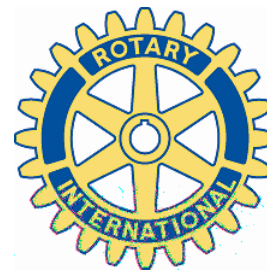




DISTRICT 7450

Rotary Leader



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Message from DG Joel



My Fellow Rotarians:

Already into the third month of my term as District Governor, we are moving full steam ahead for our District Conference in April 2009.

The District Conference Committee has met and formulated plans to outline our agenda. Committee chairpersons, Bonnie Korengel and Joyce Chesney, have met with the Longwood Gardens staff to plan our Saturday evening in the Conservatory ballroom.

What an exciting event this will be. Longwood Gardens will be in full bloom with spring flowers as our backdrop. Remember, save the date and mark your calendar — April 17, 18 and 19, 2009.

I am proud to say, that many of our District 7450 Rotary Clubs have met the Polio Plus Challenge. Our goal is to meet R.I. President D. K. Lee's challenge of \$1000 per Rotary Club for three years. My objective for District 7450 is to meet the challenge and hopefully exceed the goal. Some of the clubs have not responded so I would appreciate each Rotary Club president doing so as soon as possible.

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Rotarians ride for MS



The 23-member Philadelphia Rotary Team of bicyclists raised close to \$80,000 for Multiple Sclerosis research by participating in the Cherry Hill to Ocean City ride September 27 and 28. The team's eight-year participation has raised over \$460,000 for multiple sclerosis research. Leading the team for all nine years has been Philadelphia Rotarian Jack Beiter (front row, center) who is recovering from a broken collarbone, two broken ribs and a punctured lung sustained when a rider ran into him during the ride. Beiter, who is flanked by his twin sons, Jeffrey and Justin, raised \$34,000 toward the pledge. A total of 21 riders will be honored as VIPs as result of raising over \$1,000 for MS. Members of the team (not in order) are Joe Furia, Rosa Cucchia, Sam Rizzo, Maria Diodorenko, Jim Duffy, Fran Dungo, Frank Gerner, Michael Gillespie, Jeffrey Goldberg, Kirsty Halliday, Royal Klein, Kelli Kurtz, Saranae Kurtz, Scott Loughin, Rachel Liedel, Rose Lucia, Joe McLoughlin, Louis Mosca, Sharon Quick, George Sanchez, Daniel Sargent, Ellen Sargent, Robert Snow, Pete Stankoff, Jeffrey Tokar, Louis Villardo, Gary Swagger, Howard Asher, Jesse and Tammy Rudgunas. Beiter says, "I am so proud of our Philadelphia Rotary Team. The ride is not an easy one, but they did it to represent District 7450 and help raise close to \$500,000 in the nine years we have competed to find a cure for the debilitating disease, multiple sclerosis."

First quarter filled with events and successes

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On Saturday, October 18th, I had the pleasure in participating in our newest club's Charter Night. The Rotary Club of West Chester Downtown "Fridays" is the 55th club to join our district. PDGs Russ deFuria and Paul Ossimo were instrumental in guiding the club last year in acquiring its charter from 2007-2008 R. I. president Wilf Wilkinson.

The actual charter was signed by 2008-2009 RI president D. K. Lee since it was finalized in 2008-2009 Rotary year. The wonderful group of individuals in the club will be a great asset to District 7450.

The Rotaplast team returned in late September from Cebu City, Philippines. The team's

mission was a tremendous success in making dreams real for so many children, giving them a chance to live a normal life.

Rosalie Wells, president of West Grove/Avondale Rotary Club, was the assistant mission director for this trip.

Get well wishes go out to PDG Dan Guyon, who is recovering in the hospital from surgery., and PDG Dan Bronson, who is recovering at home from knee surgery. Our prayers go out to these two dynamic individuals and hope for speedy re-

From District Governor



By
Joel
Chesney

coveries.

As we move forward into the holiday season, remember ... "Make Dreams Real" for those less fortunate in our world.

Yours in Rotary, Joel E. Chesney

Rotary news notes and information

Past **Kennett at Longwood Rotary Club** president Chuck Muhly, along with his wife, Debbie, have relocated to Devon. Because of the long drive to make Rotary Club breakfast meetings each Thursday, Muhly plans to transfer his Rotary membership to another club closer to his new location. The Longwood Rotary Club declared Chuck Muhly Week and thanked him and wished him well at the October 9 meeting.

