

The New Centurion



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District 7450

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Mid-Year Assembly Scheduled for January 21, 2006

After a several year rest, Rotary District 7450 will again have a Mid-Year Assembly. It will take place at the Delaware County Community College on January 21, 2006. The registration and continental breakfast will begin at 7:30 A.M. The meeting will begin at 8 A.M and will conclude at 12:30 P.M.

At the same time, in the smaller auditorium, our district will hold its second annual Pre-PETS for the 2006-07 club Presidents. This event was instituted last year to help the incoming Presidents begin preparations early for their year. It supplements the Mid Atlantic PETS (Presidents Elect Training Seminar) which will be held two months later.

By popular demand, our Mid-year assembly will have separate breakout sessions for the chairs of the following committees: Youth (Rotaract, Interact, Youth Exchange and RYLA), World Community Service (Includes Rotaplast), Vocational Service, Community Service and Literacy, Secretaries and Treasurers, Club Presidents, Rotary Foundation, Gundaker Foundation, and Membership Development. We will be showing off the best ideas and will want to hear about what is going on at your club. Please have a representative of your club at every session.

**All Presidents-Elect are requested to attend PRE-PETS
on Saturday January 21, 2006 from 8:00 AM to 12:30 PM
at Delaware County Community College.**

by Marty Phillips, District Governor-Elect

The Presidents-Elect are also invited to attend the Multi-District PETS on March 24 & 25 in Wilmington, Delaware. Attendance at the Multi-District PETS is mandatory unless excused for good cause by the District Governor-Elect. Both seminars will enable the president elect to better serve the club, the District and Rotary International. These sessions will be both enjoyable and informative. The PRE-PETS will be run by Elizabeth Rhoads, PAG who is the District Trainer for 2006-07. Registration will begin at 7:30. The Multi-District PETS will have six Districts represented with a program to include Rotary International Officers. As the Governor-Elect, I will be looking forward to working with the Presidents Elect, and serving with them when we all take office in July 2006.

The Group Study Exchange Committee Needs Your Help Now!

The District Group Study Exchange Committee needs the help of every Rotary club to find team members to visit the State of Israel on May 6, 2006 and Morelia Mexico on April 15, 2006. Four adults aged 25-40 years old will participate in a once in a lifetime experience, meeting with Rotarians, visiting historic and cultural sites and visiting institutions and places of business for four weeks. The age requirement is strictly enforced.

Many of the returning team members join Rotary Clubs. Your club should not miss the opportunity to recommend someone to be a team member. Here is what you need to do now:

1. Contact employers in your area, especially larger employers to tell them about the program.
2. Discuss the opportunity with your co-workers at your firm
3. Send press releases to your local papers and cable television stations.
4. Ask you members to do all of the above.
5. Contact your local Chamber of Commerce
6. Target special qualified people that you know

Remember that team members in Mexico must speak Spanish. The program is free. Members must make presentations there and here upon their return. Members must follow the prescribed program and not be accompanied by anyone other than their fellow team members. They must remain for the full four weeks.

Please contact Jack Grant PDG at jhgrant@aol.com for more information.

Yvette M. Palmer PDG to Address Mid-Year Assembly

Yvette M. Palmer, a Past District Governor from Rotary District 7430, will be addressing District 7450 Rotarians at the Mid-Year Assembly, at the Delaware County Community College on Saturday morning January 21, 2006. PDG Palmer is currently serving two roles in Zone 32. She is currently serving at the zone 32 Membership Coordinator, and as the Strategic Advisor of the Annual Programs Fund of the Rotary Foundation.

President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammer coming to Pennsylvania

Rotary International President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammer will be attending a Rotary Dinner in Harrisburg Pennsylvania on Monday night March 6, 2006 at 6 PM. All Rotary members are invited to come and meet him. The cost for dinner will be \$50 per person. Details will be available shortly..

