" into the future.

Get involved and spread the Rotary word. Let's "Make Dreams Real" for those less fortunate in our communities and around the

world.

Remember one thing: We can't save the world, but we can make a difference in one life, one day at a time!

From the District Governor



By
**Joel
Chesney**

Kennett at Longwood Rotarians distribute book bags

Longwood Rotary Club is the driving force behind the book bag distribution at Second Baptist Church in Kennett Square. Book bags and supplies, received through donations and purchased by the Rotary Club, are available to more than 175 students in the local



Study Buddies and La Comunidad programs. Rotarians who assisted in the distribution are: (front row, from left) Dave Thompson, Bob Listerman, Kathy Spencer, Margaret Egli (project chair), and Cathy Cotter; and (back row, from left) Tim Rayne, Don Sellers, Dick Wilder, Bill Steller, John Foster, and Jim Horn.

District 7450 hosts Rotary Zone Institute



RI President D.K. was introduced by District 7450 Governor Joel Chesney at Rotary Zone Institute luncheon in Philadelphia September 6.



RI president D.K. Lee (left) with Past RI president Glenn Estes Sr. at the Saturday luncheon.



District 7450 PDG Hogie Hansen and District 7390 PDG Albert Alley were PDGs in 1993-1994.



2008 Italy GSE Team Leader Jane Williams of Ardmore Rotary Club and Pedro Geraldino, a member of Ambler Rotary Club, enjoy Saturday luncheon.



RI President D.K. Lee and his wife, Young Ja Lee, have moment to talk at Rotary Institute luncheon Saturday .

At the Saturday luncheon are District 7210 DGE Dave Green and Past District 7450 DG Partner Holly Lankin. The five-day Zone Institute drew 450 DGEs and DGNs from 34 Rotary Districts from Montreal to Washington D.C.



Twin Valley Rotarians helping Haitian kids

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According to UNICEF, 15 percent of all children are orphaned or abandoned. 200,000 of these children live in orphanages. HIV/AIDS has also contributed to a growth in child-headed households as parents and potential guardians die.

The Rotary Club of Twin Valley and a very generous anonymous donor have teamed with Jeb Bland of Elverson to help the children. During his ongoing work in Haiti, Bland shares his skills to aid the orphans.

The House of Hope is a Christian orphanage, located at La Pointe, about nine miles from Port de Paix. It is affiliated with U E B H Mission. An American missionary nurse, Caroline Bradshaw, who had a special love for Haitian children, founded the orphanage. It was in Haiti's Northwest Department, that she began her work with orphans. The children came to her with various ailments and needs, some were handicapped, some were abandoned by their parents, most of them suffering from tuberculoses, and some affected by unknown disorders. Today this orphanage is still running providing care to over 75 children. One of the co-directors is a Haitian born woman who, as a child was brought to House of Hope suffering from TB of the spine.

The Twin Valley Rotary Club is partnering with Bland in two projects – the purchase of a vehicle and installation of a water purification system.

The House of Hope does not own a vehicle. They pay by the mile to rent a Land Cruiser from missionaries working in the same town. The vehicle was primarily used to drive twice a week to Port de Paix, a town about nine miles away. Recently, as part of a program by the Haitian government to restore tighter control over the nation's ports of entry, the port at Port de Paix was closed. As a result of this action, the staff members of the

House of Hope are forced to drive greater distances (possibly four or five hours) to acquire the necessary supplies to run the orphanage. Paying for a vehicle by the mile was no longer fiscally responsible so purchasing a vehicle became a necessity.

Local missionaries, who owned the Land Cruiser that the House of Hope was renting, are ready to purchase a new Land Cruiser. These Land Cruisers are heavy-duty workhorses not the type that is often seen in America. The missionaries were willing to sell their vehicle to the House of Hope. This vehicle has been carefully maintained and is in excellent condition. The vehicle is a 1998 Toyota Land Cruiser driven only 18,000 miles. The Twin Valley Rotary Club donated \$2,000 and the anonymous local donor contributed \$8,000 to purchase the vehicle.

