



District 7450 Rotary Leader



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Message from DG Bonnie



Is your Rotary Club ready to join Rotary International in a growing project called "Rotarians at Work Day?"

Join more than 100,000 Rotarians across the world as Clubs and Districts plan and execute service projects on the same day, April 28. The Power of Many!

Last year 42 of District 7450's 53 Clubs participated. Many coordinated with their Interact and Rotaract Clubs, making an intergenerational service project. How appropriate for an organization where "Service" is our middle name and the avenue of most growth is New Generations.

The goal this year is to include more Clubs, more Interactors, more Rotaractors in the most engaging service projects that will **MAKE A DIFFERENCE** in our communities and in the lives of our fellow citizens.

Think of the press and promotional impact of every Club in the District doing a service project on the same day, sporting "Rotarians at Work" shirts and signs, press releases with photos to the local media. Put your club and your community on the front page!

As I review the list of last year's projects I see: electronics recycling, War Memorial clean ups, town clock beautification, Heinz Wildlife Refuge work, graffiti removal, Adopt-a-Plot and environmental education, home repair with Good Works, Newlin Grist Mill project, Briar Bush Nature Center work, Rotarians Support the Homeless, Malaria Eradication Conference, Multiple Sclerosis Walk, Paint it - Fix it - Plant it, Easter Fund support, Charity Fun Fair, Gloria's Day of Gardening, Senior Center spring cleaning, construction at the "Garage" Youth Center - plus road, park, historic site and watershed clean ups all over District 7450.

Ask your Club president to identify your "Rotarians at Work Day" chairman. Discuss the most powerful projects you have in your community.

Register your project with the District; use the press releases the District provides for you, get "Rotarians at Work" shirts for greater impact, take pictures, invite your Rotaractors and Interactors; invite prospective members.

And most of all, have **FUN** and be **PROUD** to be a **ROTARIAN AT WORK!**

RI president-elect welcomes DGE David Ellis at conference



Rotary International 2012-13 president-elect Panaka Sakujoji greets District 7450 DGE David Ellis at the January training session in San Diego, Calif. At their husband's sides are Cheryl Ellis (left) and Kyoko Sakujoji (far right).

District Polio Funds higher: \$2,015,482 since '85

Last month I announced the grand total of contributions from District 7450 to PolioPlus. Rotarians Jane Williams and Hogie Hansen felt the number provided by RI was low. They did a little detective work and found that RI's database only goes back to July 1, 1988. Checking the archives from 1985 to 1988 produced a new number which is half million dollars higher:

The total donations to PolioPlus from District 7450 is (drumroll, please) \$2,015,482!

On February 23, the PECO building lights read "Rotary's Polio Eradication 99 percent complete! 2 billion children inoculated" in celebration of Rotary's 107th birthday.

District 7450 can take great pride in the significant role we have played in this fight since 1985. We truly stand on those who took the leadership role in 1985 and have continued to where we are today.

Thank you to you who have truly led the way!

DG Bonnie Korengel

RYLA weekend filled with facts, workshops, and laughter and fun

A total of 78 high school students gathered at Freedoms Foundation in Valley Forge the last weekend in February for the Rotary Youth Leadership Award. In between programs designed to help the participants learn leadership skills for today and throughout their lives, there was time for getting to know each other and for having a good laugh while a photographer was trying to line them up for a photograph.

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DC 2014-2015:

Wayne Rotarian Doug Blazey

“As your District Governor, I appointed a nominating committee consisting of Al Marland of the Rotary Club of Wayne as chairperson, and committee members Jeffry Cadorette (Media Rotary Club), Donna Adelsberger (Glenside Rotary Club), Bill Ronayne (West Chester Rotary Club), Connie Templar (Central Chester County Rotary Club) to nominate a candidate for District Governor for the 2014-2015 year.

The Rotary Clubs in the District were invited to nominate a qualified Rotarian from their club for this position. The committee interviewed all the proposed candidates and unanimously nominated Doug Blazey (of Wayne Rotary Club) to serve as our District Governor for the 2014-2015 year.

Any Clubs wishing to challenge this nomination must do so within 14 days of the issuance of this message. Clubs challenging must do so only on behalf of one of the candidates interviewed by the committee and that candidate must be a member of the challenging Club. Challenges must be in the form required by the Manual of Procedure, which can be found by visiting www.Rotary.org.

On behalf of the Rotarians in the District, I wish to thank the members of the nominating committee for their hard work in the execution of this process. I would like to thank all the candidates for their willingness to serve Rotary and for their hard work in preparing for their interview. I would also like to thank the Rotarians who accompanied the candidates to the interviews for taking up their time in supporting their club member in their Rotary work.

