



ROTARY CLUB OF PHILADELPHIA



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President's Message

Lou Mosca

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I want to begin by speaking a little about the recent \$100 million dollar challenge grant awarded to Rotary International by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for the worldwide eradication of Polio. Simply stated, over the next 3 years, the Rotary Foundation will match dollar for dollar up to \$100

million for the direct support of polio immunization activities throughout the world. This grant is one of the largest challenge grants ever given by the Gates Foundation and is the largest grant ever received by Rotary in its 102-year history. In addition, Rotary International thinks it is the largest single grant ever given to a volunteer organization in history. This is truly remarkable news for Rotary and its 1985 promise of a polio free world. Judging from the recent fundraising totals, it has become increasingly difficult to raise money for polio in this part of the world. As we search for newer younger members, whose only experience about polio is a history book photo of Franklin Roosevelt in a wheelchair, it has been almost impossible from the podium to ask for donations to the Rotary PolioPlus program. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation challenge grant may just change that. Now your donation to the RI Foundation automatically doubles in size. That's a 100% return on your donation! How can you pass that up? And besides, who wouldn't like to take a couple of dollars from Mr. & Mrs. Gates? By the way, this club has a wonderful history of raising money for Polio. During Jack Beiter's year as President, this club's Foundation donated \$100,000 to the campaign and was directly responsible for another \$200,000 that was raised throughout District 7450 for polio eradication.

This past month brought a number of new members to the club. They are rapidly lowering the average age of this club and I look forward to their involvement in upcoming projects. In no particular order I'd like to welcome the following to the Rotary Club of Philadelphia: Richard Bobbe III, Kevin Dill, John Forer, Berke Emre Guzelsu, Adam Gillespie, Matjaz Zadavec, Paul Zlotolow, Rene Joseph, and Scott Simon. Some further good news: At the board meeting last week, it was the first time in memory that there were NO member resignations in the last 2 months.

December will bring the last of our firesides to the homes of Joe and Joan Batory and Bob and Roberta Snow. It will also be the start of our dictionary presentations at 4 inner city public schools. I hope that many of you will be able to attend at least one of the presentations over the first 2 weeks in December. You've all heard me tell you what a rewarding day it was last year when we distributed 800 books to the Munoz Marin school in one of the city's poorest neighborhoods. This year, thanks to our Foundation & Joe Batory, we were able to double the size of our book distribution. This project is rapidly becoming one of our club's signature events.

As we go into the busy holiday season with so much on our schedules, please take the time to attend our 2 holiday programs on December 13 and 20. Rotarian Brad Matson's wife and assistant will sing opera for us on the 13th and the students from the Girard Academic Music Program will serenade us on the 20th. If you have never heard the students from GAMP, their young voices and their rendition of the Hallelujah Chorus of Handel's Messiah will leave you speechless. It's truly one of the best programs of the year.

As we all share the magic of the holiday season with friends and family, please don't forget to share the magic of Rotary with those around us this month. At this time, My wife Pat and I want to wish all of you and your families a Wonderful Holiday Season and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Rotary World Peac Fellows

Joe Batory

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The search for the next round (2009-2011) of Rotary World Peace Fellows is now underway and Philadelphia Rotarians are encouraged to seek out qualified candidates. District 7450 will be accepting club endorsed applications until May 1, 2008 in the hopes of submitting one outstanding candidate for consideration at the world level by Rotary International no later than July 1, 2008.

These fellowships are funded by Rotary International for study abroad at one of the Rotary Centers for International Studies that have been established by the International Rotary Foundation. The four university choices available to United States applicants are the International Christian University in Tokyo, Japan; the Universidad del Salvador in Buenos Aires, Argentina; the University of Bradford in West Yorkshire, UK; and, the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia.

Rotary World Peace Fellowships are for up to two academic years and are utilized in pursuit of a master's degree. Rotary provides funding for round trip transportation, tuition and fees, room and board, and other limited expenses.

Rotary World Peace Fellows work to advance knowledge of issues related to fostering peaceful relationships among nations and groups, resolving causes of conflict, and building world understanding. It is hoped that each fellow would pursue a career related to improving human relations in a variety of complex situations.

Rotary World Peace Fellows are expected to have earned a bachelor's degree and have proficiency in another language beyond English. In the ideal, a candidate should have leadership skills and three years of work experience in a related area such as conflict resolution, mediation, diplomacy, or international relations. A future commitment to making some impact for world peace is also required.

Past Rotary World Peace Fellows have come from a broad array of career backgrounds including education, civil service, the military, social work, health care and humanitarian agencies.

Peace Fellow alumni are working for nongovernment organizations (such as, human rights, disaster relief, refugee issues and environmental advocacy) and/or peace related vocations, for government agencies, at the United Nations and the World Bank, and as teachers and professors.

Interested individuals can learn more about the Rotary World Peace Fellowships and/or download an application at the Rotary International web site (www.rotary.org). Inquiries/questions can also be addressed to Joe Batory at 215-769-8530 or josephbatory@comcast.net

Literacy Agenda - It Takes a Village

Joe Batory

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More than 1600 dictionaries and atlases and thesauruses will be awarded by the Rotary Club of Philadelphia to children at four different elementary Philadelphia schools (Sheridan, Waring, Key and Richmond) in December.



Each of these books has been affixed with a label, "Donated by the Rotary Club of Philadelphia," and that took a bit of work. First of all, Paul Welde quickly provided the labels. Then, at the Rotary office a team of worker bees---Bob Reinecke, Frank Hollick, Otto Wollin, Shelly Prussian, Joe Batory and Sharon Quick along with Rotaractors Kaori Uno and Jacopo Carmassi---completed the labeling project on each book.

