



# District 7450 Rotary Leader



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## Message from DG Bonnie



Thank you all for welcoming me to your Clubs as I continue my official visits. This is the fun part of being District Governor – meeting all of YOU and seeing your Clubs at work. I continue to be awed and impressed by the work the Clubs accomplish; as I drive through the communities, I see Rotary at work.

I am reminded of the question I asked the current Club presidents when we were in the training process: "On June 30, 2012, we are going to celebrate the year just ending. But what will we be celebrating? NOW is the time to plan for what we want to accomplish so that we can celebrate." As we approach the one-third mark in the Rotary year, I want to pose that question to you again.

### "What are we going to celebrate?"

We are one global community and one global economy, made up of multiple neighborhoods. There are needs all around us. Consider these statistics:

- 3.5 million people die from water-related disease each year.
- Every 20 seconds, somewhere a child dies from a water-related disease.
- 2.5 billion people lack access to improved sanitation, including 1.2 billion people who have no facilities at all. Worldwide, more people have cell phones than access to a toilet.
- 774 Million adults in the world are illiterate. 2/3 of this number are women.
- Every year 15 Million children die of hunger.

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## At District Conference November 11-12

# 'Get in Step with the Rhythm of Rotary!'

You won't want to miss this district conference! Celebrate with our Rotarian veterans on Friday.

Bring your new members with you to be recognized at Saturday night's gala dinner.

Learn more at  
[www.Rotary7450.org/Bonnie](http://www.Rotary7450.org/Bonnie)

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### **Two-year master's degree opportunity**

## **Applications sought for 2013-2014 Peace Fellowships**

Applications for the prestigious Rotary World Peace Fellowships for study in 2013-2014 can be obtained online at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org). Each year, up to 60 World Peace Fellowships for master's degree studies and up to 50 Rotary World Peace Fellowships for certificate program professional development study will be awarded on a world-competitive basis.

The two-year master's degree academic opportunities are offered 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 University of Bradford in West Yorkshire, UK; the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia; and Uppsala University in Sweden.

Master's degree fellowship winners receive funding for round-trip transportation, tuition and fees, room and board, and other miscellaneous expenses.

Rotary International established the fellowships in the hope Rotary World Peace Fellows will eventually work to advance knowledge of issues related to fostering peaceful relationships among nations and groups. The fellowship also seeks to resolve causes of conflict, and build world understanding, and pursue a career related to improving human

relations in a variety of complex situations.

Peace Fellow candidates are expected to have earned a bachelor's degree and have proficiency in another language beyond English. An applicant should have three years of work experience in a related area such as conflict resolution, mediation, diplomacy, or international relations. The applicant, if selected, will be expected to commit to making some impact for world peace.. Past Rotary World Peace Fellows have come from a broad array of career backgrounds including education, civil service, social work, health care and humanitarian agencies.

Interested individuals should consult the Rotary International web site at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org): Rotary Centers for International Studies in Peace and Conflict Resolution for further information and to download an application.

For more information, contact Rotary District 7450 Peace Fellowship Committee chairperson Joseph Batory (e-mail) [josephbatory@comcast.net](mailto:josephbatory@comcast.net) or (phone) 215-769-8530.

Completed applications for the Fellowships must be submitted to the local Rotary Club in the community where the applicant has permanent residence (preferably in March or April of 2012). Recommendations of candidates from local Rotary Clubs will be accepted by Rotary District 7450 until May 1, 2012.

## **DG Bonnie repeats challenge to make a difference**

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- Preventable diseases claim the lives of 11 million children annually.
- 1,000 women die daily from pregnancy and childbirth.

In the time it has taken you to read this sentence, someone has died of hunger; we know that one out of eight children under the age of 12 in the U.S. goes to bed hungry every night – some of them in your town and in [District 7450](#).

The role in the community for a strong Rotary Club is more important than ever. Consider signing up for the District Conference, November 11-12. Be inspired by the awesome speakers we have who are making a difference every day in the lives of someone.

Participate with your fellow Rotarians in workshops focusing on compelling, GREAT Rotary projects done by local clubs. provide leadership to your newer Club members that you will bring with you to the Conference to change their lives as Rotarians and together REACH and INSPIRE your Club to do bigger, better projects with greater community impact.

How many lives can we save this year?

