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Greetings from the District Governor



I thank all the Rotarians and friends for the many cards and good wishes during my recovery from surgery. It really made me feel a part of the Family of Rotary. I am now getting around pretty well.

On Sept. 12, B.J. Barrett underwent a cardiac catheterization

followed by the placement of a stent in a cardiac artery. As a result he has decided to take a leave from Rotary. We wish B.J. well in his recovery and also thank him for his many years of service to Rotary. As you know B.J. is president of the Exton-Frazer Club and chair of the Youth Exchange Committee. The club is in discussion of their leadership succession process.

There has been a restructuring of the Youth Exchange Program with Linda Messer becoming chairperson and Francie Cross, vice-chairperson. B.J.'s illness came three days before the orientation weekend for the recently arrived inbound students. The committee responded in unbelievable fashion, and made the weekend happen. Linda, Francie, Carol Staubach, Adrienne Masak, Bert Volger, Joe Pollito, and PDG Dan Bronson cannot be thanked enough for the yeoman effort in making the orientation a huge success for these young students. It was truly the Family of Rotary in action.

Along with DGE Russ and DGN Joel, I spent a couple of hours at the encampment and now have a real appreciation for the Youth Exchange Program. Here were 14 youngsters from as many different countries, far from their homelands, bonding together. What a wonderful example for peace and understanding in the world. With the reorganizing of this committee we need more volunteers to serve on the committee, so please give me a call at 610-828-1622.

I am urging all Rotarians to attend the District Conference in Atlantic City on Oct.27 to Oct.29. You will have an opportunity to meet and greet these terrific young people. As we plan to highlight youth programs you will also hear from Interactors and Rotaractors for they are the future of Rotary. We will also be featuring a highly active workshop of challenging experiences emphasizing the human skills of leadership, trust, communication, decision making, problem solving and conflict resolution.

I look forward to seeing you all on the boardwalk in Atlantic City.

Marty

Much to do and enjoy at District Conference in Atlantic City Oct. 27-29

It may be too cold to take a dip in the Atlantic Ocean but fret not. There will be much to do and enjoy at the 2006 Rotary District 7450 Conference on the Boardwalk in Atlantic City from Friday, October 27, thru Sunday, October 29.

Conference headquarters is the Holiday Inn Boardwalk located between the all new Tropicana and the Hilton Hotel and Casino. District Conference Committee has developed an all inclusive package with hotel room for Friday and Saturday with a Friday welcome wine and beer reception followed by a buffet dinner at the Tropicana Casino (includes \$20 in chips), and attendance at a casino show; breakfast, lunch, and dinner with a cocktail reception (open bar and hors d'oeuvres) and special entertainment following dinner Saturday; and interfaith service, closing brunch and conference summary Sunday,

In keeping with the 2006-2007 Rotary theme of "Lead the Way", the program will feature a session on Team Building and Leadership presented by Tom Stecher, a recognized expert in the field; a unique perspective on membership development from Mike Colosurdo, a New Jersey Rotarian and sessions about youth programs, literacy, wheelchair and water management projects.

District Governor Marty Phillips promises a "fun for all" conference. Co-chairs of the conference are District Governor Partner Elaine Phillips and District Governor Nominee Joel Chesney. Host club is Ardmore Rotary Club



Holiday Inn in Atlantic City (arrow) is the site of the District 7450 Conference Oct. 27-29.

and President Mike Silver and Past President Fred Fromhold are co-chairs of the Program Committee. See page 4 for complete list of committee chairs and information on volunteering to help.

The total cost is \$485 per person. If you share a room (with spouse or another Rotarian), the cost is \$675 which brings the price down to \$337.50 per person. For reservations or more info, call Elaine Phillips: 610-828-1622, or elaphil@comcast.net

Work underway in Broomall on water filtration plant for Nigerian village

First work days of the Broomall Rotary Club's Waters of Life filtration system for Nigeria have been a big success from all reports.

Participating in funding the project are Broomall, Newtown Square, Philadelphia, Coatesville, Ardmore, Haverford Township, Central Chester County, Chestnut Hill, Bensalem, and Jos (Nigeria) Rotary Clubs and Marple Newtown Interact Club. Project Manager Stan Madsen, who turned the first \$20,000 into supplies for the filtration system, worked for weeks until he located a suitable container which was set up behind Madsen Kitchens & Bath in Broomall.