District 7450 Rotarians will leave from 30th Street Station Saturday, November 8 at 7 a.m. and arrive at PENN Station in NYC at 9 a.m. for the Rotary at **UN Day**. The bus will

return at 6 p.m. UN program starts at 9 a.m. The current fare is \$9 one way travel arrangements. For more information contact Joan Batory at jbatory@comcast.net

The **Feasterville Rotary Club**, with help of **Ferderbar EarlyActors**, had a "Winter Coats for Kids" Spaghetti Dinner benefit to raise money for coats for local kids October 13.

The **Ferderbar EarlyAct Club** had its own fundraiser at the Ferderbar Fall Fair October 18. They raffled off scarecrows that they made to create a service budget for themselves.

District 7450 salutes 55th Rotary Club

At the Charter Night celebration of the Rotary Club of West Chester Downtown "Fridays" October 18, Rotarians and guests donned formal attire, but left their fancy shoes at home to raise awareness of the millions of people around the world who own only flip-flops or no shoes at all. As the 55th Rotary Club in District 7450 moved from provisional to official, Rotari-



Charter members of West Chester Downtown "Fridays" Rotary Club, who gathered on the stairs of Annalie Korengel Lorgus's West Chester home during the Charter night celebration October 18, are (top to bottom) Joyce Chesney, Lizabeth Ginter Connors, Irene Mehnert, Annalie Korengel Lorgus, Judith Ray, Jane Burgarella, Carol Metzker, Clint Wiggins, Eric Metzker, Merry Piper, and Joyce Chester.

ans raised consciousness and funds to help less fortunate people locally and globally. The evening raised over \$1,800 for service projects.



Past District Governor Russ deFuria (left) and District Governor Joel Chesney present Rotary International Certificate of Charter for West Chester Downtown "Fridays" Rotary Club to first president Carol Metzker during the Charter Night Celebration October 18. Looking on in rear is District Governor-Elect Al Marland.



Rotarians and guests (all but DG Joel who wore the black dress shoes) left their fancy shoes at home to raise awareness of people around the world who own only flip-flops or no shoes at all.

WC Downtown 'Fridays' Rotarians celebrate



Mark Little, (photo at left), past assistant governor and International Service Committee chairman for Rotary Club of Norwich St. Edmund, District 1080 in England, shares a poem about the Rotary at West Chester Downtown "Fridays" Rotary Club Charter Night as An-nalie Korengel Lorgus, West Chester Rotarian and hostess for the celebration event, looks on. The poem states:

"Are you an active Rotarian, the kind who would be missed ?

"Or, are you just contented to be on the members' list ?

"Are you involved with projects, or work in selfless mode ?

"Or do you usually opt out, let others bear the load ?

"Do you take an active part to help the world along ?

"Or are you merely happy, just simply to belong ?

"Think it over members, think just how you'd feel

"If you were an active Rotarian and turned that Rotary wheel."



DG Joel Chesney presented each charter member with his or her membership pin during the Charter Night . Receiving her pin is West Chester Downtown "Fridays" Rotary Club member Merry Piper.

Carol Metzker, president of West Chester Downtown "Fridays" Rotary Club, and Dave Rayburn, president-elect of West Chester Rotary Club which sponsored the new club, look over the club's Charter Night Program. Rayburn was the liaison with the new club during its formation and provisional period.



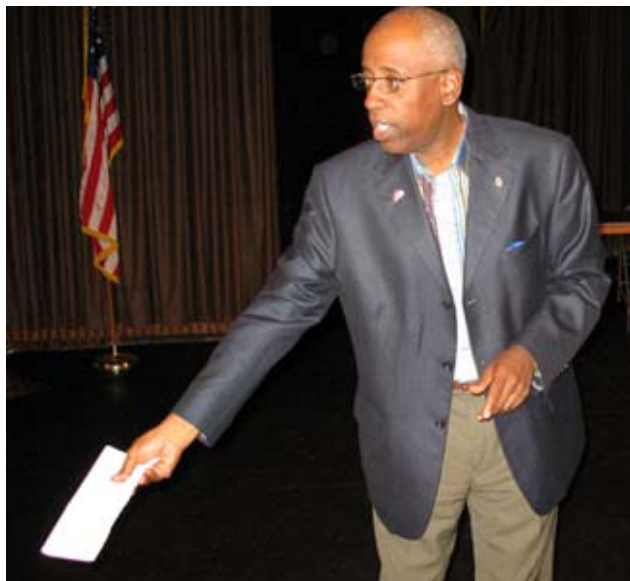
Workshops cover Membership, RI Foundation



