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Greetings from the District Governor Shady Brook Rotary Club becomes 54th club in 7450



Well here we are at the end of the 2006-2007 Rotary year and ready for the beginning of 2007-2008 with Russ deFuria taking over as District Governor. Russ has been working diligently the last couple of months in preparation for

his term. I am very confident that Russ will carry on the great tradition that is District 7450 and take us to the next level. Russ and I worked very closely. We spoke almost every day. I cannot thank Russ enough for his valuable input and support.

Whatever successes the District had this year, it was due to the clubs and the outstanding leadership of the presidents who served this year. I firmly believe that the most important cog in the Rotary wheel is the club. The most enjoyable part of being District Governor is visiting the clubs and hearing first hand of the wonderful works that have been accomplished both in your own communities and world wide. So I congratulate the presidents and their clubs for truly putting "Service Above Self" and "Leading the Way".

As most of you know, the two areas I tried to promote were the Family of Rotary and the Public Image of Rotary. I believe most clubs and the District in general fulfilled my expectations in one way or another. So I thank you all.

The one innovation I am most proud of this year is the publication of this newspaper, "The Rotary Leader". Of course an idea is only as successful as its implementation. Joan Toenniessen assisted by Jay Childress has done an outstanding job in putting this paper together. I am so thrilled with what they have accomplished. It is absolutely extraordinary.

This year has been one of the most gratifying and satisfying year of my life. I thank you all for allowing me to serve you as District Governor. And now I must tell you that I will be retiring from Bryn Mawr Trust on July 6 and Elaine and I will be moving to Florida.

We certainly will miss all the wonderful friends we have made in Rotary. But we do plan to join a Rotary Club in Florida.

Thank you again for helping me "Lead the Way", and please join Russ deFuria in "Sharing Rotary"

Marty Phillips



District Governor Marty Phillips presented the Rotary International Charter to Bob Morris, charter president of the Shady Brook Rotary Club. The club, which has 36 charter members, was sponsored by Frankford-Northeast Philadelphia Club and meets Wednesday's at 8:15 a.m. at Georgio's Restaurant at 500 Lincoln Avenue, Fairless Hills.

Students write about 4-Way Test

For the second year, Octorara Rotary Club challenged all 180 seventh grade students at Pequea Valley Intermediate School to write about practical uses of the Four-Way Test in a young person's life. After a thorough explanation of Rotary and the Four-Way Test by Octorara Rotary Club members, students were asked to write an essay between 300 and 500 words explaining use of the 4-Way Test in decision-making during the tough teenage years.

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Rotary District 7450
Cordially invites you to attend the installation of

Russell P. deFuria

District Governor 2007-2008

Wednesday, June 27, 2007

The Desmond Hotel

Malvern, Pennsylvania

Cocktails 6:00 p.m. (Cash Bar)

Dinner 7:00 p.m.

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Rotary partners and guests welcome

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Nine from District to serve on Rotaplast team in India

By Dan Bronson

Past District Governor

Octorara Rotary Club Member

For many local volunteers, it is priceless. These are the Rotary members in this area who participate on the cleft lip and cleft palate teams of Rotaplast International. They serve as sterilizers, record keepers, transporters of patients, and people to hold the hands of a child or reassure a mom.

In the past few years Rotarians from

many District 7450 Rotary clubs have raised the money (it costs a total of about \$500 to provide surgery to a child), carried the boxes, and supported the doctors and nurses who change every child's life. For a child from a poor family, a cleft lip is a terrible scar to bear. To the Rotarians and medical team members, it is an opportunity to give that child a smile.

This year, the Rotary District 7450 Rotaplast team will be traveling from August 25 to September 10 to Nagamangala, India, in southern India near Bangalore. The team will leave Philadelphia Saturday afternoon, August 25, for

a flight to San Francisco, where they will meet the rest of the team and pick up 45 crates of supplies and equipment which will accompany them to Hong Kong, Singapore and finally to Bangalore. Touch down in India is scheduled two days after departure, Monday, August 27, about 10 p.m.