The first work day was Sept. 2 and Stan Madsen reports, "It was a wet day but we put in all the walls and the ceiling in the container. Thanks to the guys that showed up. Ten men really worked together to make it happen. Skip brought along his grandson Matt, who was a big help. It was good to have the men from Havertown, Bob and Skip. Without Jack Russell from East Fallowfield, we would not have done much. Thanks Jack. Jack is a builder of fine homes.

"Joe Carapellucci, who is working with me on some projects, worked with Jack on the partitions and was a great help. Paul, Mike, Bob, Skip and Bill worked on the



Volunteer workers install the ceiling in the container which will become the water filtration plant for Jos Nigeria.

insulation and it all came together with the plywood now ready for painting this week

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Dictionary Project builds strong momentum in 2005 - 2006

By Mark Michelman,

District 7450 2005 - 2006 Literacy Resource Chair

The *Rotarian's* May issue features a story on page 16 about The Rotary Club of Boyertown (D-7430) distributing dictionaries to third graders. Here in District 7450, the number of dictionaries distributed has increased significantly this past year to over 3,600 dictionaries given out by ten clubs as follows:

In most instances, dictionaries are given out to third-graders. Prices range from \$1.00 each for a basic dictionary or \$1.25 for an English - Spanish version to \$4.00 for a more advanced book or an International Atlas. Thesauruses are \$2.00 each. Because the minimum purchase of the basic dictionary and most other books is only 24 (one box), most clubs can get involved for as little as \$24.00 as all prices include shipping. A number of clubs choose to start with a basic book suitable to a third-grade class and revisit these same students again as they go on to fifth or sixth grade with the more advanced version, an Atlas or a Thesaurus.

For those Clubs who haven't gotten to see the expression on a third-grader's face when presented with, what for most, will be their first school book to keep, it is quite an event. Rotary supply catalogues also offer book name stickers which can be affixed inside and have the Four Way Test and a place for the student to write their name and have the name of the donating Rotary Club.

West Chester Rotary Club earns Community Impact Hero Award

The Rotary Club of West Chester was the recent recipient of the first Community Impact Hero Award, presented by the West Chester Public Library at its inaugural Literacy Heroes event. The new Literacy Heroes awards are presented to celebrate ordinary individuals doing extraordinary things to champion the cause of literacy. The West Chester Rotary Club was selected by a committee from Lockheed-Martin from among 17 nominees in the community category. Seven individuals/ organizations were recognized from among the 80 nominees. West Chester Rotary Club was selected because of its long-term commitment to literacy through the Rotary Readers program of reading to elementary children in 13 schools, purchasing and donating books for students to take home, and presenting a dictionary to each West Chester second-grader. The award was presented at a breakfast for 200 people at Longwood Gardens.

Work underway on filtration system for Nigeria

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"We only have the two ends to put in with the lumber and plywood and that will complete the carpenter work. I hope to get to MAB this week to get the paint. The tanks are ready to pick up in Hershey and Rich is going to have one of his trucks pick them up for us. We had a great day and it was good to get so much done. Thanks again for all of you that worked so hard."

The second work day Sept. 9 found the volunteers completing the painting inside the container. Additional work days are scheduled this month and next. Madsen indicates he is willing to have night work sessions if volunteers request it. The plan is to complete the work by the end of October.

More work remains and the committee (Chairman Bill Brower and members Madsen and Paul



Water for Life Chairman Bill Brower (left), Jack Russell and Stan Madsen are working on board for walls inside container which will be filtration system.

Funding and applying this project are also chances for true Rotary creativity. Frankford Northeast Rotary Club puts a container labeled "Dictionary Contributions" on the Greeter's table for members and guests. Northeast Sunrisers Rotary Club is using the basic book for an international project as well as for local students with disabilities.

For more information on this project, including ordering and price information, visit www.dictionaryproject.org. The "National Projects" tab on the left has a state-by-state listing of all Rotary Clubs and other involved organizations. Orders also come with a short presentation on the power of words, perfect for introducing the program to young learners in their classrooms. Clubs also see the value in explaining what Rotary is to these same students as many will be our future members and community leaders. Once your club gets involved, you will see why many Districts have 100% Club participation in

this project.