President Stenhammer is visiting every Rotary Zone in the world to meet and inspire members of the Rotary. It is our hope that a

significant number of Rotarians from our

district will be able to attend this event.

How We're Doing on Polio Eradication

With polio eradication efforts in final stages throughout the polio endemic world, The Rotary Foundation has contacted districts for additional help with funding from donations of some of its District Designated Funds (DDF). District Designated funds are an account that Districts have with the Rotary Foundation which represent 50% of contributions to the Annual Programs fund three years ago. This account may be used for District simplified grants, Ambassadorial Scholarships, extra Group Study Exchange teams, cultural scholarships, University teachers Grants and other Foundation programs.

Our district will also encourage clubs that have not met their Polio Eradication pledges, made around four years ago, to work on them. The money is needed to finish the job, NOW.

In the news recently regarding the Polio eradication initiative, on the 15th of November, the latest in a series of Polio immunization drives got underway in Sudan. In the last 12 months 152 children in Sudan were paralyzed. But since June, cases have fallen to zero thanks to the unprecedented year long immunization effort backed by

UNICEF, WHO, Rotary International and other organizations.

On November 27, 2005, millions of children in the high risk areas of northern India were given Polio drops with the aim of not leaving a single child under 5 un-immunized. Another round will be carried out in January and February in those areas with the whole of India completely immunized in April and May.

In Nigeria, UNICEF reports on November 15, they just completed their fourth set of National Immunization days this year. Just one set of immunization days involved 138,220 vaccinators, 27,644 supervisors, 13,822 vehicles (including cars, motorcycles, mopeds, bicycles, boats etc.). Forty five million doses of polio vaccine, were carried around the country in 83,000 Kick Out Polio vaccine carriers. And 498,000 ice packs were used to keep all the doses cold despite the hot Nigerian temperatures.

According to the website of the World Health Organization, Polio cases were located in the countries listed below.

Polio cases as of 22 November 2005

Global cases of poliovirus:	1528		
Nigeria (endemic)	576	Ethiopia (importation)	18
Yemen (importation)	476	Angola (importation)	9
Indonesia (importation)	295	Niger (endemic)	6
India (endemic)	48	Afghanistan (endemic)	4
Somalia (importation)	42	Mali (importation)	3
Sudan (re-established transmission)	26	Chad (re-established transmission)	1
Pakistan (endemic)	21	Eritrea (importation)	1
		Cameroun (importation)	1

Gundaker – Katrina Fund Raises over \$55,000

Thanks to the generous contributions of members of 44 Rotary Clubs in District 7450, the Gundaker- Katrina Fund raised over \$55,000. This represents more than the average contribution requested of \$25 per member when the fund was announce last September. Rotarians want to support Rotary Clubs in the affected areas with their recovery projects after the disaster relief workers left the hardest hit areas.

The money is being held in a segregated account in our Gundaker Foundation. Project ideas have already been received by the District 7450 Community Service Committee and the first ones are expected to be presented to the Gundaker Board of Directors at the December meeting. Rotary Clubs in our District may apply for matching grants for projects in the affected areas by contacting Russell deFuria DGN at DG0708@Obrienheatcool.com

Thanks to the following Rotary Clubs whose members have generously contributed to the fund:

Concordville-Chadds Ford	\$11,450
Phoenixville	4,720
Broomall	4,313
Philadelphia	2,856
Upper Darby-Lansdowne	2,675
Media	2,475
Frankford-NE	2,157
Chesterbrook	2,075
Kennett Square	1,775
Glenside	1,650
Chestnut Hill	1,625
King of Prussia	1,625
Wayne	1,523
NE Sunrisers	1,370
Swarthmore	1,350

Levittown-Fairless Hills	1,200
Central Chester County	1,200
Jenkintown	1,175
Springfield	980
Twin Valley	700
Langhorne	700
Paoli Malvern Berwyn	640
West Grove Avondale	535
Octorara	500
Downingtown	485
Feasterville	425
Bryn Mawr	315
Central Delaware County	250
Thorndale	250

We also recognize and thank the following clubs for their contributions: Ardmore, Bala Cynwyd Narberth, Bensalem, Bristol, Cheltenham Rockledge, Chester, Coatesville, Eastwick, Elkins Park, Exton-Frazer, Glen Mills, Haverford Township, Kennett at Longwood and Oxford.

