

# District 7450 Rotary Leader



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## **Message from DG Doug:**

### **Sharing three Rotary milestones and seeking year-end project summary from every Club**

I'd like to share three milestones we've reached together in my journey as your 2014-2015 District Governor and also make a heartfelt request to each of you that will allow us to celebrate our Clubs' and District's success in placing "Service Above Self" this Rotary Year!

As to the Milestones achieved: On Wednesday, May 6, with my lunch-time visit to the Rotary Club of Bristol, I completed my "Official District Governor Visit to each and every Rotary Club in our densely packed District!"

Thank you, the Clubs of District 7450, for letting me serve as your Governor during 2014-2015 and giving me the opportunity to visit each of our Clubs, to learn about your achievements and challenges, and to renew or begin friendships with so many wonderful and committed Rotarians throughout our District. For most of our Clubs, we have wonderful meeting venues and have done great service this past year (more on this in the "request" section).

Second, on Monday evening, May 11, the Clubs unanimously adopted new By Laws for our District 7450 Gundaker Foundation. During the past several months, the Gundaker officers (President Jim Smith, Vice-President Idna Corbett, Treasurer Norm Watts and Arthur Klein and an ad hoc District Committee comprised of myself, Director Peter Mardinly and PDGs Russ deFuria and Bob Lankin, had worked diligently to address the various concerns that had been raised regarding the proposed set of Gundaker By-Laws which were tables when considered at the November 2013 District Conference. Since we had not achieved consensus on revisions to those By-Laws by our November 2014 District Conference, the consideration of new Gundaker By-Laws was further postponed until May 11.

Prior to May 11, all outstanding differences were resolved and the District Board and the Gundaker Board unanimously adopted a revised set of Gundaker By-Laws which both then recommended to the Clubs of the District for adoption--which occurred on May 11. I wholeheartedly support these new By-Laws and believe they will help usher in a new era of success and vibrancy for this accomplished District Foundation. We also brought into the 21st century a

revised "Articles of Incorporation" that comply with state and federal requirements, by unanimous adoption during the business meeting on May 11.

Finally, on Friday, May 15, my wife returned from New York with our passports endorsed with visas which will permit us to visit Brazil and attend the São Paulo Annual Convention of Rotary International. We expect to learn a lot in São Paulo and return with photos and information to share next month and in the year to come.

Now for my request to each of our Clubs and to each Rotarian! Let's put together a year-end issue of the *District 7450 Rotary Leader* filled with Club and District activities, accomplishments, and fun!

Over the next two weeks, please assemble text and, where possible, photographs or video with name identification that records the Club activities.

Please also send to me and to your Assistant Governor information on your Club and members' response to the Nepal Earthquake, whether that is to Shelter Box, to other relief organizations, or direct aid to Nepal and its

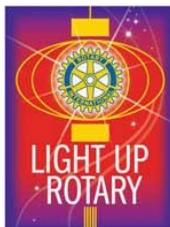
citizens, so we can tally our collective District response to this ongoing disaster. This will contribute to making Rotary visible and inviting to others. I hope to assemble and report upon all of our Club and District Committee activities in the June 2015 Newsletter featuring "Service Above Self."

Not only will this be fun to read and a documentary of the 2014-2015 Rotary year, but it should be a great recruitment tool to show to prospective members and to introduce Rotary to our neighbors and other organizations that lack familiarity with Rotary.

Please send the materials to our Newsletter Editor Joan Toenniessen, ([mombugjoan@msn.com](mailto:mombugjoan@msn.com)) and to our photo journalist Jay Childress at ([info@Rotary7450.org](mailto:info@Rotary7450.org)) We will also seek to place much of the content on our websites for additional ease of access.

Thank you for your "Service Above Self," for your Shining, and for your Sharing!

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# 'Hello Dolly' is winner for Rotary, Rotaplast



Two hundred people attended the May 14 presentation of "Hello Dolly" at the Media Theatre which raised \$10,000 for Rotaplast. The evening also featured a pre-theatre pasta bar by Fellini Café and intermission desserts by Linvilla Orchards. All proceeds from the ticket sales were donated by the Media Theatre to Rotaplast for the next mission by the all volunteer medical and supportive staff team. The 50-50 drawing was won by Broomall Rotarian John McCoy, who donated the \$200 plus award to Rotaplast.