District Foundation chair PDG Russ deFuria discusses work of Rotary Foundation during September 27 workshop at Delaware County Community College in Marple Township.



Ardmore Rotarian Jane Williams reports on GSE program and District 7450's team which traveled to Italy in May during the RI Foundation workshop Sept. 27. Williams was team leader of the 2008 GSE Team. Looking on is PDG Russ deFuria, chair of RI Foundation Committee which funds GSE program.



Swarthmore Rotarian George Whitfield, membership chairman for his club, presents suggestions for increasing and maintaining membership during the workshop on membership at Delaware County Community College September 27.



District 7450 Rotarians participate in RI Foundation workshop, one of two conducted at Delaware County Community College September 27. About 100 Rotarians attended the morning workshops on membership and RI Foundation conducted in two DCCC auditoriums.

Ardmore Rotary plants 'Trees of Friendship'

Ardmore Rotary Club has planted 24 pink cherry trees in four locations during October as a token of friendship from the people of Japan through the Tokyo Rotary Club.

The trees are planted in Garden for Blind in Wynnewood, Haverford College, Normandy Park in Ardmore and Loomis Elementary School in Broomall.

Four years ago, the Ardmore Rotary Club presented 200 dogwood trees to the people of Japan as a continuation of a gesture of friendship between the U.S. and Japan that began in 1912. A report in late 1960s that most of the dogwood trees had died or were destroyed during World War II prompted Ardmore Rotary to donate 300 replacement trees. The project was chaired by then RI vice-president and Ardmore Rotarian George Uhlig who had visited the Tokyo Rotary Club when the report was discussed.

The replacement trees were planted in the Imperial Palace Gardens in Tokyo. Later the Tokyo Rotary Club Tokyo sent Ardmore Rotary Club 12 cherry trees which were



On hand for planting of five cherry trees at Loomis School in Broomall by Ardmore Rotary Club are (from left) past president and past district governor Hogie Hansen; past president Dr. Douglas Klepfer; Matthew Klepfer, M-N High School sophomore and former student at Loomis School; Ardmore Rotary Club president Jim Hall; treasurer Jack Del Pizzo; and Ardmore Rotarian Ernani Falcone.

planted in the Wynnewood Valley Park as a backdrop for the Garden for the Blind and Children which the Rotarians were helping develop at that time.

In 2004, as a 100th anniversary of Rotary project, Ardmore Rotary Club sent 200 new dogwood trees for the American Dogwood Park in the Imperial

Palace Gardens of Tokyo, and in public areas throughout Tokyo. The formal dedication took place following the 2004 RI Convention in Japan.

Earlier this year, Ardmore Rotary Club received a gift of \$10,000.00 from the Rotary Club of Tokyo to plant new cherry trees in America and to assist in restoration of the Garden for the Blind.

Ardmore Rotarian Dr. Douglas Klepfer tells Loomis School students about the role that former fifth-graders played in the "Trees of Friendship" presentation to Tokyo Rotary Club. The 2004 students made cards of friendship which Klepfer delivered for distribution to children of Japan at following 2004 RI Convention.



Spotlight on District 7450 Rotarians

Major donors recognized



Past District Governor Russ deFuria (right) presents Rotary Foundation Major Donor Recognition pins to Rita and PDG Arnie Graf as District Governor Joel Chesney looks on at a recent meeting of Newtown Square Rotary. The award, presented in recognition of significant financial support of the Rotary Foundation, also includes an engraved crystal. Graf, a member of Newtown Square Rotary Club, serves on the District Foundation Committee and was 2005-2006 chairman. PDG deFuria chairs the committee this Rotary year.