All contributors are deeply appreciated. Individual contributors will be recognized at the Mid-Year Assembly, Saturday morning January 21, 2006 at the Delaware County Community College.



Rotary Interviews Offer Special Challenges

This is the time of the year that various district and club committees are interviewing people for various programs and jobs. In addition to the interview for Governor candidates, there will be interviews for G.S.E. Team members and leaders, Ambassadorial Scholarship candidates, Gundaker scholarship candidates and other positions and programs. All people interviewing candidates need to use special care to make sure the process follows the 4 Way Test and in every case, builds goodwill and better friendships.

Here is a list, which I respectfully submit to you—for use by committees who are interviewing people:

1. A warm welcome, including proper introductions, providing hot or cold beverages, and rising when the candidate and those accompanying the candidate enter and leave the room is necessary.
2. Candidates should be met by a representative of the committee at the front door or even in the parking lot, weather permitting. Upon leaving, the same courtesy should be extended.
3. At no time should an interviewer disagree with the candidate. The committee is there to find out what the candidate has to say, not vice versa.
4. The interview style whereby the candidate is deliberately insulted or otherwise treated harshly for any reason, such as to see how they will react “under pressure” is prohibited in all cases.
5. All candidates are presumed qualified. If a fact is uncovered during the interview that demonstrates the candidate does not meet minimum requirements—that fact is not to be disclosed.
6. At the beginning of the interview, the chair should state that the committee is most appreciative that someone so highly qualified is before the committee, and that the committee regrets that every candidate interviewing cannot be selected.
7. Committee members must use extra care to watch what is said, especially when making comments about race, religion, national background, gender etc.

Get Well Message

The members of Rotary District 7450 wish Pat Eager, AG , the chair of the 2005 District Conference a speedy recovery from the injuries she sustained in a serious auto accident.

Rotary Clubs Celebrate the Holidays!

SERVICE above self is being demonstrated by Rotary Clubs across the globe during the holiday season, including in Rotary District 7450. Clubs in our district are providing food baskets, presents and good cheer to people in need in women's shelters, schools, churches and synagogues,

The Jenkintown Club, in conjunction with the Northeast Sunrisers is conducting the 11th annual party at the Widener school for handicapped children in the lower grades. Each child gets a specially selected present provided by members of the clubs. The Interact clubs at Jenkintown High and Central High assist with the party.

The Chesterbrook club adopts a women's shelter and provides presents for a family in need. The shelter's location is a secret to

protect the residents from further domestic violence and only one Rotary member knows the location.

Numerous clubs ring the bells for the Salvation Army, help homeless shelters, and visit people in need.

Members also use the holiday period to celebrate the family of Rotary during Family month. Fellowship activities and parties are being hosted by most of the clubs in the district. The District Rotary Foundation committee is holding its annual party for Foundation alumni, Ambassadorial Scholars and committee members.

Rotary District 7450 wishes everyone a peaceful and happy holiday season!

Time to Make Arrangements to Attend the Rotary International Convention Now!

Rotarians interested in attending the Rotary International Convention in Malmö Sweden and Copenhagen Denmark are urged to make their reservations now. The price of the convention will go up on January 1, 2006 and hotels begin to get booked.

The Convention is expected to host between 30,000 and 40,000 Rotarians and guests for five days. The two cities are separated by a strait, which is connected by a bridge. The theme of the convention is Rotary, Bridging the World." Convention activities are on both sides of the bridge.