**Youth Exchange Committee reports:****Three exchange students still need host families**

It's a busy time of year for the Youth Exchange Committee! We are bracing ourselves for the teary goodbyes next month when the ten students who have been with us since August 2014 go home. At the same time we are preparing for the ten new students who will arrive in August 2015.

We are looking for host families for three boys from Germany, Belgium and Thailand.

The boy from Germany was 16 in April. He lives in the Bavarian section of Germany, but was born in Slovakia. He carves as a hobby, as well as reads. He cycles in the summer and skis in winter. His parents say they wished he was neater.

The boy from Belgium was born in Boston, although his parents moved back to Belgium when he was a baby. He's got a younger brother and sister. He does indoor rock climbing, break and Rock and roll dancing, is a leader in Patro (similar to Boy Scouts), plays golf and rides horses. He's not a picky eater. his friends say he is generous and friendly. His parents say he is mature and responsible.

The boy from Thailand plays the baritone and

is in the marching band. He has a younger brother. He likes to eat healthy food, play basketball and read. He spent a month in China studying Chinese. His parents say he is a happy and easy-going young gentleman .

We are also looking for a first host family for a boy from Brazil who has a second host family in the Abington School District. He turns 17 in October. He plays volley ball and basketball. He has an older brother and sister. His father is a banker and his mother works for the government. He wants to be an engineer. He hates salad and liars. His parents say it will be hard for his host families not to fall in love with him.

If you or someone you know would be interested in hosting either the first part of the year (August-January) or the second part (January-June) please let me know.

I can be reached at [dmhphilly@aol.com](mailto:dmhphilly@aol.com) or at 215-292-1254.

Yours in Rotary,

Donna

Donna M. Henry, Chair

Youth Exchange Committee Rotary District 7450

**District 7450 'Rotary Night at Phillies' August 4**

The 2015 "Rotary Night at the Phillies" is Tuesday, August 4 at Citizens Bank Park at the Sports Complex, in South Philadelphia. Game time is 7:05 p.m., subject to change.

The Philadelphia Phillies will meet the Los Angeles Dodgers, whose team includes former Phillies MVP and All-Star shortstop, Jimmy Rollins.

All Club presidents received an allotment of tickets at the District Training Assembly May 11. Each ticket sold will result in a contribution of \$9 to the Rotary Foundation Annual Fund and each Club selling tickets will receive the Annual Fund credit.

Children attending the game will receive a Phillies Phan gift bag.

Rotarians and guests are invited to a pre-

game networking event from 5:35 p.m. in the rooftop above Ashburn Alley. 2015-2016 District Governor Chad Rosenberg will be among those to throw out a first ball prior to the game and the District Glee Club will lead the National Anthem.

AG Bronwyn Martin is chairman of the "Rotary Night at the Phillies" following the retirement of PDG Mark McGill, who chaired the fundraiser for 25

years.

Any unsold tickets must be returned to AG Martin by July 11 with list of returned tickets. Check(s) (made out to "The Phillies") for sold tickets should be sent to AG Martin by July 24.

For more information, go to

[Bronwyn.D7450@gmail.com](mailto:Bronwyn.D7450@gmail.com).



**Rotarians at Work Day:****PMB Rotarians spruce up 'Common Place'**

Under the leadership of event organizer Rich Scott (standing on ladder above), seven Paoli-Malvern-Berwyn Rotarians, two spouses and one energetic four-year-old traveled to The Common Place at 58th and Kingsessing Avenues in West Philadelphia, Saturday, May 2, where they painted and cleaned two rooms and returned the furniture and settled both rooms. The Common Place serves the surrounding community in a variety of ways, housing two ministries, a school and several community activities and agencies. Built in 1909, this

unique and gorgeous structure is in need of financial and hands-on support. The Rotarians and helpers worked six hours on the project which they said was "a rewarding experience. Helping Scott with the work (in photo at left) are Jim Brown and Carla Chieffo. Gathered above are Rose Obeid, Jim Brown, Andy Dohan, Rich Scott, Carla Chieffo, facilities manager Jeff, Carol Robinson, Dennis Murphy, Jonah and Mike. The photographer was Patty Neeb.