**Yours in Rotary Service,
Bonnie Korengel
District 7450 - Governor 2011-2012**

Rotary's polio eradication up in PECO lights February 23

Philadelphia was among the many cities internationally with a public display of Rotary's prowess on its 107th birthday February 23.

Rotary's polio eradication campaign was highlighted continuously on the PECO LED light display at 22nd and Market Streets on February 23.

This motion lighting sign towers above center city Philadelphia and was viewed by hundreds of thousands of motorists and pedestrians.

The Rotary District 7450 message was:
“Rotary's Polio Eradication 99% Complete! 2 Billion Children Inoculated.
www.rotary7450.org

May 7 against Mets

‘Gundaker Night at Phillies’

Gundaker Foundation president Ernie Falcone announces that tickets are on sale for the “Gundaker Night at the Phillies” Monday May 7, at Citizens Bank Park . The New York Mets will be in town so seating is at a premium.

Falcone reports the Gundaker Foundation has reserved seats in Sections 412-418 along the first baseline. Each ticket is \$30.

To obtain tickets, contact Falcone at 484-888-6754 or ernani.falcone@stifel.com.

78 young people attend 2012 RYLA weekend



Maria Mills-Torres of Madrugadores Rotary Club and long-time RYLA program chair, addresses students.

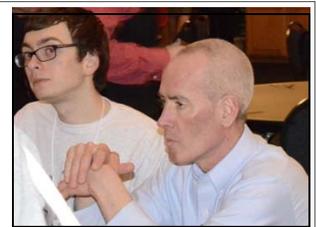
RYLA, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards program, took place February 24-26 at Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge. Seventy-eight high school men and women attended. They created a new vision of where they could go in the next year and for a lifetime. Rotaractors and Rotarians helped to facilitate the weekend providing an opportunity for each to see how a life of service can be fulfilling. Students learned leadership skills, visioning, and experienced the free enterprise system. They learned how to recognize their own talents and those of their associates.

One teacher in a school with first time RYLA participants, said, "The girls had an absolutely amazing time at RYLA! Our next meeting is March 10 and the girls will be sharing about their experience. Thank you for your continuous support for our kids!"

DGE Dave Ellis commented, "Thanks go to Karen Mazzarella, Ethel Ann Murphy, Bob Listerman, Maria Mills-Torres, Brian Casey, Lizabeth Conners, Barbara DeBaptiste, Dave Haradon, Chad Rosenberg, John Washington, Joe Batory, Myrl Brut, Will Fairley, Holly Lankin, Cynthia Lyman, Sharon Quick and more, along with a host of Rotaractors who pulled this all together despite significant unforeseen obstacles"

Ellis added, "Every Rotary Club should be placing a RYLA sponsorship in its budget for next year."

Among the facilitators at RYLA is Abington at Edge Hill Rotarian John Washington (right).



DG Bonnie Korengel (center) joined 78 young people who participated in Rotary Youth Leadership Awards weekend at Freedoms Foundation the last weekend in February.



West Chester Downtown Rotarian Lizabeth Conners and DGE David Ellis take a break during RYLA.

Black History Month program

Philadelphia Rotarians host 'star-studded' visitors



Dashawn Sealy portrays award-winning actor James Earl Jones.

It was perhaps the Rotary Club of Philadelphia's most "star-studded" luncheon meeting ever!

In attendance for the February 23 meeting were: movie producer Spike Lee; statesman and Four-Star General Colin Powell; musician Jimi Hendrix; baseball legend Satchell Paige; and award-winning actor James Earl Jones.

To set the record straight, those world famous African-American guests were portrayals by students from Philadelphia's St. Martin dePorres School during a wax museum program through which Philadelphia Rotarians were able to generate an autobiographical presentation from each celebrity.

"This has to be one of the most unique programs ever hosted by a Rotary Club anywhere," said Philadelphia Rotary Club president Scott Grande. "These students were remarkable portrayals of history, staying in character and being wonderfully realistic. And the fact that we had this meeting on the 107th birth-



Jalen Robert portrays statesman and Four-Star General Colin



Franklin Neblett portrays renowned movie producer. Spike Lee.



Joshua Baskerville portrays musician Jimi Hendrix for Philadelphia Rotarians..

day of Rotary and during Black History Month made this occasion even more special."

The wax museum presentation was followed by a panel discussion on how this amazing Catholic elementary school continues to exist and does so well despite being located in one of Philadelphia's poorest neighborhoods.

All of the visiting students and adults from the school were guests of the Rotary Club of Philadelphia for the Union League luncheon. Coordinated by Philadelphia Rotarian Jason Mango, the presentation was a day to remember for the Rotary Club of Philadelphia.



Yaslin Williams portrays baseball legend Satchell Paige.

