

District 7450 Rotary Leader



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Message from DG Doug

Well, only three weeks ago many of us District 7450 Rotarians were immersed in substantive programs while simultaneously celebrating wonderful Rotary fellowship at the 2014/2015 District Conference. Some have asked for repeat performances of a number of the breakout sessions for local area clubs! Let me know which sessions bear repeating, and we will pass that on to next year's conference planners.



That District Conference Celebration was quickly followed by an Arctic Blast and then a Snowy Thanksgiving. Now as we prepare for our Spiritual Holidays celebrated during December, are we going to "take a breather" from Rotary and just "chill out" with family and friends through the New Year, or are we going to really include Rotary as one of the things we are truly thankful for and intend to support and enjoy both during December and 2015?

I certainly hope it is the latter! Let me start with the easy part. We do know how to enjoy Rotary during December as we party within our Clubs and with fellow Rotarians. Would not it also be a wonderful time to invite someone new into our fellowship and experience the joy we share!

Now for the harder part: How do we benefit Rotary during the holiday month of December? I think there are at least two ways. First, as we open our hearts and wallets for all those worthy causes we each support, be sure to add Rotary to that list. We have the Rotary Foundation; we have our very own District Foundation, the Guy Gundaker Foundation; and many Clubs have individual Foundations. All are dedicated to assisting others, building World Peace, and creating a more sustainable and self-supporting world.

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At Hedgerow Theatre:

Media Rotarians raise \$600 at 'The Christmas Carol' for District PolioPlus campaign

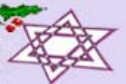


(JayChild photo)

District Rotarians gather on the Hedgerow Theatre stage following the presentation of "A Christmas Carol" December 10. In the group are (from left) Media Rotarians Club President Penelope Reed, Mike Boettcher, Jon Bell, AG Karen Mazzarella (Glen Mills Thornbury Rotarian), and Media Rotarians Regan Messick, Bryan Messick, Larry Smoose and Nancy Geisel. The talents and all receipts from the evening will go to PolioPlus thanks to Hedgerow Theatre which took no payment for the evening's tickets in order to help PolioPlus. The evening also included a 50-50 raffle which raised about \$100 for Polio Plus. Penelope Reed is executive director of Hedgerow Theatre which has a distinguished history of more than 30 years of presenting "A Christmas Carol."



Happy Hanukkah! Merry Christmas!



Message from DG Doug:**Make Rotary part of celebration of December holidays***(Continued from Page One)*

Include these wonderful charitable foundations, along with your own Club's Community Service and Scholarship Funds, on your list of worthy causes to support.

We have some Year End Specials of our own! Say **YES** to them!

On the subject of Giving: Let us remember our own Gundaker Foundation. Rotarians love challenges! For every \$50 that any District Rotarian donates to Gundaker from now until New Year's Day, we (Norm Watts, Alan Simbo, and Doug and Julianna Blazey) have agreed to collectively match another \$50, up to the maximum of \$10,000. So, be generous! And watch this great local fund grow!

Another one of my goals for this Rotary year, which I hope will also become your goal, is to have every Rotarian in the District contribute **something** to the Rotary Foundation even while we hope for \$100 from every Rotarian (**Every Rotarian Every Year**) so that every Club can become an EREY Club! Let us begin with **this year now!** Even a modest \$20 contribution becomes \$60 in the fight to eradicate Polio, through the two-for-one match by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. We are **THIS CLOSE!** Let us do our part in making that contribution **TODAY**.

To encourage every Rotarian to give something to the Rotary Foundation, I have established a **Governor's Award** for all Clubs that can achieve 100 percent participation in giving to the Rotary Foundation by all Club members, with the Club achieving at least an average \$60 donation. Those Clubs will receive **The District Governor's 7450 Special EREY Award**. This is a new District Award. Let us be a District where all of our Clubs receive this distinction!

Please remember that the contributions to the Rotary Foundation strengthen peace efforts, provide clean water and sanitation, support education, grow local economies, save mothers and children, and fight disease to transform lives in communities at home and around the world.

To qualify as an **ERAY Club** and qualify for an RI award, in addition to 100 percent participation, the average contribution must be \$100 per capita. That average contribution, which may be difficult for some

Clubs to meet, has been reduced to \$60 for the new **District Governor's 7450 Special EREY Award**.