### **Bensalem Rotarians spruce up grounds at Libertae Family House**

On Rotarians at Work Day, April 25th, Bensalem Rotarians and their families, cleared, planted, had some fun, and mulched the flower beds at Libertae Family House, a residential treatment facility that gives preference to addicted pregnant women, and women with children. Since 1973, Libertae has been helping recovering women reclaim their lives and families. Libertae is one of only a few that provides shelter and treatment for women with their children.

**Rotarians at Work:**

**Ardmore Rotarians lead Sensory Garden cleanup**



More than 20 Ardmore Rotarians and area residents, with support from the Lower Merion Conservancy descended on the Ardmore Rotary Sensory Garden in Wynnewood Valley Park in Lower Merion Township April 25 for a massive cleanup of the garden and surrounding area. Ardmore Rotary partnered with Lower Merion Township in 1970s to create what was then called "The Garden for the Blind and Children". Plantings were marked in grail and railings were installed to encourage the blind and others to smell the flowers as part of the identification. Ardmore Rotary, again in partnership with Lower Merion, restored the gardens in 2011 after a three-year campaign for support. The garden, which now is handicapped accessible with walkways throughout, was renamed at the dedication to the Sensory Garden. Leading the cleanup last month was Ardmore Rotarian Libby Goodman.



**Bryn Mawr Rotarians tackle highway, park cleanup**



Bryn Mawr Rotarians joined the "Rotarians at Work Day" April 25 by cleaning up trash along Lancaster Avenue and Bryn Mawr Avenue in Bryn Mawr. They also checked out Ludington Park for trash (at left) . On hand are (from left) President-Elect Matt Sommers, President Dick Cuff, Dave Adams, Rod Tondreau, Andy Wilson, Chuck Myers. Rotarian Dave Fish was the photographer. Cuff and Fish are 45-year members of the Bryn Mawr Rotary Club which was chartered in 1969. Both men have remained active in the community and in the Rotary Club. Cuff was the founding president of the Club and is serving again in the 45th anniversary year.

**Rotarians at Work Day:**

**Upper Darby-Lansdowne Rotarians attack trash, debris at Naylor's Run Park in UD**



Rotary Club of Upper Darby-Lansdowne worked in Naylor's Run Park in Upper Darby on April 25, 2015. On hand were Rotarians, Interact students and family members and friends who helped with the cleanup. The Rotarians present are Dave Hennessy, Hank Van Zanten, Maureen Ingelsby, Matthew Fernandes, Richard Landry, Sean Murphy, Ron Cole, Meghan Killeen, Karen Doherty, Jack Schulman, Robert Donohue, Father Paul Castellani.

**Philadelphia Rotarians organize, stock Habitat for Humanity facility**



Members of the Rotary Club of Philadelphia spent "Rotarians at Work Day" at Habitat for Humanity headquarters in Philadelphia and at Habitat for Humanity's ReStore in South Philly. The Rotarians stocked and organized building materials in the Habitat for Humanity warehouse for eventual use in restoring and building homes in the city. They also moved furniture and helped staff prepare for the move to the ReStore. The Rotary Club of Philadelphia also awarded a \$2000. grant to Habitat for Humanity-Philadelphia.



Doctors at work (above, from left) are (from left) Dr. Chris Kaufer, Rotary Global Grant Scholar Dr. Yuko Shiima, and Dr. Bob Brookman.



Jeb Brookman organizes materials.



Iain Campbell moves supplies at Re-Store.



Philadelphia Rotarians Iain Campbell and Paul Lee ( photo at left) move doors at Habitat for Humanity's ReStore in South Philly. Philadelphia Rotary Club President Sandy Goldberg and Club Secretary Sharon Quick (at right) joined fellow Rotarians helping out Habitat for Humanity.