Operation Warm' gives out 1 millionth coat February 27 in city

"Operation Warm" distributed its 1,000,000th coat on Monday, February 27, at the Salvation Army office in Philadelphia. The organization originated with the Longwood Rotary Club under leadership of Dick Sanford, (right center in black sweater) a former member of Longwood Rotary Club .



Longwood Rotarians cool off in 'Polar Plunge'



Longwood Rotary Club past president Dave Haradon (in forefront of photo at left) grimaces during the 2012 Brandywine Valley Watershed "Polar Plunge." Joining Dave in the Brandywine Creek is (left) Longwood Rotarian John Sanville, chair of the event.



Warming up before the Polar Plunge into the Brandywine are (from left) Jennifer Jenkins, daughter of past president 2009-10 Andy Jenkins, Andy Jenkins, project chair John Sanville, past president 2008-09 Dave Haradon and president-elect George Gower.

'Cool' Rotarians raise funds for Brandywine Valley Watershed fund

The Longwood Rotary Club once again fulfilled the "Service Above Self" motto as part of a recent fund-raising effort for the Brandywine Valley Watershed Association's annual "Polar Plunge." President Rosemary Gill showed up in a chicken costume in order to avoid the now semi-official role of the Longwood Rotary Club president to lead members in the plunge. Gill chose instead to watch.

Through a spirited membership vote, using dollars as ballots, past president Dave Haradon replaced Gill in the plunge. Haradon, who was the first Club president to take the challenge in 2009, was joined by some Club members and members of the Unionville/Chadds Ford High School Interact Club in taking the plunge in the Brandywine River.

Haradon said, "It was pretty cool!" For the third year in a row the combined efforts of Longwood Rotary Club and the Unionville/Chadds Ford High School Interact Club members had the largest group and total contribution for the Brandywine Valley Watershed Association and received the "Golden Plunger"

award. This year's proceeds will be over \$1063. Participants must enter the 32-degree Brandywine River, cross over and back while also "plunging" their head under the freezing water at least once.

Longwood Rotary Club president Rosemary Gill, who showed up as a chicken rather than in a bathing suit, and Rotary Exchange student Federica Milani arrive for the Polar Plunge fundraiser.



March is Literacy Month in Rotary

One focus of the Rotary Foundation Future Vision Plan is basic educa-

tion and literacy. For details, visit www.rotary.org/futurevision.

Rotarians have fun, raise funds at miniature golf event



Chester Rotary Club president Francy Cross takes a shot during the Glen Riddle Miniature Golf outing last month at Linvilla Orchards.



Watching a guest play miniature golf last month are Chester Rotary Club co-presidents-elect Louise Burroughs (left) and Francy Cross (center).



John Whitig of Glen Riddle Rotary Club waits as Concordsville Chadds Ford Rotarian Dave Lafferty takes a shot at the Glen Riddle Rotary Club golf event.



Glen Riddle past president Kathryn Flagg waits to take a shot during the miniature golf event at Linvilla Orchards.



At the Glen Riddle Rotary Club's miniature golf event last month at Linvilla Orchards are (above, from left) Concordville-Chadds Ford Rotary Club president Sue Mardinly, Chester Rotary Club president Francy Cross, Glen Riddle Rotary Club president Sue Linvill Jochum and Chester Rotary Club co-president-elect Louise Burroughs. At right, Glen Riddle Rotarians Peter Frigiola, (left) and Art Leahy check in.

Sue Mardinly, Concordville Chadds Ford Rotary Club president, joins her husband, Peter of the Media Rotary Club for miniature golf.



Langhorne Rotarians plan Pet Fair May 19 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Rotary Club of Langhorne is planning a "Rotary Pet Fair- Celebrating Pets- Celebrating Family," Saturday, May 19, at the Mayor's Playground in Langhorne from 10 a.m. to 2 pm. Animal adoption and rescue groups and other non-profit animal-oriented organizations have been invited to have booths, as well as other commercial vendors that focus on pets. There also will be fun activities for children and adults and great food.

Proceeds from the event will support ongoing community and Rotary Club projects. Information about vendor costs and other details can be obtained by contacting Ward McMasters at wwwcm@Comcast.net.

2012 Rotary Leadership Institute set

RLI will take place Saturday, April 14, at Hotel duPont in Wilmington, Delaware. Training is offered in Levels I, II, III and Graduate. Go to www.rlinea.com to register.

Three new members



Haverford Township Rotary Club welcomed three new members at the February 16 breakfast meeting at the Llanerch Country Club in Manoa. District Governor Bonnie Korengel (second, from left) officiated at the induction of the new members who are Jon Foden (left) and Dara Gans, and Tara Plotts. Joining in the welcome is Club president Lisa Pacell (right).