Phil Martelli, coach for St. Joseph College Hawks basketball team, spoke to the Media Rotarians September 25, at the Townhouse in Media. Presenting Martelli a Rotary cup is Barbara Laurenzi, president-elect of Media Rotary Club.



Perfect attendance



Rotarian George Guyer, charter member of Newtown Square Rotary Club, has perfect attendance for the 55 years that he has been a member of Newtown Square Rotary Club. Guyer is a Paul Harris Fellow. He is a retired tool and die maker and owned Guyer's Tool and Die Co. in Newtown Square for many years. Working with him were his late wife, Thelma, who was the bookkeeper, and his late son, George Jr. He also has a daughter, Elizabeth. He continues to reside in Newtown Square.

**PLEASE SEND NAMES
OF ALL IN PHOTOS FOR
THE NEWSLETTER.
THANK YOU.**

News from District 7450 Rotary Clubs

Paul Harris Fellow Award



Kennett at Longwood Rotarian Dave Foresman (right) holds the Paul Harris Fellow Award he received at a recent breakfast meeting from fellow Longwood Rotarian Mike DeFazio (second from left). On hand were Longwood Rotary Club president David Haradon (left) and Rose Ann Foresman.

New Member installed

The Paoli-Malvern-Berwyn Rotary Club installed Josh Hirt (center) as a member October 23.



Hirt lives in Malvern and works

(Photo courtesy Carol Robinson)

for Vanguard. P-M-B Rotary Club president Rob Robinson (left) sponsored Hirt who was installed by Carla Chieffo, P-M-B Rotary Club membership co-chair, during the club's dinner meeting at Aronimink Golf Club in Newtown Square .

HT Rotarians at 'HT Day'



Victor Sage, president of the Haverford Township Rotary Club, displays reusable shopping bags the club distributed at 2008 Haverford Township Day celebration. Eight sponsoring companies covered cost of shopping bags with the Rotary logo on one side and list of sponsors on the other.

Sandwich-makers for 'Ride for Kids'



Kennett at Longwood Rotarians made sandwiches at LeBus Bakery to help "Ride for Kids" project. They included (from left) Rob Newman, unidentified person, Mary Merkle, Gerry McShane, Patti DeFazio, Bob Merkle, Kathy Hawes, Andy Jenkins, DG Joel Chesney, and Lauren Jenkins.

News from District 7450 Rotary Clubs

Media Rotary Club's Students of the Month

"Students of the Month" for October were recognized at the weekly luncheon meeting of the Rotary Club of Media October 16. Taking part in the presentation of the awards are (from left) Media Rotary Club president Barbara Laurenzi; Lauren Thomas and Rebecca Shulbank-Smith, Strath Haven High School students; Lindsay Gaskins and Richard Bailey, Penncrest High School students; and Jack Hontz, Media Rotarian.



Upper Darby-Lansdowne Rotary Club honors six students

Upper Darby-Lansdowne Rotary Club honored six "Students of the Month" this month at Drexelbrook in Drexel Hill. They are (from left) Brittany Wallace of Penn Wood High School, an excellent student and track star, a leader in her church, a volunteer at Children's Hospital, and plans to become an obstetrician; Bintou Mariku of Penn Wood High School, plays lacrosse, is active in community service, takes college-level classes at Drexel, wants to become a dentist, and wants to donate some of her time to the people of Mali; Kathy Butchy of Prendergast/Bonner High School, has one of highest averages recorded at Prendergast, plays the piano, is V-P of St. Laurence Parish CYO, works on the school newspaper, is involved in school shows, works in soup kitchens and wants to become a doctor; Sid Joshi of Upper Darby High School, who came from India eight years ago, an excellent student, has worked in hospitals in New York City, specifically in orthopedics, plans to major in biomedical engineering, and wants to become a cardiologist; Nitha Siju of Upper Darby High School, student body president, president of National Honor Society, news editor of the school newspaper, plays violin in the orchestra and string ensemble, traveled to an El Salvador orphanage, and wants to become a pediatrician; and Timothy Green of Bonner/Prendergast High School, with 4.0 average, plans to attend Villanova to major in psychology/American government, wants to be a lawyer, and soon will be awarded the Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scout Award.