### **Beginning in 2013-2014**

## **Ambassadorial scholarships to end; Global Grant Graduate Scholarship on tap**

A major change in available Rotary scholarships has been announced and beginning in 2013-2014, there will be no more Ambassadorial Scholarships.

However, District 7450 will be offering a new \$30,000 Global Grant, with one-half of funding will come from Rotary International, for graduate study overseas in 2013-2104.

Lindsey Elkin, a senior at Vanderbilt University,

will be the last outgoing Ambassadorial Scholar from Rotary District 7450.

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Newtown Square, Lindsey will be studying at Cape Town University in 2012-2013.

Candidates for the 2013-2014 Rotary District 7450 Global Grant will be recruited between the November of 2011 and January of 2012. Check [www.Rotary 7450.org](http://www.Rotary 7450.org) for details.

## District receives \$3,300 PR grant for 3 billboards

Rotary District 7450 has received a 2011-2012 public relations grant from Rotary International which will fund billboard advertising along major highways in the five-county Philadelphia area, beginning November 1.

With the \$3,300 Public Relations grant, the District will benefit from an advertising campaign whose total cost is \$5000. The value of the publicity is estimated at nearly \$200,000.

Clear Channel, the vendor that operates the billboards, is donating all of the billboard space and is charging only for graphic production of the ads. Three different 48-foot-long billboard designs will be displayed on a "space available" basis at different locations along primary roadways in the region. This is the second year for such a grant for billboard advertising awarded the District. Three years

ago, another grant supported ads at Philadelphia Airport USAir baggage terminal.

"This promises to be an effective public relations effort for Rotary District 7450," according to Joe Batory, District 7450 Public Relations Committee chair and immediate past president of Philadelphia Rotary Club.

"Applications for this grant required the use of Rotary International's Humanity in Motion graphics and themes, which were given preference by the judges.

"These materials are targeted at trying to create more general awareness of what Rotary is all about with the goal of inviting inquiries for membership, Batory explained."

**NOTE: One of three billboards is on page one.**

### Glen Mills-Thornbury Rotary Club

## Rotarians to ring holiday bells for Salvation Army

Chester Rotarian Jose Santiago, head of the Salvation Army Unit in Chester, visited the October 26 meeting of Glen Mills Rotary Club to map plans for the Club's participation in the Holiday Bell Ringing project. Members of the Club will participate in the fund-raising effort at the Acme Market in Concordville. On hand for the planning session are (from left) District Judge Richard Cappelli, Kimberly Razzano, Chris Zawawski, charter president Tony DiLeva and his wife Rose, past president Dave Rakow, Allen Rodgers, Club treasurer Dave Barrett, president Karen Mazzarella, Chester Rotarian José Santiago, and Andrew Bodenstab.



### **Kennett Square Rotarians salute students**

Kennett Square Rotary Club honored two Kennett High School freshmen as "Students of the Month." Club president Al Schmitt presented certificates to Kierstin Anderson (center) and Shoshanna Lustig, who will be honored as local heroes in the fight against pancreatic cancer during a walk sponsored by Pancan (Pancreatic Cancer Action Network) in Philadelphia November 5. These two young ladies have created a program called "Camp Curios" and \$2860 last summer for a total of almost \$13,000 since the camp started in 2006. They have shown service to the community, leadership and business skills in starting and running the camp for three to five-year olds to raise money for Pancan. Shoshanna started the camp with the help of two friends, one of whom is Kierstin, to raise awareness about pancreatic cancer after the death of her grandmother from pancreatic cancer.

## Philadelphia Rotary team raises \$24,000 in MS Bike Ride to Ocean City, N.J.



Philadelphia Rotarians Frank Fazio (left) and Kirsty Halliday were members of the Philadelphia Rotary Club team to complete the 2011 MS Bike Ride to the Shore (Ocean City, NJ) in September.



The Philadelphia Rotary Club raised more than \$24,000 in contributions for Multiple Sclerosis initiatives via this year's ride. In the 10 years the Club has participated in the ride, more than \$500,000 has been raised for Multiple Sclerosis Foundation.

## 'Citation for Outstanding Rotary Service'



Paoli-Malvern-Berwyn (P-M-B) Rotary Club past president Rob Robinson (center) receives "Citation for Outstanding Service" to Rotary from District Governor Bonnie Korengel during her official visit September 22. Looking on is Club President Rich Scott, who noted that Rob also is a Paul Harris Fellow.