A few days later, Otto Wollin and Joe Batory delivered the books to some very grateful school principals at the four different sites.

The next step is the formal presentations and/or ceremonies. Please consider coming to at least one of these events. See Rotary Calendar on the Back Page

Rotary Foundation Grants

MS Society	7,500.00
Inquirer My Philly Project	5,000.00
Smith Playground	5,000.00
Episcopal Community Services	2,500.00
Ferguson Elementary School	2,500.00
Philadelphia Writing Project	2,500.00
Presbyterian Children's Village	2,500.00
Blind Relief Fund	2,000.00
Dictionary Project	2,000.00
Water Project	2,000.00
Special Needs (Zoo)	1,890.00
Leaning for Life	1,500.00
Special Needs (other)	1,387.75
Special Needs (Phillies)	1,113.75
Gundaker Foundation	1,090.00
Miss Philadelphia	750.00
International Service Committee	656.66
GAMP (includes bus)	650.00
Rotaract	159.80
Special Olympics	100.00
Total grants for current FYE	42,797.96

Summary of Speakers for November

F. Scott Donahue

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On November 1st, Cass McGough, the founder and director of ECHO, addressed our Club. ECHO is a program in Montgomery County that helps teen offenders, particularly those with alcohol and drug problems, get back on a straight track, rather than just being

thrown in jail. Ms. McGough was inspired to start this very successful program after the death of her son who had struggled with drug dependency issues.

On November 8th, Jon Walters, from the Salvation Army, came to our Club. Special thanks to Fred Slifer for inviting Mr. Walters.

On November 15th, our Club welcomed Jim Brinkley, the Vice-Chairman of Smith Barney. Mr. Brinkley was a founder of Legg Mason, the investment firm which is now part of Smith Barney. Mr. Brinkley is one of the most respected authorities on financial advising in the country. He spoke to us about his long career and his insights into the markets today. Special thanks to President Lou Mosca for inviting Mr. Brinkley and for making sure that we filled the room.



On November 22nd, there was no Rotary meeting due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

On November 29th, President Lou Mosca and Art Judson presided over a New Member Induction.



December 2007 Speaker Schedule

December 6th	Robert Skaler, Author "Society Hill and Old City"
December 13th	To Be Determined
December 20th	GAMP Holiday Music Performance
December 27th	Christmas Holiday No Rotary

Announcement from RI President

WILF WILKINSON

This is a historic day for Rotary. It is our great pleasure to inform you of a new partnership between Rotary International and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation that will provide a much needed US\$200 million in support of our top goal of a polio-free world. The Gates Foundation has awarded The Rotary Foundation a challenge grant of \$100 million, which Rotary will match, dollar for dollar, over three years. This is the largest single grant ever given to a volunteer service organization and represents a tremendous validation of the approach and success of our PolioPlus program.

This partnership comes at a critical juncture for the polio eradication initiative, which needs an infusion of funds to reach the eradication goal. For this reason, the initial \$100 million will be distributed by The Rotary Foundation through grants to the World Health Organization and UNICEF in direct support of polio immunization activities in 2008.

Your participation in this effort is crucial to making it a success. The Rotary International Board of Directors and the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation have unanimously agreed to accept this challenge grant to ensure the success of the PolioPlus program. We feel confident that this extraordinary commitment from the Gates Foundation and Rotary will serve as a catalyst for further donations from others to help us realize the dream of a polio-free world.

In 1985, we promised every child a world free from the threat of polio, and we are almost there. This funding agreement between Rotary and the Gates Foundation is a huge step forward, bringing us even closer to our goal. Success is our only option.

Rotary Firesides

Rob DeNinno rdeninno@precisionbenefits.com

Many Thanks to Lynn Brock and Joan Batory for hosting their Firesides.

Bob Snow

December 8th at 6 PM

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634 Childs Avenue, Drexel Hill, PA 19026

Limit: 36 People

Theme: South Philly Italiano

Saturday March 22, 2008

World Water Day -Walk for Water Love Statue 11:30 AM.

Friday Sunday April 25th - 27th 2008

District 7450 Conference

The Skytop Lodge & Resort For more information contact DGE Russ deFuria 610-626-2540 DG0708@obrienheatcool.com

Rotary Calendar

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

Delegation of 8-10 Philadelphia Rotarians needed Francis Scott Key School, 2230 S. 8th Street, Philadelphia 8:45 am Reception

Friday, December 14, 2007

Delegation of 8-10 Philadelphia Rotarians needed Waring Elementary School, 18th and Green Street, Philadelphia 8:15 am Continental breakfast

Thursday, December 20, 2007

Special Holiday Music Program at Rotary Luncheon Meeting -- Invite family and guests

Friday, December 21, 2007

Rotary Roundtable Christmas Party at Racquet Club

Thursday, January 10, 2007

Rotary Club of Philadelphia Martini Party and New Member Induction
The Pyramid Club 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM \$25

Members

Birthday

Donohue, James J.	3 December
Maloney, Francis E.	4 December
Martin, Alan H.	8 December
Shaw, Willaim J.	13 December
Rosenberg, Harry C.	15 December
Shutz, Victor K.	15 December
Decker, William E.	18 December
Stephan, William D.	21 December
Huff, Carol G.	23 December
Bauer, John A.	29 December
Gilbert, Ronald C.	29 December
Hosmer Jr., Eugene C.	30 December

Club Anniversaries Induction Years

Bailey, Carl W.	28 December
Kestenbaum, Eugene A.	30 December
Donahue, James J.	31 December
Friedland, Martin N.	31 December
McGowan Jr., James F.	31 December
Shaw, Willaim J.	31 December

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