It is expected that there will be members from at least 130 countries represented. Many of the members will be wearing native clothing and everyone is warm and friendly. Home hospitality is offered after the convention in numerous cities throughout Europe. These activities are quickly filled so members should reserve now.

The convention will take place from June 10-15th, 2006. Members who wish to stay at the same hotel as other members of the district should contact Grover Emerich from the King of Prussia Club. His e-mail is emrichG@aol.com

Going to a Rotary convention is a terrific way to enjoy Rotary. A Rotary Convention in Europe is a fantastic experience.

December is “Family of Rotary Month.”

The Family of Rotary task force, started by President Jonathan B. Majiyagbe, no longer meets but we still celebrate the family of Rotary month. All Rotary Clubs are urged to have events which include spouses and other family members. Widows and widowers of deceased Rotarians should be remembered and included.

Family members have been instrumental in supporting projects by districts and clubs around the world.. Clubs should have special meetings welcoming family members and should always invite them to service projects. This strengthens the bonds of friendship and makes it easier for the Rotarians to participate. Membership retention is improved and everyone has more fun. Clubs are encouraged to have “Family of Rotary” Committees to think of ways to encourage participation of family members.

Rotary Leadership Institute Classes Offered Locally in March

The Rotary Leadership Institute will have classes nearby our district this March as follows:

- Saturday March 4, 2006 Newark Delaware – Christiana Hilton Parts I, II, III
- Saturday March 11, 2006 Columbia Maryland – The Hilton Parts I, and II
- Saturday March 11, 2006 Scranton PA. Maywood University McGowan Center Parts I, II, III
- Wednesday March 29, 2006 Mt. Laurel NJ – The Radisson Hotel Parts I, II, III and graduate

All courses cost \$90 except for the Scranton site which costs only \$65. Registration must be made in advance by visiting www.RotaryLeadershipInstitute.org

All clubs are urged to send 2-4 people to a session this spring, if possible, at the clubs expense.. Let the member use a credit card and reimburse the member if the club can afford it, after the member attends the full session. It is felt that clubs that have 2-4 members who are not past Presidents attend all three sessions, those clubs will have no problems finding future leadership. It is our goal as a district to have 125 members attending a session this Rotary year. 36 have attended last fall leaving us a way to go to meet our goal this spring. Members who attended session I or II last fall should go this spring to the next session.

Districts Can Learn A Lesson >From Rotary International Election

The vote was 14-5 by the Rotary International Board of Directors. The decision was to select a new nominating committee and to vacate the nomination of Donald Osburn of Easton Maryland as President of Rotary International for 2007-08. This decision was based upon the belief that illegal campaigning took place for the top RI office and it has important lessons for the districts.

This historic decision was criticized by RI Director David Linett from New Jersey on Friday, November 25, 2005 in a long-awaited message to east coast Rotary leaders. Linett, who was in Japan when he sent the message, had procedural objections to the decision. He also felt the decision was made on insufficient evidence.

Local Rotarians were excited about having an RI President who was well known to us, since he represented our district on the Rotary International Board of Directors, are now waiting for the decision of the new nominating committee. This decision may

be held up by a legal process which may take place due to the alleged failure for the Rotary International Board of directors to follow the proper procedures.

This commotion has important lessons for Rotarians in District 7450. As you know, clubs have received their information packet for the nomination of candidates for District 7450 2008-09 Governor. Since Governors are officers of Rotary International, the same rules about campaigning apply. In the case of Past Director Don Osburn's nomination, no one suggested that he engaged in any promotion of his candidacy. What was suggested was that his friends promoted his candidacy. Accordingly, all members are reminded that in Rotary, the nominating committee is left to do its job without any suggestions from anyone. All members are required to observe these rules – not just the candidates. I have complete confidence that here in District 7450, our selection process will move forward properly and that we will select a fine new Governor.

Rotary Helps Earthquake Victims

Rotary clubs around the world have raised over US\$500,000, organized medical teams, set up mobile relief camps, and collected blood and donated goods for the earthquake victims in South Asia.