There is also something else we must do in the coming weeks, if Rotary is to prosper in the years ahead. We must take what we learned at the District Conference and elsewhere in our Rotary journey, whether that be on a project mission, at Foundation training, at Zone or International events, or at the Rotary Leadership Institute, and put those lessons "to work" in making our Club more vibrant and effective and deploying that new energy to "Light Up Rotary." RI President Gary fondly quotes Confucius as saying: "It is better to light one candle, than to curse the darkness!"

Most directly stated, Rotary starts with **YOU!** Use December and early January to start planning for your Club and your Rotary mission.

Choose to make a Rotary Club New Year's Resolution! Plan to:

- recruit for and support RYLA;
- have an effective fundraiser;
- start or continue to support an Interact or Rotaract Club;
- work on membership recruitment and retention;
- think through possible Club extension;
- create a series of successful local service projects;
- join a District Committee and bring new energy and insight to District management;
- and plan to become engaged in the larger world of Rotary by seeking to participate in a Global Grant or by recruiting a Global or Peace Scholar.

There is no end to the list of Rotary projects just as there is no end, at least in sight, of human need and pervasive conflict.

So Rotarians of District 7450, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanza, Happy Eid al-Adha, Happy Bodhi Day, Happy Pancha Ganapati, Happy Winter Solstice, and Joy and Peace to all People of Faith and Conscience no matter our gender, color or creed!

Be thankful for our blessings and plan for an even better Rotary starting right **NOW!**



DG Doug Blazey accepts the Gundaker Foundation Fellowship plaque from Harry Hill, past treasurer of the Gundaker Foundation. Contribution of \$1,000 to the Foundation is required to become a Fellow.

Sponsored by Media Rotary Club:

Hedgerow's 'A Christmas Carol' benefits PolioPlus fund



(JayChild photos)

The Cratchett family is gathered on stage for "A Christmas Carol" at Hedgerow Theatre Dec. '10 to benefit PolioPlus.



District Governor Doug Blazey and Julianna Blazey, who are joined on the Hedgerow Theatre stage by Rotarians from Media Rotary Club and other Clubs, demonstrate the fight against polio is "this close" to being won. The Rotarians stand in front of the cast at the end of the performance of "A Christmas Carol" Dec. 10. Media Rotary Club President and Hedgerow Theatre executive director Penelope Reed is in front with "End Polio Now" scarf.



(JayChild photos)

Among the Rotarians who were townsfolk at the December 10 performance of "A Christmas Carol" at the Hedgerow Theatre were AG/PP Karen Mazzarella of Glen Mills-Thornbury Rotary Club and PAG/PP Jane Williams of Ardmore Rotary Club and District chair of the PolioPlus Committee. Hedgerow Theatre donated all the proceeds from the ticket sales to the PolioPlus Fund of District 7450 and The Rotary Foundation.



Media Rotarians, including (from left) Larry Smoose, Nancy Geisel and Bob Moore, were among the townsfolk in the Hedgerow Theatre production of "The Christmas Carol."

RI President lights flame in India: Polio Flame to travel world to proclaim India polio free

Chenna, India— As part of an effort to celebrate the decades- long battle and the ultimate victory over polio in India, the Rotary Club of Madras on December 13 launched a Polio Flame which was lit by Rotary International President Gary Huang (third from right). Also taking part were Pakistan MP and Prime Minister's focal person for polio eradication in Pakistan, Ayesha Raza Farooq; India's PolioPlus committee chairman Deepak Kapur; RI director P.T. Prabhakar; and others. The flame will be taken around various countries before reaching Sao Paulo , Brazil for the 106th Rotary International Convention. The trip around the world will commemorate India becoming a polio-free nation and share its experience and expertise with countries where polio still exists. "Fire is a benevolent element in



Indian culture and the Rotary Flame launched from Chennai is a manifestation of Rotary's commitment to eradicate polio worldwide," chairman of the Flame Committee Madras Rotary Club PP N.K. Gopinath, said, "Once the epicenter of wild polio virus, India, along with the World Health

Organization's southeast Asia region, was officially declared polio-free in March, 2014. The Rotary Flame will be carried by air to several countries, including three remaining polio-endemic countries of Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan. Before reaching Rotary's International Convention in Sao Paulo, Brazil, in June, 2015, it will

traverse through Colombo, Karachi, Kabul, Sydney, Manila, London, Lagos, Evanston and Toronto.