Glen Riddle Rotarians:

Salute ‘Students of Month’



Glen Riddle Rotary Club saluted two Sun Valley High School “Students of the Month “ at a recent Tuesday luncheon meeting. Helping with the program were (from left) Rotarian Dr. Claudio Cerulla, Club president Sue Linvill Jochum, Sun Valley Principal Pete Donaghy, and the “Students of the Month” Ryan Taylor and Maura Schmidt.

Glen Mills-Thornbury Rotary Club:

Salute three ‘Students of the Month’



Karen Mazzarella, president of the Glen Mills-Thornbury Rotary Club, presents the “Student of the Month” award to Matt Lamberjack, (left photo) a junior at Rustin High School in West Chester. Matt has been in Interact since his freshman year, is an honor student, and member of Rustin football and wrestling teams. He is member of Westminster Presbyterian Church and participates in youth activities. In his spare time, he enjoys skeet and trap shooting with his dad and brother. He plans to attend the U.S. Naval Academy following graduation. Glen Mills-Thornbury Rotary Club also honored two Rustin High School juniors at an earlier meeting: Jennica Le-

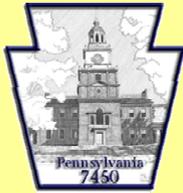
Clerc (left) and Josh Malament (right) who have been in Interact for three years. Joining them are Glen Mills-Thornbury Rotary Club president Karen Mazzarella (second from left) and Rustin Interact advisor Shirley LeClerc. Josh is active in Science Olympiad, Garden Club, and Senior Strings, and enjoys playing viola, reading, listening to music and walking the dogs. Jennica attended RYLA last year and was group leader this year, is in Drama Club, National Art Honor Society, and had a lead role in One Acts plays. She works in the restaurant at Maris Grove and enjoys reading, listening to music and watching Dr Who.

Rotaract News

Lincoln University Rotaract Club sponsored a four-hour fashion show Feb 11 featuring impressive stage presentations. During the show, there was one commercial interruption, which featured Rotary Peace Scholar D.F. Pace talking about child trafficking and how the students could help to fight it. University president Dr. Robert Jennings attended the program.

Temple University Rotaract Club issued a special thank you to Richard Trivane, Assistant Governor Area 5, and president-elect of the Rotary Club of Bala Cynwyd-Narberth, who obtained \$100 from Bala Cynwyd-Narberth Rotary Club towards Temple’s first Induction ceremony. Temple Rotaract say the Club “will do everything to ensure you that you will not regret your decision.”

DEADLINE for the April District 7450 Rotary Leader is March 15. Please identify all people in photos.



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District 7450 Calendar

March 06- 2- 6 p.m.

Rotary Corporate Board at Michael's Deli, King of Prussia.

March 2012

D-7450 Rotaplast mission to Guatemala

March 10- 6 :30-11 p.m. .

Longwood Rotary Club **Monte Carlo Night**, Longwood Gardens East Conservatory, Longwood.

March 22 - 6 p.m.

District Committee Chairs at Michael's Deli in King of Prussia

March 25- 1 to 5 p.m.

Chestnut Hill Rotary Chili Cookoff at the Brossman Center in Mt. Airy.
Contact: Christian_Mongrain@chs.net

March 26 - 6 to 9 p.m.

District 7450 Team Leadership Training for committee chairs and members, Club presidents and officers, AGs, etc. at the Desmond Hotel, Malvern

March 31

Deadline for applications for the Presidential Citation to be submitted to DG Bonnie.

March 31-12 noon

Sweet Charity Luncheon for Autism Awareness, Rotary Club of Central Delaware County, Towne House Restaurant, Media, For Tickets: (610) 325-9358. \$15.00 will be tax deductible

April 12 6 - 9:30 p.m.

Twisted Vintner Homemade Wine Competition at Garnet Ford, Chadds Ford. Celebrity Guest Judge Dick Vermeil, former head coach of the Philadelphia Eagles. Information: ccfrotary@gmail.com.

April 14

Rotary Leadership Institute Levels I, II, III, Graduate at Hotel DuPont, Wilmington, Delaware. Cost \$95 with registration at www.rlinea.com

April 15 - May 25, 2012

The Outbound GSE Team to Brazil, led by Phila Rotarian Sandra Goldberg.

April 23 : 6 to 10 p.m..

District Assembly at The Dolce, Rt. 202 N, King of Prussia.

April 28

"Rotarians at Work Day". Clubs are asked to do a highly visible community project.

May 5, 12 noon

Exton-Frazer Rotary Club, Kentucky Derby Valley Creek Park, Route 29, Frazer.

.May 6-9

Rotary International Convention in Bangkok, Thailand.

May 7

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