The Twin Valley Rotary Club also is committed to supply the materials for a water purification system for the House of Hope where nearly 80 children, young people and staff members live. Children in Haiti have the highest death and disease rate of any children in our hemisphere. Many die in their first year. Some die from malnutrition or typhus or chronic diarrhea - all waterborne diseases. With clean water they will live.

The system will provide filtered water using pre-filter to remove dirt, a secondary filter to screen out finer particles, and an ultraviolet filter to remove water-borne organisms. The purified water will be used for cooking and drinking.

Recently, the well that supplies House of Hope with water, fell into disrepair. Bland is awaiting repair to the well that supplies water to the orphanage. On one of his future missions to Haiti he expects to include a plumber to install the purification system. If you would like more information or wish to offer support, please contact Jeb Bland at jebbland@gmail.com.

District 7450 welcomes over 400 DGEs, DGNs



RI president D.K. Lee, (left) Wayne Rotary Club president Margaret Kuo and DGE Al Marland of Wayne Rotary Club get together before Saturday luncheon.



Madrugadores Rotary Club secretary Nimidia Oviedo was among District 7450 Rotarians who greeted RI president D.K. Lee (above) at the Sept. 6 Rotary Institute luncheon in Philadelphia.

District 7450 administrative secretary Jay Childress is flanked by RI president D.K. Lee (left) and past president Glenn Estes Sr. before Saturday luncheon.



Student musicians from Beverly Hills Middle School, who performed for Rotarians during the Rotary Zone Institute luncheon September 6 are (from left) R. Lydia Tyrfe, Sharrell Donatien, Immanuel Wilkins, Jen Ingling, director Brad Schoener (Upper Darby School District music/band teacher), Henry Tyrfe, Jared Jones, and Yesseh Furaha-Ali. Prior to address by RI president D.K. Lee, the group performed Lee Morgan's "Sidewinder," Stevie Wonder's "Sir Duke," and "Rock Around the Clock." Schoener taught the musicians while they were in elementary schools in Upper Darby. →



In southern Afghanistan

Central Chester County Club partners with Rotary Club in Pakistan to fund carpet-weaving training

By Vanessa N. Glavinskas
Rotary International News

Rotarians in Pakistan and the United States are using the centuries-old craft of carpet weaving to help inhabitants of a town in Afghanistan make better lives for themselves. Spin Boldak, in southern Afghanistan near the Pakistani border, has certainly felt the effects of the war. Thousands face a daily struggle to survive or find work.

Past RI Director Lynmar Brock helped connect the Rotary Club of Abaysin Central in Peshawar, Pakistan with the Rotary Club of Central Chester County to establish a project, to teach residents the art and marketable skill of carpet weaving.

After Brock returned from a visit to Pakistan, the Pakistan Rotary Club wrote a matching grant application and sent it to Brock, who helped them find an international partner, Central Delaware Country Rotary Club.

For centuries, experienced weavers in Afghanistan have painstakingly created a heritage

of rugs, with many families passing on their designs for generations. A new 3 x 5-foot rug made by an amateur can sell for US\$50 at a local bazaar; overseas, the decorative carpets sell for far more.

Skills in carpet weaving in war-torn areas of Afghanistan are an immediate source of earning, either in a carpet weaving factory, or one can start his or her own facility, explains Rotarian Vasanth Prabhu of the Central Chester County Rotary Club.

The two Rotary Clubs raised \$15,000 with the help of the matching grant to buy 10 looms, tools, and wool for the training center.

Despite continued unrest in the region, materials still flow to Spin Boldak, allowing more and more of its residents to learn to weave. In March, 90 men and women, mostly in their 20s and 30s, had graduated from the two-month training program.

Prabhu says the clubs are now hoping to cooperate with another nonprofit to sell the rugs internationally, which will allow those in the program to concentrate more on the actual weaving and less on the marketing and selling of the carpets.



(From Peshawar Rotary Club)

Pakistan Rotarians Aziz Memon and Nasir Khan present 2007-2008 RI President Wilfrid J. Wilkinson with a carpet woven in Afghanistan.