West Chester Downtown 'Fridays' Rotary Club

District 7450 welcomes 55th Rotary Club

When one decides to join a Rotary Club, it is an exciting and fulfilling experience. If you are lucky enough to find a club in it's infantile stages, it is once in a lifetime opportunity. I experienced just that.

One of the most fulfilling nights of my life occurred on Saturday, October 18, 2008. The newest Rotary Club to join District 7450 is a non-traditional one that "thinks outside the box." This group of individuals known as the West Chester Downtown "Fridays" Rotary Club is the 55th club to receive the charter signed by Rotary International President D.K. Lee. This new club, of which I am now a proud honorary charter member, received its charter on October 18.

Our festivities were held at the lovely Victorian home of Annalie Korengel Lorgus. A formal black tie optional affair was appropriate for our surroundings.

Most important, (remember think outside the box), everyone wore flip flops or no shoes at all to remember and reflect on those in our world who are less fortunate.

Plenty of hors d'oeuvres and luscious desserts, and of course, do not forget the champagne to celebrate the occasion!

After savoring good food and fellowship, our ceremony got underway as District Governor Joel and PDG Russ deFuria inducted each charter mem-

ber with his or her membership pin.

The Rotary Club's charter members are as follows: charter president C.E.

Carol Hart Metzker, president-elect Annalie Korengel Lorgus, sergeant-at-arms Eric L. Metzker, treasurer Robert S. Wilson, secretary Jane C Burgarella, and Michael J. Alfonsi, Joyce C Chester, William P. Duffy, Lizabeth Ginter Conners, Marcia D. Hepps, Marie Holland, Lance Knauth, Irene B. Mehnert, Gay W Nussag, Merry Piper, Judith D. Ray, Anita

Trump, Dennis M. Wallace, Clinton R. Wiggins, Geoffrey Wilkinson, Erica R. Young, and Joyce R Chesney.

Champagne toasts were offered to the new Rotary Club followed by an inspiring message of hope by our president, Carol Metzger. Special guest was PAG Mark Little of Rotary Club of Norwich St. Edmund, England, who offered words of wisdom in his closing thought. A great time was had by all.

West Chester Downtown "Fridays" Rotary Club meets Friday afternoon at 2 p.m. at the West Chester Library at 415 N. Church St in downtown West Chester.

If you are looking to make up, join us!

No food, just good fellowship with a great group of people!

Partner's Point of View

**By
Joyce
Chesney**



DG Joel Chesney (seated on steps) and DG-Elect Al Marland prepare for charter ceremony for West Chester Downtown "Fridays" Rotary Club October 18.

West Chester Rotaract Club celebrates Charter

The West Chester Rotaract Club held its Charter Night poolside at the ACAC Fitness and Wellness Center Thursday, September 18. The event marked a special occasion for one of the area's newest Rotaracts not only for establishing it in the Rotary family but for bringing together local Rotarians from various clubs for an up scale occasion.

The evening's guests enjoyed cocktails and hors d'oeuvres while mingling, sharing ideas, and networking around the lower poolside area. The evening's host, West Chester Rotaract Club President Mary Bigham, proudly accepted the charter from Rotarian John Schwab. Another guest was District Governor Chesney

The West Chester Rotaract Club extends a warm thanks to all attendees of the Charter Night event and looks forward to being an active part of the Rotary family. The West Chester Rotaract Club is a nonprofit, nonpolitical, international volunteer service organization of students and young professionals.

West Chester Rotaract has participated in West Chester Park Cleanup, the Dine About Fundraiser benefiting Chester County Cares and the Big Wheel Bar Crawl Fundraiser.

There are more than 7,000 Rotaract clubs worldwide with 160,000 members. For more information on the West Chester Rotaract Club, e-mail wcrotaract@gmail.com.

There are eight operating Rotaract Clubs in District 7450, and club in the organizational stage. Overseeing these clubs is District Rotaract Representative Patricia Dantis, a member of the Rotaract Club of the Main Line. Contact Tricia at pdantis@gmail.com.



Celebrating the West Chester Rotaract Charter Night September 18 are (from left) Candace Komar, Ernie Angelos, Dan Stahlecker, Zack Luminella and Matt Schwab. The newest Rotaract Club brings to eight the number of Rotaract Clubs in District 7450.