The Nagamangala 2007 – District 7450 Team Members and their respective Rotary Clubs are : Dan Bronson, Octorara; Dede Caruthers, Greater West Chester Sunrise; Chris Doyle, Twin Valley; James Freeze, Twin Valley; John Gillespie, Central Chester City Sunrise; Jack Holefelder, Glen Riddle; Ron Moyer, Twin Valley; Vasanth Prabhu, Central Chester City Sunrise; Rosalie Wells, West Grove-Avondale; and from District 7430, Lew Hill, Reading.

Team members will be with the medical professionals in order to support surgery for about 120 kids. Long days start with arrival at a hospital about 6:30 a.m. and end when the final patient goes to his/her room about 14 hours later. It is long, hard, tiring work but toil that brings the satisfaction of changed lives and the development of new friendships.

To see a mission in action, go to www.rotary7450.org/gundaker/rotaplast or visit www.rotaplast.org. Your thoughts, prayers, or donations will help to give a child hope for a better tomorrow. Gifts should be made to "Rotaplast International" (a 501c3 charitable organization) and sent through your local Rotary Club or directly to Dan Bronson at 259 W. Fifth St, Quarryville, PA, 17566

To date, Rotaplast has served over,000 children and in 2007 our District 7450 Rotarians will sponsor their 1,000th child.

Countries hosting Rotaplast teams has included Romania, Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, China, Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Guatemala, India Mexico, Peru, the Philippines, Venezuela, and Vietnam.

To learn about Rotaplast, contact your Rotary Club, Jack Holefelder of District Rotaplast Committee, jackh@delcochamber.org or 610-859-3803, or Dan Bronson, danbronson@epix.net or 717-786-7277.



Rotaplast has provided operations for over 10,000 children with cleft lip and cleft palate in 16 countries. Nine Rotarians from District 7450 and one from District 7430 will travel to India in August to work with teams of doctors and nurses performing the operations.

Deadline for July "Leader" is July 6, 2007. Material received late will be considered for next issue.

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Area 1 'Family of Rotary' night is multi-cultural first for Rotary District 7450 Rotary Clubs

By Michael J. Buchheit

Assistant Governor, Area One

The presidents and presidents-elect of the six Area One Rotary Clubs in Historic Lower Bucks County hosted District 7450's first "Family of Rotary" dinner meeting on Wednesday evening, April 25. The host clubs were Bensalem, Bristol, Feasterville, Langhorne, Levittown/Fairless Hills Rotary Clubs, and the newly-chartered Shady Brook Rotary Club. On hand were 122 Rotarians and their international guests. They enjoyed friendship, a lovely dinner, and food for thought.

The theme "Family of Rotary" underscores that our Rotary "family" reaches far beyond our personal family members to the much larger circle, including our neighbors in other District 7450 clubs, as well as Rotary districts around the world; Rotary Foundation alumni; Group Study Exchange members; Rotary Youth Exchange students; Rotaractors; Interactors; RYLA participants; and each of our club's scholarship recipients. Our goal was to expand and deepen our friendships within Area One of our District, and welcome new friends from District 3030 in India.

Our sociable Emcee was Bristol Rotary Club President-Elect Bob Harris. Festivities began with a prayerful invocation by PDG Sandy Costanzo of the Langhorne Club, followed by Pledge of Allegiance led by all six Area One presidents, and a lively rendition of "God Bless America"



Dr. Hein Bui, a Vietnamese refugee and past president of Bristol High School Interact Club and a past Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar and a practicing physician, was a speaker.

lead by Bristol Rotarian Joe Flynn. District 7450 Governor Marty Phillips welcomed all members of the Rotary "family" and presented Charter President Bob Morris the Rotary International Charter for the newest District 7450 Rotary Club of Shady Brook

Speakers included the deFuria Rotary Family - DGE Russ, wife Dawn and younger daughter Yvonne - and Dr. Hien Bui, a Vietnamese refugee who was the president of the Bristol High School's Interact Club, followed as president by her sister! Dr. Bui is a practicing physician at Lower Bucks Hospital and has organized and performed several foreign health missions. DGE Russ brought his family photos of his late step-father, past District Governor Edward R. O'Brien (1989-90), who started the deFuria Rotary tradition, and his daughter, Nicole, who attends Cornell University and is active in the Cornell Rotaract Club.