West Chester Rotary Club Downtown Charter Night Set

Rotary Club of West Chester Downtown Fridays invites all Rotarians to Charter Night Saturday, October 18, at 7 p.m. at 500 Union Street, West Chester. Tickets are \$35 per person.

“Black tie optional....flip flops or bare feet required.” The club points out in an effort to raise awareness of the Rotary purpose and in recognition that “millions of people own only

flip flops or no shoes at all. On this night, let’s remember them by walking in their shoes and by raising money to lift their circumstances.” Champagne, gracious hors d’oeuvres and desserts will be served in a Victorian home followed by a “Service Auction.”

To make a reservation, call 610-692-5055 or lorgusfamily@verizon.net by October 1.

News from District 7450 Rotary Clubs

Kennett Rotarians help pre-schoolers

Kennett Square Rotary Club president Eleanor Sylver (left) and Bronwyn Martin (right) presented 75 bags with supplies such as drawing paper and materials for children in the pre-school program sponsored by Kennett Maternal Child Health Consortium to Maria and Nelly of the consortium.



Barbara Laurenzi, president of Media Rotary Club, (right) welcomes Debby Timblin, representing Middletown Township, to September 4 meeting. Timblin outlined the township's program to become a Clean Energy Community through the Pennsylvania Clean Energy Communities Campaign.

Ardmore Rotary Club gives \$10,000+ to 14 organizations

Ardmore Rotary Club distributed over \$10,000 in grants to 14 community not-for-profit organizations at June 12 and 19 luncheon meetings at the Merion Cricket Club in Haverford. Proceeds from the annual Ardmore Rotary Holiday Auction in December provide the bulk of the funds used for the annual allocations to the community.

Grants were presented to: Ardmore Avenue Community Center for sponsorship of summer basketball league team;

Dolphins of Delaware County to help "jump start" similar effort to visit the needy in skilled care facilities and homes in five other states;

Main Line YMCA to provide scholarships for the summer kids camps;

Serendipity Day Camp at Haverford College to help the campers "get off campus" and explore surrounding activities like the Philadelphia Zoo;

Lower Merion Township local public access TV in Ardmore to give a voice to organizations

such as Rotary;

New Horizons Senior Center in Narberth to support "Computer Connection" course with a 4:1 student-teacher ratio;

VMSC, to benefit the Narberth Ambulance Scholarship;

Center for Positive Aging (55 and older), to help maintain computer connections lab;

Contact Greater Philadelphia to expand services of suicide prevention and reassurances for isolated seniors;

ElderNet for brochure for their "Lock for Life" campaign to provide security yet let first responders have access;

Main Line Art Center to provide scholarships for needy students;

Mother's Home to continue the mission of serving homeless pregnant women, helping them get a start new start;.

Saunders House to provide community outreach programs including lunch with talks by doctors from Lankenau Hospital; and

Zion Baptist to help fund K-8 programs.

News from District 7450 Rotary Clubs

Rotary Clubs participate in joint installation



Taking part in joint installation ceremonies June 25 at Margaret Kuo's in Wayne are 2008-2009 Rotary Club presidents Judith A. D'Angelo from Chesterbrook Rotary Club, Vipul R. Jani from Newtown Square Rotary Club, Robert K. Robinson from Paoli-Malvern-Berwyn Rotary Club, and Margaret L.H. Kuo from Wayne Rotary Club.

Photo courtesy Suburban and Wayne Times.



On hand for joint installation ceremonies in Wayne June 25 are (from left) Past District Governor Russ deFuria, District Governor Joel Chesney and District Governor-Elect Al Marland, a member of Wayne Rotary Club which hosted the meeting.

Photo courtesy Suburban and Wayne Times.



In attendance at joint installation of 2008-2009 presidents and boards of four Rotary Clubs are 2007-2008 presidents of the participating clubs (from left) Mary Ann Cusack of Wayne, Ron Dick of PMB, Steve Kranyak of Newtown Square, Paul Collins of Chesterbrook Rotary Clubs.