*(Photo by AG Rick Trivane)*

## West Grove-Avondale Rotary Club working on Youth Center



The West Grove-Avondale Rotary Club is partnering with community members to renovate the soon to open Garage Youth Center on Rose Hill Ave in West Grove. In addition to monetary support, members will participate as mentors, advisors and tutors once the facility opens. Among those working on the project are (back, from left) Club president Gus Masarro, Jim Horn, Huston Baker, Henry Frank; and (front row, from left) Beth Tickle, Patti Olenik (executive director of the Garage), Charlie Watson, Jim Patton; and Maggie Kotler (kneeling in front).

## Shady Brook Rotary Club presents check for \$2500 to Make-A-Wish Foundation

At a recent ceremony at Shady Brook Farm, the Rotary Club of Shady Brook presented a check for \$2500 to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Taking part in the presentation are (from left) Art Finkle, past president Fred Edelman, Shady Brook Farm owner Mrs. Fleming, AG (Area 6) Bob Morris, president Mark Nath, past president Dr. Augie Adrid, Irv Perlstein, Ken Magnani, Burt Forman, and Make-A-Wish coordinator Gretchen Smith.



## Levittown Rotarians help deliver food to homeless shelter



Levittown Rotary Club is working with Pennsbury Partners and the Pennsbury Elementary Schools to collect needed non-perishable food for the local homeless shelter. Rotarians are collecting the donations from the 10 elementary schools and delivering them to the shelter. Collection boxes in the schools display the Levittown Rotary Club logo along with

that of Pennsbury Partners and Waste Management that donated 60 boxes for the program. Rotarian Jack O'Connor kicked off the project with the initial two trips from Eleanor Roosevelt Elementary School to the shelter after loading the food with the help of Frank (pushing dolly in middle photo), who is employed by school district.

### DG Bonnie visits Glen Riddle Club



Dr. Claudio Cerullo, (photo at left) who was inducted as a member of Glen Riddle Rotary Club by DG Bonnie Korengel during her official visit October 18, presents DG Bonnie with an autographed Phillies cap and autographed copy of his book about Alex's Lemonade Stand for the District Conference Auction. At the same meeting, longtime Club secretary Tim Sander received a "District Governor's Citation" from DG Bonnie for Service above Self to the Club.



Glen Riddle Rotary Club secretary Lisa Grech receives a District 7450 Governor's Citation for long and outstanding service to the club from District Governor Bonnie Korengel (right).



### Broomall Rotary Club Doggie Show howling success again



The Broomall Rotary's Doggy Show was a hit again this fall on Rotary Field in Broomall. The lighthearted event offered fun and excitement for dogs, their owners and spectators while raising funds for Rotary programs. Prizes were awarded to Best Kisser, Waggiest Tail, Biggest Lap Dog, Best Trick, cutest Puppy and Best Costume, which was won by an engaging couple posing as "The Princess and the Frog." Second place went to an eighty-eight pound doberman/rottweiler mix dressed as "Little Red Riding Hood." Biggest Lap Dog was a 180-pound Newfoundland named "Nana." The Tail Blazers Agility Club provided a demonstration of superior canine training and dexterity. Their dogs raced through an obstacle course of teeters, tunnels, weave poles, tire jump and more.

**From Ghana****Update from Ambassadorial Scholar Kyra Turner-Zogbekor***By Kyra Turner-Zogbekor*

It is hard to believe that my time in Ghana as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar is nearing its end. I, along with my husband and son, have been here nearly eight months and it has been an amazing, life-changing experience. Ghana is a wonderful country, filled with kind people, flavorful foods, rich culture and perpetually warm temperatures. The rain often falls at night, making for the best sleeping weather. I expected it to be extremely hot here, but I have experienced averages of breezy, 80-85 degree days since May. The seasons should be changing again in a few weeks, so the intense heat will probably return, but for now I am just enjoying the perfect weather.

An average day here has me heading to the University of Ghana's Institute for Continuing and Distance Education, where they have an adult literacy program taking place. I have observed several classes for the past six months and have interviewed a large number of students for my dissertation research. I have loved the interview process because it has allowed me to really get to know the students in such an intimate way that would not have been possible through casual interaction.