Russ and Dawn spoke about how Rotary is woven into the fabric of the deFuria family, and Yvonne captivated everyone with her enthusiasm for gathering her high school friends together to provide hands-on service in a variety of ways to families and individuals in their town. Dr. Bui recalled that several Rotarians would visit her high school Interact Club every week, "inspiring the students with their kindness, friendship, and commitment to service. They gave freely of their valuable time."

Dr. Bui went on to say that "those early contacts with 'service above self' inspired me, my sister and my family. And now it inspires my husband (a dentist) who has made seven international medical missions with me to third world countries to help the people. My daugh-



Area One Assistant Governor Michael Buchheit goes over plans with Emcee Bob Harris, president-elect Bristol Rotary Club, prior to Family of Rotary dinner April 25.

JAY CHILDRESS PHOTOS

ters will be also profoundly affected by the quality of kind and caring service my family was exposed to by Rotary 'family' in Bristol."

DG Marty and Elaine Phillips, DGN 2008-09 Joel and Joyce Chesney, District Treasurer and DGN 2009-10 Al Marland and Guest Kate Foster, PDG Sandy and Matt Costanzo also spoke. Also attending were members of the GSE first week's hosts, PDG Dan Guyon and Rotarians Kerry Costello-Null of the Rotary Club of Glenside and Frank Hollick of the Rotary Club of Philadelphia, GSE Co-Chair Jenny Armitage, World Community service Chair Doug Blazey, Web site and Technology Committee member, Jay Childress, and Wayne Rotary Club President Mary Cusack. Members of 15 District 7450 Family of Rotary Clubs enjoyed this special evening.

A special highlight was welcoming the GSE Team from Rotary District 3030 of the state of Maharashtra, Nagpur, India, who arrived April 21 and remained until May 19. Team Leader Rotarian Siddheshwar (Anna) Nagarkar, a lawyer from the Rotary Club of Deolali, offered warm greetings as he introduced the GSE team members: Dr. (Mrs.) Shreeya Kulkarni, an ENT surgeon and associate professor; Mrs. Vaishali Pradhan, an architect; Mr. Hemraj Rajput, an agriculturist; and Mrs. Mohini Modak, a computer teacher

With a firm belief in strengthening the bonds of fellowship, the Area One presidents and presidents-elect, supported by Assistant Governor Mike Buchheit, are finalizing plans for an "Old Fashioned Family of Rotary Picnic" this summer. All are invited to join us in support of the great things we accomplish as the "Family of Rotary."

For more information, contact Michael J. Buchheit at 215-788-0448, 215-802-865(Cell), or mjbuchheit@aol.com (H).



Exchanging club flags during last month's Family of Rotary night at Trevoze are Rotary District 3030 GSE Team members and leader (from left) Mrs. Mohini Modak, Mrs. Vaishali Pradhan, Dr. (Mrs.) Shreeya Kulkarni, District 7450 DG Marty Phillips, Team Leader Rotarian Siddheshwar (Anna) Nagarkar, and Mr. Hemraj Rajput.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Phillies Night July 25

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, July 25, for the 2007 Rotary Foundation Rotary Night at the Phillies. The Washington Nationals will play the Phillies. DG Russ deFuria will toss the ceremonial first ball to the Phillie Phanatic at 6:40 p.m.

Club presidents should receive information about ordering tickets soon. Don't delay in getting your orders in so you can have the best selection of seats. Rotary District 7450 receives a percentage of the cost of each ticket which is credited as a RI Foundation contribution to the clubs which sell tickets.

4-Way Test essay contest

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The student who wrote the best essay in each class received a check for \$25. The writer of best essay in all seventh-grade classes received an additional \$100. and the runner-up received an extra \$50. The club investment of \$300. insured that all 180 seventh -grade students and their families were exposed to Rotary and the 4-Way Test.

Here are excerpts from the top essay by Heather MacMichael

"There are many places where you can use the Rotary Four-Way Test. This test consists of four questions you should ask yourself before making a decision. The four questions are: Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendship? Is it beneficial to all concerned? The Four-way Test helps people to make decisions in their lives and it helps to build character.