Making Dreams Real at Dreamcatcher



Kennett at Longwood Rotararians who helped setup and teardown and counselor/camper support at Camp Dreamcatcher, a week-long camp for children impacted by HIV included (from left) John Foster, George Gower, Dave Scott (leader of effort), Phil Sachs from the Oxford Rotary Club, Len Bieberbach, Al George, Forrie Johnson, and Bob Listerman.

Wanted: 2009-2010 exchange students

By Linda Messer, Youth Exchange Committee chairman

"It's the most wonderful time of the year." Do you remember that old Staples commercial with the dad kicking up his heels while buying school supplies for his children? I do, and I still have school-age children, so September is a wonderful month for me. No more, "Mom, there's nothing to do here" (whine in your own head, I know you know what I mean)!

Anyway, this is an important time of year for the District Youth Exchange program. This past weekend we held orientation for our 10 new youth exchange students. They are quite a group and we look forward to a great year with them.

Our program is progressing and two clubs have stepped up to the plate and offered to help with two separate

programs: the Christmas Program and a tour of the Constitution Center later in the year. More clubs are welcome and we always need help and fresh ideas.

More importantly, September- November are the months that we look for long-term exchange students to participate in the long-term program for the 2009-10 school year. We have spoken with several students and have applications in the works, but we can always entertain more.

For the student's best possible chance of receiving placement in their "top- two" country selections, the student application, interview by the club and interview by the District should all be completed by early December. We will continue to accept applications through mid-March of 2009. The long-term pro-

gram is one in which the student attends school in his or her host country, lives with a host family throughout the year and experiences the language and culture of that country first hand. Ask any student who has participated and they will tell you that this is a life changing program.

Short-term programs are also available and we begin to receive applications in October (through early May) for this program. The short-term program is a one-on-one program where matches are made and the two students spend four to six weeks here in the District with our student's family and then four to six weeks abroad in the other student's home.

This is great program for students who are

not sure they can or want to commit to a full-year program. It does require that the family here host a foreign student. Students in both programs must be between the ages of 15 1/2 and 18 1/2 upon their departure.

So, district friends, the Youth Exchange Committee challenges each of the 55 clubs in District 7450 to find one prospective candidate for the Youth Exchange program, long-term or short-term.

Are you up for the challenge? If so and you need help, please contact Messer, District Youth Exchange Committee chair, 484-433-7951; lindamess@comcast.net



Governor Joel Chesney was on hand for Rotary Student Exchange inbound orientation weekend along with: Acko from Chile (Kennett Square - Longwood), Monica from Spain (Media), Mateo from Italy (Eastwick Airport), Lucas from Brazil (Swarthmore), Marcela from Brazil (Jenkintown), Coco from Taiwan (Exton-Frazier), Anri from Japan (West Chester), Alex from Romania (Ardmore, Elkins Park, Northeast Philly Sunrisers), Leon from France (Glen Riddle) Phillip from Austria (Westtown Goshen).

News from District 7450 Rotary Clubs

Shady Brook Rotary Club helping Make-A-Wish

The Rotary Club of Shady Brook made a presentation to the Make-A-Wish Foundation for \$2,500.00 August 6, 2008, at the weekly meeting at the clubhouse at the Villas at Shady Brook.

The proceeds were part of the money raised from the club's July 14 golf tournament .

The money will be used to grant a wish for a seriously ill child in Bucks County. The foundation presented the Rotary Club with a plaque thanking the club for partnering in the Foundation's Circle of Compassion.

The Shady Brook Rotary Club thanks the sponsors, golfers and volunteers in the community for making the golf tournament a great success. Additional monies raised from the tournament will support other Rotary Club-sponsored charities in the community and throughout the world.



Taking part in the presentation of the \$2,500 check to the Make A Wish Foundation at the Shady Brook Clubhouse are (from left) Shady Brook Rotary Club past president Bob Morris, 2008-2009 president Ed Carne, Rebecca Reid, a representative of Make a Wish Foundation and Henry Gaecia, chairman of Golf Tournament which raised the funds.