Lisa Leonard unpacks tools.



**Rotarians at Work Day:**

**West Chester Rotarians clean up Hickman retirement home**



Denise Wine, Club President Rob Feenan, Jeannie McGinn and Kat Feenan clean around the gardens.



Helping with mulching at The Hickman are (from left) West Chester President-Elect Katie Martin, Nicole Maltese, Glen Sweet, Kat Feenan( daughter of Club President Rob Feenan), and Tamara Minnick.



Tracy Sammarone (wife of Past President Mark Sammarone), Shauna Yeldell and Steve Founds are weeding and mulching at The Hickman. Shauna's son, Matt, also helped out.



Over 20 members, friends and family members from the Rotary Club of West Chester spent the “Rotarians at Work Day” Saturday, April 25, at The Hickman, a local retirement home. They worked outside weeding and edging flower beds, spreading mulch and doing general yard cleanup. At noon, the Rotarians were treated to lunch by The Hickman staff, who served some of their Rockin' Chili. The Hickman staff have been a participant in the Rotary Club's annual, fall Chili Cook-off, the major fundraiser for the Club. The Cook-Off raises over \$60,000 for distribution to local and international charitable causes of the Club. Planning has already begun for the 2015 Chili Cook-off.

**Glen Mills-Thornbury Club plants gardens at Newlin's Grist Mill**



Glen Mills-Thornbury Rotarians planted flower boxes and cleaned up the gardens at Newlin's Grist Mill on the “Rotarians at Work Day” April 25. Getting ready for the planting are (from left) Dave Rakow, Tony DiLeva, Karen Mazzarella, Pat Kane, Deena Jones, Jill Pagliei, Dave Barrett, Jane Brydon and Jay Childress, who took photographs.



## Philadelphia Rotary Club supports literacy programs



More than 15,000 books have been donated through the Rotary Foundation of Philadelphia to pupils at 20 different city schools during the past six years. Three principals of schools in which students received about 2000 dictionaries, thesauruses, atlases and library book in the fall of 2014, said "thank you" at the May 14 meeting of the Philadelphia Rotary Club. Gathered at the meeting are (from left) Philadelphia Rotary Literacy chairperson Matt Tae, Philadelphia Rotary Foundation President Joseph Batory; Barton School Principal Colleen Bowen; Cramp School Principal Deanda Logan, Thurgood Marshall School Principal Keith Arrington; and Philadelphia Rotary Club President Sandy Goldberg.



Sister Janice (center) from the IHM Literacy Center in West Philadelphia was in attendance at the Rotary Club of Philadelphia meeting on May 7 to accept a grant award of \$1500 from the Rotary Foundation of Philadelphia President Joseph Batory (left). The IHM Center has been helping newcomers to America with English language mastery and other assistance for the past 25 years. The grant will be used to replace outdated teaching materials for the more than 100 people currently enrolled. IHM Center volunteer Daniel Ruppert (right) was also in attendance.

## Langhorne Rotary Club welcomes Peter Manetas as new member



Langhorne Rotary Club inducted Peter Manetas, executive director of advancement at Holy Ghost Preparatory School in Bensalem, April 9. Peter, a resident of Yardley, had been a member of the Trenton, NJ, Rotary Club for 25 years. Lori Hoppmann, president of the Langhorne Rotary Club, welcomes him.

Langhorne Rotary Club inducted Peter Manetas, executive director of advancement at Holy Ghost Preparatory School in Bensalem, April 9. Peter, a resident of Yardley, had been a member of the Trenton, NJ, Rotary Club for 25 years.

## Ardmore inducts Patrick Doyle



President-Elect Ryan Tomkinson pins the Rotary pin on Patrick Doyle, executive director of the Narberth Ambulance, following his induction as a member of the Ardmore Rotary Club during the May 10 luncheon meeting at Merion Cricket Club in Haverford. Ryan sponsored Patrick. Past President Dave Dillon inducted Patrick, who received the classification of "public safety."