(<http://www.deccanchronicle.com/141214/nation-current-affairs/article/polio-flame-begins-journey-brazil>).

Ardmore/Tokyo/Kesennuma Rotary Global grant:

Supports renovations at Center for Mothers and Children

Members of the Rotary Club of Tokyo and Rotary Club of Kesennuma, Japan toured a building which is being renovated to house a maternal and child health facility and health care training center that will serve 2500 survivors of 2011 earthquake. The \$197,000 project is funded through a Rotary Foundation Global Grant, with funds from Tokyo and Kesennuma, Japan Rotary Clubs and Districts 2580 and 3640 in Japan, and Ardmore Rotary Club in partnership with Gundaker Foundation, District 7450 Foundation, Broomall, Bryn Mawr, Coatesville, Media, and Swarthmore Rotary Clubs,

as well as Washington D.C. , South Korean and Germany Rotary Clubs. While waiting for the



center to be opened early next year, mothers and children gather for programs in the temporary center in the maternity wing of the nearby hospital. Plans call for completion of the renovations this month and dedication early in 2015. This is the second center for mothers and children built in partnership with Ardmore and Japan Rotary Clubs with help from other Rotary Clubs in District 7450 and in Japan.

Members of Tokyo and Kesennuma Rotary Clubs pause for photo during a tour of the center for mothers and children in Kesennuma, Japan in October who were left homeless as result of 2011 earthquake.

Gundaker Foundation thanks contributors



Broomall Rotarian and Gundaker Foundation representative Michael J Barber accepted the Certificate of Achievement for Broomall Rotary Club, which placed fifth in per capita giving to the Gundaker Foundation. The presentation took place at the December meeting.



Levittown-Fairless Hills Rotary Club Gundaker representative Steven Sabel displays the Certificate of Achievement presented to the Levittown-Fairless Hills Rotary Club for its number three ranking in the per capita giving to Gundaker Foundation. The top five are Cheltenham-Rutledge, Frankford, Levittown, Glen Riddle and Broomall Rotary Clubs.



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The Gundaker Foundation presented Certificates of Achievement to the top five Rotary Clubs in terms of donations to the Foundation. Number One in per capita giving is Cheltenham-Rockledge Rotary Club. The Gundaker representative Jurgen Rehnig accepted the certificate at the December meeting.

At Andrew Jackson School:

Philadelphia Rotary Club sponsors EarlyAct Club

A new EarlyAct Club has been established by the Rotary Club of Philadelphia at the Andrew Jackson Elementary School. The school's first-ever student EarlyAct representatives are shown above with Philadelphia Rotary liaison Anna Perrini



(back, left) and Andrew Jackson's School Partnerships Coordinator Kelli Mantell (right). The initial meeting was highlighted by a discussion of recycling and a pizza party. The Club is the third in the District with EarlyAct Clubs at Garnet Valley Middle School and Ferderbar Elementary School. Another Club at Oxford Middle School will have its kickoff in January.

Thanksgiving Day:**Rotarians, Boy Scouts, KFC deliver 340 chicken dinners**

Rotary District 7450 AG/PP Rick Trivane of the Bala Cynwyd-Narberth Rotary Club and President Page Huey of the Eastwick-Philadelphia International Airport Rotary Club pause for photo while packing chicken dinners at the Bala Cynwyd KFC for delivery to elderly residents in Southwest Philadelphia. Helping on Thanksgiving morning are Rotarians, KFC volunteers, Boy Scouts and friends of Rotary. This is the first year that Bala Cynwyd-Narberth Rotary Club and Boy Scout Troop 1 of St. Asaph's Episcopal Church in Bala Cynwyd took part in the program which is 20 years old.