Recognition Award

Glen Mills Rotary Club presented a special Recognition Award in June to Shirley LeClerc librarian at Bayard Rustin High School in West Chester School District, for her service as faculty advisor to the school's Interact Club.



Exchange Student shares experiences

Juliette Maas, daughter of Kennett at Longwood Rotarian Jackie Maas, was the club's 2007-08 exchange student through Rotary. She reported on her experiences in a well-delivered visual presentation of her 10 months in Barcelona, Spain at a recent Rotary Club meeting.

She said she lived about five miles out of the city center with a family who had a daughter in Chicago also via Rotary. She not only had to learn Spanish but Catalan dialect.

Her Spanish family nicknamed her "Paparazzi" because she always had her camera with her. Juliette told the club she hopes that Rotary will always sponsor students as the program achieves its goals and offers an incredible experience for those who participate.



News from District 7450 Rotary Clubs

GSE team ready to 'Take show on the road'

Jane Williams, leader of the 2008 GSE team to Italy, announces the team is taking the "show on the road" and is hoping Rotary Clubs will schedule the team at a future meeting.

Williams, past AG and past-president of Ardmore Rotary Club, says, "Our team would like to share our life-changing GSE experience - and beautiful pictures of Southern Italy - with you and your clubs."

According to Williams, the GSE program "is a terrific way" to inform clubs about this "wonderful program sponsored by the Rotary

Foundation, help them understand the features and benefits to them of this experience, and get them interested in proposing team members for next year's team."

Williams adds, "Our team has put together a wonderful PowerPoint presentation and we would like to share our enthusiasm for the program with you. Please call on us to provide an interesting program for you!"

To arrange for a presentation contact: Williams at cjwilliams@jpwilliamsco.com; : 610-527-2110 (w); 610-642-8853 (h) .

Four inducted by Kennett at Longwood Club

Kennett at Longwood Rotary Club president Dave Haradon (right) inducted four new members at the September 11 breakfast meeting at Longwood Gardens. New members and their sponsors are (from left) George Gower and inductee Andrew Di Guglielmo, Lynn Na-



than and inductee Kathy Hawes, Margaret Egli and inductee Tony Barth and Sharon Parker and transfer-inductee John Sanville.

Ardmore Rotary seeks unused but useable musical instruments

Ardmore Rotary and Musicopia (formerly Strings for Schools) are joining forces to search out district Rotarians who have unused but still useable instruments and music stands for eventual distribution to elementary schools in the region. All instruments will be repaired and refurbished to ensure excellent sound when played properly.

Ardmore Rotary collected over 75 instruments three years ago which Musicopia of Radnor refurbished and provided to Meade School in North Philadelphia. As a result, Meade School has a brass and strings musical program and the students have given concerts at Temple Univer-

sity. As a result of the success of the Meade School music program, three nearby elementary schools have expressed a desire to initiate music programs in their schools. All that is needed are the instruments.

Rotarians with unused but useable instruments are asked to consider giving a child the gift of learning to play an instrument and call Welthie Fitzgerald, executive advisor and founder of Musicopia, at 644-1676 or contact her at Welthie@comcast.net. Arrangements will be made to collect the instrument. Or contact Ardmore Rotarian Tom Stuart at 610-525-3743; or Joan Toenniessen at mombugjoan@msn.com.

Destination: Philippines March 15 to April 11

District 7450 seeks 2009 GSE team leader

By Karen Strawhacker
GSE Committee chair

Rotary District 7450 announces a Group Study Exchange with District 3830 of the Philippines from March 15 to April 11, 2009.

District 7450 will host the team from District 3830 from Saturday, April 4, to Saturday, May 2, 2009. These timeframes ensure that both teams will enjoy the districts' respective District Conferences.

District 3830 is comprised of 79 clubs with a membership of 2,074 Rotarians. It is located approximately 10 miles southeast of Manila and encompasses the cities of Makati, which is the business center of the Philippines, Paranaque, Las Pinas, Muntinlupa, Taguig and Pateros. The district also includes four clubs on the island of Palawan.