“As winter arrives, the need for shelter and other supplies for families victimized by 8 October earthquake is acute,” says Abdul Khan, an officer with a Rotary club in Pakistani Kashmir. According to Khan, there are nearly 100 Rotary clubs in the affected areas. Many of the clubs are working around the clock to meet the urgent demands for aid.

Examples: * Rotary clubs in Indian Kashmir and Punjab have sent 3,800 blankets, 1,400 sets of woolen garments, 10 tons of food and 50 large tents to Srinagar, Pakistan, to assist earthquake victims. * The Rotary Club of Karachi Midcity in Pakistan and Afghanistan has sent volunteers to most of the relief camps set up by Rotaract clubs throughout Karachi. The club is collecting funds to address the immediate need for 500,000 tents, dry milk and medicine.

Vocational Service Workshop set for February 18, 2006

Rotary District 7450 and its Vocational Service Committee invite all Rotarians and their friends who are interested in helping the unemployed to come to a conference on February 18, 2006 at the Delaware County Community College. A continental Breakfast will be served at 7:30 AM and the meeting will begin at 8 AM. The meeting will be co-sponsored by "Joseph's People" a seven chapter organization that helps people with unemployment related problems. There is no cost.

At Joseph's People chapter meetings, which are free for everyone, people learn the many things to help the person become more successful in their search such as: employment opportunities, interview skills, networking, employee benefits information including health insurance and retirement benefits and other adjustments that need to be made. Speakers at the meetings tell about training opportunities, about different types of positions available and how to avoid mistakes in the job search.

Josephs People chapters currently exist in Delaware and Chester Counties, but it is hoped that new chapters could be set up in other parts of our district. It is hoped that Rotary Clubs near Joseph's People chapters could adopt one and help them with speakers and volunteers. Since Rotary members are business owners, managers, executives and professionals, it is felt that we could be very helpful to people looking for employment. The meeting will include training for Rotarians and others who want to help people who are out of work, It is hoped that every club could send at least two people to the conference.



*Thousands of Philadelphia Kids Want to Play a
Musical Instrument
BUT they cannot afford to buy or rent one.
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Got some old instrument at home that no one has played in years?
Whatever its condition, donate it to **Strings for Schools***.

We'll arrange to get it picked up, repaired, and put it into the grateful hands
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thomasstuart@comcast.net OR go direct to Strings for Schools
at 215-829-9522 or e-mail info@stringsforschools.org.**

Thanks for your interest and thoughtfulness.

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Washington DC monument honoring Paul Harris and others is dedicated

A national monument honoring 20 leaders of major volunteer movements in the United States, including Rotary founder Paul P. Harris, was unveiled in Washington, D.C., on 14 October. Former President George Bush led the dedication ceremony for the Extra Mile-Points of Light Volunteer Pathway, a series of markers set along a mile long stretch of sidewalks near the White House and the U.S. Treasury Department. "The Extra Mile will not only educate but inspire all those who walk its path," Bush said. "[It] should signal that greatness and goodness are not relegated to history books or confined to the existing monuments." Cokie Roberts, a political commentator, and Anthony Williams, the city's mayor, assisted at the event, which was attended by more than 500 people. Eunice Kennedy Shriver and Millard and Linda Fuller, founders of the Special Olympics and Habitat for Humanity and the only living Extra Mile honorees, spoke at the ceremony.

The monument is marked by hand-sculpted bronze medallions embedded in granite and set into the sidewalk. Each medallion measures 42 inches in diameter and bears a bas-relief image of the honoree, a description of the volunteer's achievements, and a quotation.

Past District Governor Jack Blane and Past RI Vice President Frank C. Collins Jr. co-chaired the RI Board-approved project to coordinate the creation of the Paul Harris

medallion. Both attended the dedication, along with RI General Secretary Ed Futa. "I've had a lot of wonderful experiences during my nearly 40 years in Rotary," says Blane, "but [the dedication] was one of the most exciting days I had."