As Bill Boyd and Rotary International continue to target Literacy as a key global and local initiative, it is clear that helping children early on with vocabulary building and reading will be keys to our success.

It has been a pleasure serving as Chair for the District's Literacy Committee for 2005-2006. Jim Stanton is chair of the District Literacy Committee for 2006-2007. He is Director of Community Relations for the First Philadelphia Charter School for Literacy. Stay tuned to the District website for Literacy Committee meetings and additional important information.

Contact Jim Stanton at jstanton@firstphiladelphiacharter.org

Rotarians needed to mentor students in reading at three Philadelphia schools

Ardmore Rotary Club is looking for additional Rotary Clubs to participate in the Partnership Reader program at one of four Philadelphia public schools in North Philadelphia.

Since the 1998-99 Rotary year, Ardmore Rotary Club has been mentoring elementary school students at the Meade School in North Philadelphia in a reading project. Rotarians and other volunteers travel to the school twice a month to work one-on-one with second through sixth-grade students. The club also helped the seventh and eighth-grade students publish a school newspaper.

The mentoring project began with the Ardmore Rotary Club adopting a second grade class in the 100 Book Challenge program in January 1999. The class was taught by Debbie Hansen, daughter of Ardmore Rotarian Hogie Hansen. For the past seven years, Rotarians under the leadership of Tom Stuart have read with the students, some of whom have joined the club for lunch each spring.

Last year the club collected used musical instruments for the students who wanted to join the new orchestra program at the school. Over 70 instruments were donated by



Ardmore Rotarian Parry Scott Jr. listens as a George Meade School student reads during a visit earlier this year to the North Philadelphia school

Rotarians and local residents who heard of the program. The student musicians presented their first public performance at a luncheon meeting of Ardmore Rotary in the spring. The program is supported by the Strings for Schools program and is directed by two music teachers on the Philadelphia School District professional staff.

Ardmore Rotary Club was honored with the 2005-2006 Rotary International Zone Literacy Award, one of two awards presented by the Rotary International Trustees out of over 600 Rotary Clubs in Zone 32 in the Northeastern United States. The award notes, "Literacy brings freedom and fosters world peace."

Meade School is one of four schools participating in the Temple University Partnership Schools program. The other schools, which need reading mentors, are Duckrey School, Dunbar School and Ferguson School.

Stuart reports the other schools are also interested in developing an instrumental music program and are looking for musical instruments.

Meade School Principal Frank Murphy has asked the Ardmore Rotary Club to collect graded reading books which he plans to give the students to take home. Stuart notes that many of the students do not have books to read at home. The school is also looking for books for the students to read during the mentoring program.

Rotary Clubs interested in sponsoring a mentoring program at one of the schools or helping collect musical instruments for the schools can contact Tom Stuart at 610-525-2441 or thomasstuart@comcast.net or Temple University Partnership Schools at 215-204-6307 or partners@temple.edu.

Abrams) - invites Rotarians who have abilities in the construction trades to contact Stan Madsen via e-mail at : backbasics@aol.com or madseninc.com.

Rotary Clubs urged to sponsor Interact Clubs at local schools

By Dawn deFuria
District 7450 Interact Chairman

The Interact Committee of District 7450 extends an invitation to all clubs in the district not already sponsoring an Interact Club to consider doing so. An Interact Club is a Rotary-sponsored service club for young people ages 14 to 18 that can be either school or community-based and is required to do at least two service projects annually, one community-based project and one international project. The Interact program can instill in its members life skills that can be shared with others for generations to come. Today's young people will become tomorrow's leaders.

"Interact" stands for "international action". The first Interact Club was formed in Melbourne, Florida in 1962. Today there are over 246,000 young people in more than 117 countries who belong to 10,716 clubs making Interact a truly international phenomenon. Membership is open to all students as long as they attend meetings on a regular basis.

Each Interact Club must have a Rotarian advisor who is a member of the sponsoring Rotary Club. This resource person must attend the Interact Club and board meetings and provide advice on organizing service projects, fund-raising and club administration. The Rotarian advisor also acts as a liaison

person between the Interact Club and the sponsoring Rotary Club.