The Group Study Exchange Team is comprised of a team leader, who is a Rotarian in good standing with District 7450, and four or five team members, who are non-Rotarians. Team member applicants, who must be sponsored by a Rotary Club, must be employed full time for two years in any recognized business or profession and must live or work in District 7450.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens and 25 to 40 years old in order to maximize the impact of the exchange on their long-term careers.

The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International provides round-trip air travel. Rotari-

ans in the Philippines provide meals, lodging and group travel while in District 3830.

The 2008-2009 committee members are: Karen Strawhacker, chair; and PDG Jack Grant, PDG Dan Guyon, Kerry Costello-Null, Jane Williams and Brian Wirtshafter.

The team leader application may be found at: http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_doc/260en.doc

The committee will be accepting applications for the team leader until October 20.

A team member application may be found at: http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_doc/161en.doc

Team member applications will be accepted until November 15.

Applications may be mailed to:

Karen Strawhacker
1046 Blue Rock Lane
Blue Bell, PA 19422

or faxed to: 215-885-1365.

Rotary Clubs in District 7450 are encouraged to consider hosting the GSE team from District 3830. Clubs may host individually or combine with other clubs. Hosting the team as an area is also possible.

Interested clubs should submit a preliminary itinerary to the above address or fax number. Itineraries may also be e-mailed to:

Karen.strawhacker@comcast.net.

Philadelphia Rotary Club Cycle Team to ride in MS Bike Ride

For the ninth consecutive year, the Philadelphia Rotary Cycle Team is riding in the Multiple Sclerosis Bike Ride from Cherry Hill to Ocean City, N.J. to help find a cure for Multiple Sclerosis Saturday, September 27, and Sunday, September 28. Thus far, the team has raised over \$300,000 to find a cure.

Jack Beiter of the Philadelphia Rotary Club is team leader and is accepting contributions payable to Multiple Sclerosis and can be sent to Jack Beiter, 201 Hermitage Drive, Radnor, Pa. 19087. For more information, call Beiter at 610-688-6285.

ML Rotaract benefit raises over \$10,000



Main Line Rotaract's "Night at the Races" September 6 raised over \$10,000 for Family Support Line in Media. On hand were (photo at left) Rotaract president Matt Gilbert and his wife, Jeannine Lloyd, and (photo at right) Rotaractors Elizabeth Grauling and treasurer Clint Losch.



Ardmore Rotary Club president Jim Hall and his wife, Terry, (left photo) smile after winning Victorino auto-graphed baseball at "Night at the Races." Ticket sellers were (right photo) Rotaractors Trish Dantis (left) and Jennifer Greenberg. Ardmore Rotary Club sponsored the Main Line Rotaract Club.



He's 'official' visitor

District 7450 Governor Joel Chesney and Area Four assistant governor Bob Latshaw chat during breakfast at DG Joel's official visit to the Haverford Township Sunrise Rotary Club at the Newtown Squire Diner in Broomall. Latshaw is past-president of the Haverford Township Rotary Club. Area Four includes Ardmore, Bala Cynwyd-Narberth, Broomall, Bryn Mawr, Wayne and Haverford Township Sunrise Rotary Clubs.

What's happening in District 7450 Rotary Clubs

Membership, RI Foundation focus of September 27 workshops at DCCC

All Rotarians are invited to the Rotary District 7450 Membership Development Workshop and Rotary Foundation Workshop at the Delaware county Community College Media Line Rd in Newtown Square, Saturday, Sept. 27, starting at 7:30 a.m. for registration and Continental breakfast. Opening session begins at 8 a.m. and the day's program concludes at 12:30 p.m.

The Membership Development Workshop is entitled "Solving our Membership Development Problem Once and For All!" Participants will present new ideas on how clubs can recruit new members, without excessive burdens, costly expenses or complicated programs. Each club is asked to send several people to the meeting to receive information about the new approach.

There also will be another idea presented which will dramatically increase the amount of money raised by Rotary Clubs.

Visit **Rotary 7450.org** for more information or contact PDG Bob Lankin for Membership Seminar information at 215-887-9990 and PDG Russ deFuria for Foundation Seminar information at 610 633 2678.