Contact information for the Rotaract Clubs is: Lincoln University Rotaract Club: President Dony Benjamin, Dnybenjamin@yahoo.com; Manor Junior College Rotaract Club: Norma Hall, nhall@manor.edu; Main Line Rotaract Club (community-based): President Gilbert, matt.gilbert@gmail.com; Philadelphia Rotaract Club (community-based): Co-Presidents Maya Fridman, Mya27@comcast.net and Matthew Tritton, matthew.tritton@gmail.com; Swarthmore College Rotaract Club: Co-Presidents David Mai, tmal@swarthmore.edu; and Montag, hmontag1@swarthmore.edu; West Chester University Rotaract Club: Advisor Charnetta Gadling-Cole, cgadling-Cole@wcu-pa.edu; West Chester (community-based): President Mary Bingham, wcdish@gmail.com; Widener University Rotaract Club: President Barbara McKinney, bjmckinney@mail.widener.edu.

The new club being organized is Rotaract Club of Northeast Philadelphia.

Where's my newsletter?

If you know a Rotarian asking where his or her District Newsletter is, we are asking Rotarians who have access to computers and the Rotary7450.org website to take a few minutes and

print a copy (or two or three) of the newsletter and give them to the Rotarian(s) who asked the question.

And if you know there are members in your club

who are not computer savvy, we ask you to print copies and place them on the sergeant-at-arms table.
Thank you.



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area	club#	ClubName	Mem	Meet	Sept
2	26485	Abington at Edge Hill	11	Not Reported	
4	5463	Ardmore	98	Not Reported	
4	5464	Bala Cynwyd/Narberth	15	4	60
1	5466	Bensalem	40	Not Reported	
4	5467	Bristol	48	Not Reported	
4	5468	Broomall	39	Not Reported	
4	5469	Bryn Mawr	20	5	67
6	25353	Central Chester County	33	5	59
5	26630	Central Delaware County	10	4	88
2	5470	Cheltenham Rockledge	15		78
7	5471	Chester	23	4	73
7	5472	Chester Pike	28	Not Reported	
5	27323	Chesterbrook	16	Not Reported	
3	31062	Chestnut Hill	50	Not Reported	
7	5473	Chichester	22	4	56
2	5476	Chonshohocken -Plymouth Whitemarsh	18	4	72
6	5474	Coatesville	53	4	68
8	5475	Concordville-Chadds Ford	48	4	69
6	5478	Downingtown	16	5	68
3	27974	Eastwick/Phl Airport	14	Not Reported	
2	5479	Elkins Park	14	4	75
6	5480	Exton-Frazier	12	4	75
1	5481	Feasterville	21	Not Reported	
3	5494	Frankford - Northeast Philadelphia	34	4	50
8	70137	Glen Mills	16	5	75
8	5483	Glen Riddle	30		58
2	5484	Glenside	37		61
8	26213	Greater West Chester Sunrise	44	4	74
4	5485	Haverford Township	31	Not Reported	
2	5487	Jenkintown	67	Not Reported	
9	50612	Kennett At Longwood	84	4	77
9	5488	Kennett Square	16	5	77
5	5489	King Of Prussia	51	4	64
1	5490	Langhorne	29	4	56
1	5491	Levittown-Fairless Hills	24	Not Reported	
3	65194	Madrugadores	11	Not Reported	
5	5492	Media	89	4	51
3	55498	NE Sunrisers	21	Not Reported	
5	5493	Newtown Square	87	5	77
9	5495	Octorara	10	5	56
9	5496	Oxford	18	4	61
5	5497	Paoli-Malvern-Berwyn	30	4	72
3	5498	Philadelphia	114	4	41
6	5499	Phoenixville	30	Not Reported	
1	75462	Shady Brook	44		85
7	5500	Springfield	22	Not Reported	
7	5501	Swarthmore	48	Not Reported	
6	30662	Thorndale	12	Not Reported	
9	50613	Twin Valley	17	Not Reported	
7	5477	Upper Darby-Lansdowne	33	4	59
4	5503	Wayne	27	Not Reported	
8	5504	West Chester	113	4	63
8	79371	West Chester Downtown "Fridays"	21	4	62
9	5505	West Grove/Avondale	35	Not Reported	
8	5506	Westtown-Goshen	37	4	91
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