They have really opened themselves up to me and have such powerful stories of perseverance and triumph. The people I am interviewing are primarily women who are enrolled in the adult literacy program who, despite the obstacles faced as children which inhibited them from achieving a basic level of education, returned to school as adults to pursue their educational goals. It is my hope that this research will serve as a vehicle for social change and influence policy-makers and programmers to expand educational options for girls and women.

Until recently, basic education (equivalent to grades K-8) was not free in Ghana. Therefore, the majority of the women I have interviewed were taken out of school because their families could no longer afford to send them. Some women have never been to school, but a majority of the women have a very low level of educa-

tion. However, they never gave up on their dream of returning to school. They are powerful women with high aspirations for themselves, their children, and the nation.

They say that to educate a woman is to educate a nation. Despite all of the differences in our cultures and experiences, amongst the many things that unite women around the world is our love for our children and our desire to do whatever it takes to see them happy and successful. The investment in these women, coupled with their courage, will only continue to strengthen this great nation and ensure its prosperous future.

Prior to my arrival in March, it had been six years since my last stay in Ghana. I cannot believe how much has changed and continues to change during my time here. Ghana is truly an emerging market, as evidenced by things like the businesses developing throughout, the discovery of oil in the northern region, the influx of foreign NGOs and investors, and the number of international schools and training institutions opening in Accra and other urban centers.

It is essential that as this nation raises the economic and education levels for its children, that they also commit the same level of investment for its adults. In particular, it is critical for women as so many were denied an education as girls. They each recognize that in this increasingly interconnected, global world, they too need access to education. In their own words, "It is never too late to get an education."

I am so grateful to Rotary for this opportunity to be here and to use my education as a tool and platform for advocacy. I am excited about the prospect of bringing their voices to the world so that the pathway to an education that is slowly opening here for women can be opened for others everywhere!

-Kyra Turner-Zogbekor ([www.pathwaystogo.org](http://www.pathwaystogo.org))



**Denver Rotarians  
salute Phillies'  
Shane Victorino  
for his charitable  
foundation and  
humanitarianism**

Shane Victorino of the Phillies was honored recently with the presentation of the Branch Rickey Award as presented by the Rotary Club of Denver, Colorado. The award, named for late Brooklyn Dodgers owner, has been presented each year for 20 years to a major-league player for his charitable work and humanitarianism.

Victorino was honored for his foundation, which last year contributed \$500,000 to charities in his home state of Hawaii and his efforts to help remodel the 105-year-old Nicetown Boys and Girls Club in Philadelphia.

Shane will be inducted into the Baseball Humanitarians Hall of Fame on November 12 at a ceremony in Denver.

## What's happening in District 7450 Rotary Clubs

### Chichester Rotary Club serves meatloaf meal to seniors

Chichester Rotary Club joined volunteers from the Creekside Retirement Village to serve a meatloaf dinner to over 100 residents of the Lutheran Knolls Community last month. The project was chaired by Chichester Rotarian Sandra Fanelli, social director at Creekside Village clubhouse and a volunteer in the kitchen. Volunteers are Lutheran Knolls director Mary-Ellen Weeks, Chichester Rotary Club past president Tony Kaczewski, Sandra Fanelli, Rotarian Bob Wesolowski, Chichester Rotary Club president Mark Gibbon, and Rotarians Dave Houtz, and George Matuszewski of Chichester Rotary Club.



### Glen Riddle Rotary Club presents \$500 check for Rotaplast project



Jack Holefelder, member of the 2012 Rotaplast team, receives the first check of \$500 from Dr. Claudio Cerullo of the Glen Riddle Rotary Club to fund Rotary District 7450's Rotaplast "Smiles for Children"

project. Several fund-raising events are planned throughout the District in the coming months. Check [rotary7450.org](http://rotary7450.org) >> [rotaplast](http://rotaplast) for details.



### 'End Polio Now' victory in sight

Past AG and Ardmore Rotary Jane Williams demonstrates amount of work needed to win the campaign to rid the world of polio through vaccinations of children for a RI promotion. Rotarians world-wide participated in a special push for funds to match \$200,000 challenge grant last month with donors gaining credit for 2-for 1 for every online gift of \$100 or more.