Philadelphia Rotary gets kudos for 'camp' for student writers

"We at the Philadelphia Writing Project are very proud of what the students at our 2008 Summer Writing Camp were able to accomplish. The pupils we attracted were delightful and diligent and enthusiastic about improving their writing skills.

"The funding from the Rotary Club of Philadelphia and the matching grant from District 7450 Rotary were critical to the existence of this program. Because so many families in Philadelphia are not able to pay what it really costs to run such a program, we continue to find it difficult to imagine offering this opportunity for young people to improve their writing skills without some kind of subsidy.

"So, please know that we count the Philadelphia Rotary and Rotary District 7450 as dear friends and important benefactors. Your encouragement and your sincerity and commitment to changing the status quo of illiteracy are much appreciated.

"Thank you for all of your support and please let our Rotary colleagues know that their support is not taken for granted. Their generosity will have a lasting legacy in the advanced literacy lives of the children who participated in this project at the Rotary's expense.

Thank you, again."

Vanessa Brown, Philadelphia Writing Project.

'Operation Warm' kick-off Sept. 27 at Wawa Center

Each year, Glen Riddle Rotary Club partners with Riddle Memorial Hospital and Wawa Corporation to sponsor "Operation Warm." The annual kick-off breakfast was held at Wawa Corporate Center on September 5 with local business leaders attending and pledging their support for the program.

Operation Warm purchases brand new coats at a cost of \$15 each so children in Delaware County families in need, will not go without a warm coat this winter.

Tick Tock Learning Center benefits from October 2 golf classic

Kennett at Longwood Rotary Club will host the 16th annual Tick Tock Classic Thursday, October 2, at Wyncote. Tee off is at noon.

Cost is \$150 per player and includes green fees, lunch and, bag drop, balls and tees, golf cart and contest prizes.

Register by contacting Jackie Maas at 610-268-8134. Sponsorships are available for tee boxes, greens, contests and meals ranging in cost from \$50 to \$1,000.

West Chester Rotarian sponsors Travis Mayo

District committee nominates Peace Fellow

Travis Mayo has been unanimously nominated for a prestigious 2009-2011 Peace Fellowship by the District 7450 Peace Fellowship Committee. Sponsored by Gary Hess of the West Chester Rotary Club, Travis awaits the decision from the Rotary International selection committee in late October. If chosen, he would be enrolled in the master's degree for peace and conflict resolution studies at the University of Queensland in Australia or the University of Bradford in the United Kingdom.

The program seeks to train exemplary leaders to promote national and international cooperation, peace and the resolution of conflict throughout their lives and careers.

Mayo is a Penn State graduate who has logged extensive experience with HIV/AIDS prevention working for the United States Peace Corps in South Africa. He is fluent in German and can actually converse a bit in Zulu.

"Travis Mayo has great enthusiasm and commitment to improving the lot of others and working to overcome injustices is what he wants his lifetime career to be." Stated committee member Tom McCarthy.

"Travis has a deep appreciation of the central place of thoughtful planning among policy makers if successful sustainable development is to be achieved, of the critical need for outcomes research before pouring resources into ongoing projects, and of valuing small victories in the field. Travis also demonstrated knowledge of his obligations to Rotary should he be awarded the scholarship. More than that, he was emphatic that he would value a long term relationship with Rotary."

Anne Hansen, District 7450 committee member, added, "It was a pleasure to interview Travis Mayo. Travis is an intelligent, articulate, and personable individual, one who would represent our District and Rotary International as an outstanding future Peace Fellow. His work for the past two years with the Peace Corp has given him important hands on experience with the

HIV-Aids epidemic in South Africa. He has reached a new (perhaps realistic) level of the limits projects have had that make a significant difference.

"He is interested in evaluations of existing programs, thereby strengthening those programs and finding real solutions and more efficient use of resources. He understands the role of NGO's, both their strengths and weaknesses, and is keen to be active in human rights activities. I think, he is at the point where direct study of conflict and strategies toward resolution would give him the tools to be a very effective future leader."