(Photo by George Hatzfeld)

For third year:**West Chester Rotarians sew, fill 'Stockings for Soldiers'**

West Chester Rotarian Linda Hicks (left, left) and her friend, Karen Marson, hold several of the more than over 200 stockings they sewed for the 'Stockings for Soldiers' project. They also delivered the stockings to



the collection site in Delaware. West Chester Rotarians joined with the "Stocking for Soldiers" project to collect and deliver hundreds of items to be stuffed in the stockings once again this year. Lyn Gill (right photo, left), organizer of "Stocking for Soldiers", and Judy Travis (far right), founder of the project, join Rotarians Brad Abel and Tamara Minnick, who collected and delivered hundreds of items to be stuffed in the stockings. Tamara and Brad put collection boxes in businesses all over West Chester this year, in addition to collecting items from Rotarians. The stockings will be delivered during the holidays to military members who are stationed in Afghanistan, Iraq and other countries around the world. This is the third year the Club participated in the project.

Philadelphia Rotarians give atlases, dictionaries to Niebinger students

The Rotary Club of Philadelphia distributed hundreds of atlases and dictionaries to students at the Niebinger School in South Philadelphia on October 28th. Club literary chair Matt Tae attended the assembly at the school where (from left) Seneca Edwards, Kenya Neusome and Brianna Price thanked the Rotary Club for the books. The Rotary Club of Philadelphia donated more than 1500 books to students at four Philadelphia schools this fall.



Shady Brook Rotarians Honor 'Student of Month'



At a recent dinner meeting, the Rotary Club of Shady Brook President Alan Agree (right) presented the Club's "Student of the Month" award to Isabella Capecci, a student at the Maple Point Middle School. On hand for the presentation were Isabella's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Capecci.

Over 100 compete:

UD-Lansdowne Rotarians host Martial Arts Tourney

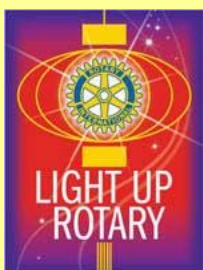


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Upper Darby-Lansdowne Rotary Club hosted the Youth Martial Arts Tournament at Upper Darby High School on October 26th. Over 100 competitors in participated in five different age classes. Paul Cheng, a member of the Rotary Cub, chaired the event which raised \$2400. Rotarians served as competition officials, helped with registrations and admissions and sold food.

DEADLINE for the **January District 7450 Rotary Leader** is **January 5**. Send photos/news to mombugjoan@msn.com info@Rotary7450.com and mombugjoan@msn.com. Please **identify** all people in photos. Thank you.



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District 7450 Calendar

Register for the 2015 District Conference before December 31 and save \$30 off of the conference price for the 2015 District Conference Friday, November 13, and Saturday, November 14 at the Union League in Philadelphia. Just pay \$119 now to hold your seat and the \$100 balance will not be due until July 1, 2015. To register: rotarydistrict7450.org.

January 1st: Information on your Club and Club Officers due to RI for inclusion in the official Directory. Semiannual Report and dues are also due to Rotary International. <http://www.rotary.org/clubinvoice>.

Monday January 5, 2015: Gundaker Foundation meeting begins with dinner at 6 p.m. Desmond Great Valley Hotel and Conference Center, One Liberty Blvd. Malvern, PA 19355 (800) 575-1776 or (610) 296-9800.

January 10, 2015: Abington at Edge Hill Rotary Club sponsors Slam Dunk Polio with the LaSalle Explorers taking on George Washington in basketball at Tom Gola Arena on campus; benefits Polio Eradication efforts supported by Rotary. For more info, contact Past President Jim Moore, 215-341-7476.

February 27 thru 28: Mid-Atlantic President-Elect Training Session at Radisson Valley Forge Hotel and Casino King of Prussia. A Thursday. optional training session is still being evaluated but stay tuned.

March 20-22, 2015: Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) at Valley Forge's Freedoms Foundation for deserving high school students. Registration fees, paid by sponsoring Clubs, is \$270. For info contact RYLA Chair Karen Mazzarella at karenkeckmazz@gmail.com.

Philadelphia Rotary Club sponsors West Catholic Prep Interact Club



A new Interact Club has been established at West Catholic Prep in West Philadelphia sponsored by Philadelphia Rotary Club. The new Interact Club held its inaugural ceremonies at the school December 1. Officers in the new Interact Club include Hawolti Amlak, Charles Kelly, Marta Teferi and Christopher Daniels. Philadelphia Rotarian Dr. Randall Drain is the Philadelphia Rotary Club liaison to the new club.