President-Elect Ryan Tomkinson pins the Rotary pin on Patrick Doyle, executive director of the Narberth Ambulance, following his induction as a member of the Ardmore Rotary Club during the May 10

**PDG Bonnie Korengel:****Celebrate Memorial Day, celebrate and support Rotary**

*Following is an email sent to District 7450 Rotarians from PDG Bonnie Korengel, Memorial Day weekend.*

As we prepare for Memorial Day, my thoughts are focused on my feelings of safety as soon as I cross into U.S. airspace. I enjoy my travels especially to visit Rotary colleagues, Rotary Clubs and the projects we share. I have come to realize how much the political system and government of each local area extends to and shapes our daily lives. The quality of life, health, and education depend on the leaders and their commitment to their people.

As we celebrate this weekend, let's not take our lives and our way of life for granted. Not only our freedom to effect change in our government and hold our leaders to a standard of honesty but the knowledge that we have rights and a system that protects those rights. It is part of our history we are celebrating.

This Rotary year 2014-2015 has been active and successful. Our Clubs have completed 16 district grants and nine Global Grants are in process. Projects make Rotary different from other organizations.

Because our projects are created and carried out by

those living in the communities involved, Rotary projects are valuable, effective, efficient. We DO make life better for someone with every project we do.

The funds to support these projects are our donations to the Annual Fund. It's simple: Every Rotarian gives something every year, and we will have what we need to get the work done.

As we near the end of the Rotary year, 47 percent of our District 7450 Rotarians have given to the annual fund. Let's do better than this!

Please make your contribution today! The easiest way is to use Rotary Direct. The form is on page 13. Set up a monthly, quarterly or annual payment. Please indicate Annual Fund-SHARE as the designation.

Thanks for being a Rotarian! Thanks for supporting the work of your Club and the other Clubs in District 7450. Give as you are able, and give as you are inspired!

Yours in Rotary Service,  
**Bonnie Korengel**,  
District Rotary Foundation chair

## **Glen Mills-Thornbury Rotary Club presents \$750 check to Bethel Township Preservation Society for canopy**



Glen Mills-Thornbury Rotary Club President Tony DiLeva presents a check for \$750 to Beth McCarrick, president of the Bethel Township Preservation Society for the canopy (right) which members of the Society have gathered around and under for the photo. [www.BTPS-Pa.com](http://www.BTPS-Pa.com)



# Glen Mills-Thornbury Rotary Club hosts Designer Handbag Bingo



Club president Tony DiLeva- bingo caller.



Rose DiLeva, shopped for bags.



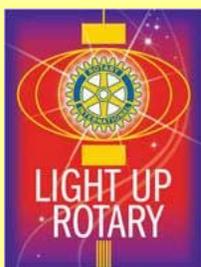
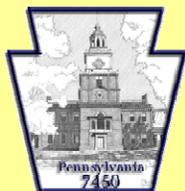
50-50 winner of \$260.



Glen Mills-Thornbury Rotary Club hosted a fun-filled evening of Designer Handbag Bingo May 3 at the Penn Oaks Country Club. Specialty handbags selected by Rose DiLeva were popular prizes. The 50-50 totaled \$260 and the proceeds from the evening total \$4,000, which will benefit the Club's service projects.



**DEADLINE** for the June **District 7450 Rotary Leader** is June 10. Send photographs and news item to [info@Rotary7450.com](mailto:info@Rotary7450.com) and [mombugjoan@msn.com](mailto:mombugjoan@msn.com). Please **identify** all people in photos. Thank you.



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## District suggests ShelterBoxes for Nepal

DG Doug Blazey contacted all Club presidents in the wake of the two earthquakes to hit Nepal, seeking support for the ShelterBox program which puts living quarters on the ground almost immediately following a disaster.

One ShelterBox, at a cost of \$1,000, will house up to 10 people and provide facilities for preparing meals.

DG Doug points out the local contact for ShelterBox is Ms. Kelly King at (267) 474-1538 or [kellyhornbaker@gmail.com](mailto:kellyhornbaker@gmail.com). Checks should be mailed to Shelter Box USA, 8374 Market Street #203, Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202.

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