With the exception of a donation from the Rotary Club of Tokyo, the project raised more than \$52,000 from Rotarian sources in the United States to fund the Paul Harris medallion.

"We did not go outside the United States, because we felt that it was more appropriate to raise the funds locally since the monument is in our nation's capital," Blane explains. "All sorts of contributions came from Rotary clubs, districts, and individuals in America. The Tokyo club got involved because it is a sister club to the Rotary club in Washington."

The Paul Harris medallion, the third along the pathway, is located outside the Hotel Washington, where the Rotary Club of Washington, D.C., meets every Wednesday. "It was nice that that spot was selected," says Blane. "Another great thing is that Paul Harris and Edgar 'Daddy' Allen, founder of Easter Seals, are side by side, at number three and four, on the monument. They were good friends." The Points of Light Foundation, which heads up the Extra Mile initiative, estimates that each year more than 1.7 million visitors to Washington, D.C., will see the pathway.

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Governor's Schedule December and January

December 1	Langhorne official visit	Lunch
December 5	Gundaker Foundation	Dinner
December 8	Cheltenham-Rockledge official visit	Lunch
December 10	Youth Exchange	Morning
December 13	PETS meeting	Dinner
December 14	Wayne club official visit	Dinner
December 15	Kennett at Longwood official visit	Breakfast
January 4	Glen Mills official visit	Breakfast
January 5	Ardmore official visit	Lunch
January 9	Gundaker Foundation	Dinner
January 11	Concordville-Chadds Ford official visit	Lunch
January 12	Newtown Square official visit	Dinner
January 16	Dinner with RI President – College Park Md.	Dinner
January 19	West Grove-Avondale official visit	Breakfast
January 21	Mid-Winter Assembly/Pre PETS	Breakfast
January 21	Governors Council Meeting	Lunch
January 23	World Community Service Committee	Dinner
January 26	Westtown-Goshen official visit	Dinner
January 27-28	District governors meeting – Newburg NY	8 AM to 3 PM

District Conference 2005 Concludes on a High Note

The District 7450 Conference in downtown Philadelphia is now history. Members from 47 clubs plus visitors from 14 countries enjoyed a great weekend in the city, thanks to a great conference committee, three great host clubs and the participation of a large number of Rotarians.

Highlights of the conference were the participation of the G.S.E. Team from Israel, Youth Exchange students, Ambassadorial Scholars and Rotaractors from several colleges. Nancy Gilbert PDG, the President's Rep from Canada spoke on Water projects on Saturday night and your Governor Bob and Holly looked positively Regal at the masked ball on Saturday night.

Other speakers included Councilman Nutter who welcomed us to the city, Tim Lake who spoke about how he was given an offer that he couldn't refuse to speak at a Rotary Club and Brad Segall from KYW told of a nasty experience when he was stranded in New Orleans after the storm. Jeff Cadorette PDG spoke about his trip to the Katrina area with supplies provided by the Rotary Club of Media complete with amazing pictures.

A good time was had by all. It also didn't hurt that the conference was also a financial success and that attendance was up 20% over the previous year. It was so much fun that we can't wait until the 2006 conference in Atlantic City New Jersey.



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District 7450 Coming Events

Mid-Year Assembly and Pre-PETS – January 21, 2006 – 7:30 AM for registration until 12:30 PM. Delaware County Community College.

Vocational Service Workshop “How to Help the Unemployed”- February 18, 2006
7:30 AM for registration until 12:30 - Delaware County Community College

RYLA Conference - February 24-26, 2006 - Valley Forge Freedoms Foundation

Mid-Atlantic PETS for 2006-07 Club Presidents - March 24-25, 2006 - 10 AM Friday until 9 PM Friday; 7 AM Saturday until 3:30 PM Saturday.

District Committee Training - April 8, 2006