"Is it the truth? Is it the truth to keep the wallet you found on your way home from school when you know it has someone's name and address in it? No, it's not.



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Deadline is first Friday of month. Send news items and photos (with names and information) to mombugjoan@msn.com Send photos (with names and information) to info@rotary7450.com. Please identify people in photos. Send change of address information promptly to info@Rotary7450.com.

7450 Rotarians invited to 60-club Rotary Project Fair in Quito, Ecuador in October

Dr. Vasanth Prabhu

Chair, District Grants Sub-Committee

International Service is one of the Rotary's four avenues of service and every club is encouraged to participate in this valuable service to the peoples of needy nations. Use of Matching Grant Program is one of the ways to fund these international humanitarian projects. There are number of ways to learn about and participate in the projects your club may want to get involved. One of the ways to do this is by attending the project fairs in a foreign country. Rotary District 4400 of Ecuador is organizing its fourth Rotary Project Fair in October this year in Quito, Ecuador. The Project Fair represents a unique opportunity for visiting international Rotarians to meet the local fellow Rotarians, learn about their community needs and initiate projects to help the needy in Ecuador. All the 60 Rotary Clubs of Ecuador are participating in the fair. I attended the last three Project Fairs in Ecuador and was able to initiate and complete four Matching Grant Projects dealing with improving the educational facilities in four different areas of Ecuador.

Some of the benefits of attending the Fair are:

- **Clubs can start or expand international humanitarian projects.** Visitors will have the opportunity to see the project sites first hand and will get personally acquainted with their promoter fellow Rotarians. This Fair will represent the initial step to long-lasting and awarding Rotarian friendships
- **International twin club relationships will be promoted.** Visiting Rotarians will have the opportunity to see the cultural and artistic treasures of Quito. Visitors can take a carefully planned five-day tour of the Galapagos Islands, one of the natural wonders of the world which inspired Darwin to come up with his evolution theory. Other touring options include excursions to Amazon Jungle, site of Equator and Andean Mountains
- **Participate in the social events that are planned for visiting Rotarians towards building more personal relationships.**
- **Chance to stay with Rotarian families during the visit to build up camaraderie.**

Volunteer Service Grants may be available to pay for the trip (please go to rotary.org and look under rotary foundation). More information on the Fair is available at www.rotarydistrito4400.org or contact me at vprabhu39@aol.com.

Twin Valley Rotary Club in Exchange business

By Rick Berger

As part of the Rotary Youth Exchange program, The Twin Valley Rotary Club is sponsoring a Twin Valley High School graduate, who is studying in Switzerland, and a Spanish student, who is living in Honey Brook and attending Twin Valley High School this year.

Javier Garcia Meana from Madrid, Spain is a senior at Twin Valley High School. He enjoys math, economics, social sciences and languages. He plays tennis for a team in Spain called the Madrid Sur. After he completes the exchange program, he would like to study



Andy Hartz is living in Switzerland this year.

economics or law at a university. Javier's hosts during his stay are Barry and Pat Hartz of Honey Brook.

The Hartz's son, Andy, is attending classes in Switzerland as an outbound Rotary Exchange student. Andy graduated from Twin Valley High School last year and will attend Hofstra University majoring in international business in the fall. Andy became excited about student exchanges as result of Twin Valley High School's participation in a two-week reciprocal exchange

with a school in Germany.

Andy loves history and languages. He has completed extensive studies in both German and Russian and served as president of the Twin Valley High School German Club. He has been sending photographs and notes about his stay in Switzerland which can be viewed on the district Rotary website, www.rotary7450.org, on the news page.

About 7,000 students ages 15 to 19 go abroad under the auspices of the Rotary Youth Exchange program which seeks to foster world understanding by way of intercultural exchange.

For more information, contact Rick Berger at 610-913-0227, or rickberger@mail.com.



Pat (left) and Barry Hartz of Honey Brook are hosting Spanish Rotary Exchange student Javier Garcia Meana (center) while their son, Andy, is a Rotary Exchange student in Switzerland.