### Philadelphia Rotary Club dictionary project

The Rotary Club of Philadelphia distributed more than 400 dictionaries to second, third and fourth-graders at the McClure School October 20. The Club will distribute 2500 dictionaries, thesauruses, atlases and library books at six different schools this year. When completed, Philadelphia Rotarians will have personally given more than 10,000 books to Philadelphia school children in the past four years. At the McClure School distribution are (back row, from left) Rotarians Kirsty Halliday, John Forer, Christopher Kaufer and Matt Tae; McClure Principal Lillian Tearte (center) with (McClure third-graders student presenters, Erica Martinez (left) and Aryana Colon.



### Coatesville Rotary Club Scholarship Auction scheduled December 1

The Rotary Club of Coatesville is hosting its annual Scholarship Auction Thursday, December 1, at the Club's weekly luncheon meeting at the Coatesville Country Club. Among the auction items are shore vacations, sports tickets, restaurant gift certificates, Visa gift card, gift baskets, golf outings and a bucket of wines. Call Theresa Sargent 484-798-8246, Greg Krajewski 610-857-5506, Francesca Crane 610-380-1360 or Cindy Yearsley 610-383-0868 for reservations.

**DEADLINE for the December District 7450 Rotary Leader is November 20. Please identify people in photos.**



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**DG continues Club visits**

- 11/1 Tuesday 8 a.m.  
Feasterville Rotary Club  
Suburban Diner
- 11/2 Wednesday 7:15 a.m.  
Central Delaware County Club  
Court Diner
- 11/3 Thursday 12 Noon  
Ardmore Rotary Club  
Merion Cricket Club
- 11/8 Tuesday 7 a.m.  
Downingtown Rotary Club  
The Blue Café
- 11/8 Tuesday 12:10 p.m.  
Phoenixville Rotary Club  
Franklin Commons
- 11/9 Wednesday 12:15 p.m.  
Bristol Rotary Club  
Georgine's in West Bristol
- 11/16 Wednesday 7:30 a.m.  
Chestnut Hill Rotary Club  
Chestnut Hill Presbyterian Church
- 11/16 Wednesday 12:15 p.m.  
Upper Darby-Lansdowne Rotary Club  
Drexelbrook Inn
- 11/17 Thursday 12:15 p.m.  
Langhorne-Oxford Valley Rotary Club  
Bella Tori at the Mansion
- 11/30 Wednesday 7 a.m.  
Chichester Rotary Club  
Creekside Village
- 11/30 Wednesday 6:15 p.m.  
Wayne Rotary Club  
Margaret Kuo's Restaurant
- 12/1 Thursday 12:15 p.m.  
West Chester Rotary Club  
West Chester Country Club
- 12/1 Thursday 6 p.m.  
Westtown-Goshen Rotary Club  
West Chester Holiday Inn
- 12/6 Tuesday 7:30 a.m.  
Levittown-Fairless Hills Club  
Garden of Eatin Restaurant
- 12/7 Wednesday 7 a.m.  
Exton-Frazer Rotary Club  
Whitehorse Restaurant at Sheraton Great Valley
- 12/8 Thursday 6:15 p.m.  
Newtown Square Rotary Club  
Alberto's Restaurant
- 12/8 Thursday 11:45 a.m.  
Philadelphia Rotary Club  
Union League
- 12/13 Tuesday 6:15 p.m.  
Springfield Rotary Club  
Anthony's in the Drexel Line Shopping Center
- 12/14 Wednesday 12:15 p.m.  
Concordville-Chadds Ford Rotary Club  
Maris Grove
- 12/15 Thursday 12:10 p.m.  
Swarthmore Rotary Club  
The Springhaven Club

**Rotary 'Student of the Month'**

Rotary Club of Shady Brook honored "Student of the Month" Ian Campbell (with plaque) October 19. Club President Mark Nath (left) presented Campbell a check for \$100. On hand were Ian's brother, Dylan, and his mother, Debra.



**New meeting site for Cheltenham-Rockledge Club**

Cheltenham-Rockledge Rotary Club is moving its weekly meetings beginning with its November 3 meeting to Hop Angel Brauhaus 7980 Oxford Ave, Philadelphia. The meeting time is 12:15 p.m. There is parking behind the building with access across from Dunkin Donuts.