Mayo spoke passionately of his work with HIV awareness programs and acknowledged the difficulty of implementing programs which have ongoing effectiveness. Noted committee member Lee Bowie, "His desire to work with Human Rights Watch or the Council on Foreign Affairs during this interim period (while he awaits the Peace Fellowship decision) shows that he is thinking ahead of how his career goals fit in with employment choices. In short, I feel that Travis is a very strong candidate this year and would make an excellent Rotary World Peace Fellow."

District 7450 chairperson Joe Batory concluded, "Travis is a young man with a deep sense of understanding and commitment to the principles and ideals of the Rotary Peace Fellowship. His experience with the Peace Corps has grounded him in the realities of humanitarian work in the field but he exudes a depth of knowledge about the necessary linkages of policy and government in trying to evoke positive change.

"He has a sound grasp of the 'real world' challenges of finding peaceful solutions to complex problems within the context of conflicting ideas and philosophies. In summary, Travis Mayo has 'the right stuff.' It is his life quest to make a difference for the better in the arena of humanitarian need. Idealistic, intellectual, caring, moral and diligent....he would make an Ideal Peace Fellow!"

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 website to take a few minutes and

print a copy (or two or three) of the newsletter and give them to the Rotarian(s) who asked the question.

And if you know there are members in your club

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Area	club#	Club name	member	%
2	26485	Abington at Edge Hill	11	Not Reported
4	5463	Ardmore	98	4 62
4	5464	Bala Cynwyd/Narberth	14	Not Reported
1	5466	Bensalem	42	Not Reported
4	5467	Bristol	48	Not Reported
4	5468	Broomall	39	Not Reported
4	5469	Bryn Mawr	20	4 45
6	25353	Central Chester County	32	4 55
5	26630	Central Delaware County	10	4 83
2	5470	Cheltenham Rockledge	26	Not Reported
7	5471	Chester	26	Not Reported
7	5472	Chester Pike	28	Not Reported
5	27323	Chesterbrook	16	Not Reported
3	31062	Chestnut Hill	50	4 60
7	5473	Chichester	22	4 54
2	5476	Chonshohocken -Plymouth Whitemarsh	18	4 56
6	5474	Coatesville	54	4 62
8	5475	Concordville-Chadds Ford	48	4 68
6	5478	Downingtown	16	4 66
3	27974	Eastwick/Phl Airport	14	4 42
2	5479	Elkins Park	15	Not Reported
6	5480	Exton-Frazer	13	4 67
1	5481	Feasterville	21	Not Reported
3	5494	Frankford - Northeast Philadelphia	35	4 50
8	70137	Glen Mills	16	71
8	5483	Glen Riddle	30	60
2	5484	Glenside	38	4 54
8	26213	Greater West Chester Sunrise	43	4 73
4	5485	Haverford Township	31	Not Reported
2	5487	Jenkintown	67	40
9	50612	Kennett At Longwood	75	4 74
9	5488	Kennett Square	16	4 77
5	5489	King Of Prussia	51	4 61
1	5490	Langhorne	33	Not Reported
1	5491	Levittown-Fairless Hills	24	4 56
3	65194	Madrugadores	11	Not Reported
5	5492	Media	88	4 45
3	55498	NE Sunrisers	21	4 48
5	5493	Newtown Square	75	4 54
9	5495	Octorara	10	3 60
9	5496	Oxford	18	4 50
5	5497	Paoli-Malvern-Berwyn	30	4 60
3	5498	Philadelphia	105	4 41
6	5499	Phoenixville	30	4 62
1	75462	Shady Brook	47	4 54
7	5500	Springfield	22	5 64
7	5501	Swarthmore	48	4 63
6	30662	Thorndale	12	Not Reported
9	50613	Twin Valley	17	Not Reported
7	5477	Upper Darby-Lansdowne	33	Not Reported
4	5503	Wayne	27	4 75
8	5504	West Chester	114	4 54
8	79371	West Chester Downtown "Fridays"	21	5 55
9	5505	West Grove/Avondale	35	Not Reported
8	5506	Westtown-Goshen	37	4 86
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