The Interact constitution requires the club to meet at least twice a month. To remain eligible for membership, the student must attend 60 percent or more of the regular meetings. Interact Clubs are self-supporting and self governing and require little financial support from the sponsoring Rotary club.

More detailed information about the program can be found in the Interact Handbook (654-EN) and the Standard Interact Club Constitution and Standard Club By-Laws on the Rotary International website (www.rotary.org).

Interactors also often spearhead the formation of Rotaract Clubs (19-30 year olds) and participate in Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA). Some also go on to become Youth Exchange students or Ambassadorial Scholars. What better way for our young people to make new friends, improve your community, develop leadership skills and make a difference in the world than to join an Interact Club!

District 7450 has 23 Interact Clubs, with 7 clubs created in the 2005-2006 Rotary year. Already

Twin Valley Rotary Club participates in Rotary Student Exchange program

By Rick Berger
Twin Valley Rotary Club

As part of the Rotary Youth Exchange program, the Twin Valley Rotary Club has sponsored a local student going to Switzerland and a Spanish student coming to our area.

Javier Garcia Meana from Madrid, Spain is a senior who enjoys math, economics, social sciences and languages. He loves playing and participating in sports. He plays tennis for a team called the Madrid Sur. After completing the exchange program, he would like to study economics or law at a university. Javier's hosts during his stay are Barry and Pat Hartz of Honey Brook.



Their son, Andy Hartz, is attending classes in Switzerland. Andy is a recent graduate of Twin Valley High School, where he took college preparatory courses. On his return, he will attend Hofstra University majoring in international business. Andy became excited about student exchanges with the German Club exchange his senior year. Twin Valley High School participates in a two-week reciprocal exchange with a school in Hahn-Hilton area of northern Germany. He began friendships with German students that will last a lifetime. Andy loves to study history and languages. He has completed extensive studies in both German and Russian. He served as president of the Twin Valley High School German Club.

On the basis of a written application and a personal interview, a sponsoring Rotary club selects appli-

Rotary exchange student Javier Garcia Meana of Madrid, Spain is flanked by his hosts, Pat and Barry Hartz of Honey Brook. Javier is attending Twin Valley High School and Andy Hartz is a Rotary exchange student in Switzerland.

cants. Qualified applicants are academically above average, articulate, and demonstrate community leadership skills. While the host family provides room and board, the students and their families assume the costs of transportation, clothing, health insurance and incidental expenses.

Every year about 7,000 students ages 15 to 19 go abroad under the auspices of the Rotary Youth Exchange program. A primary goal of the program is to foster world understanding by way of intercultural exchange

Contact Rick Berger at rickberger@mail.com.

Four clubs provide machine for sightless in Venezuela

Cheltenham Rockledge, Madrugadores, Northeast Sunrisers and Edge Hill Rotary Clubs joined with the Caracas, Las Mercedes and Valle De Caracas Rotary Clubs in Venezuela to provide an autorefractometer to the Society of Friends of the Blind which is dedicated to preventing blindness and caring for sightless in Venezuela. The effort began in February 2006 and was completed at the ceremony in July. Matching funds were provided by the Rotary Foundation.

Check presentation



Downingtown Rotary Club President Cynthia Lyman (second from left) presents a check for \$7,800 to Jan Leaf, director of the Lord's Pantry in Downingtown as Downingtown Borough Manager Steve Sullins (left) and Downingtown Borough Council President Tom Madiro look on. The Lord's Pantry provides food and clothing for 450 families in need in Downingtown. The funds will be used to purchase food, school supplies and clothing and provide counseling services for the families. Downingtown Rotary Club raises funds for the Lord's Pantry at the Downingtown Country Feast barbeque each year. Between 400 and 500 people attended this year's 49th annual Country Feast. This year's contribution included matching funds from the Gundaker Foundation. The club also is working on providing dictionaries for 900 third-graders in borough elementary schools.

Leadership Institute at VF Oct. 14

Saturday, Oct. 14, Zone 32 will conduct a series of leadership classes at the Fall Rotary Leadership Institute at the Scanticon in Valley Forge, from 8 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Participants will receive educational materials and two meals. Dress is business casual. .

Past District Governor Bob Lankin reminds clubs that members can register by visiting www.rotaryleadershipinstitute.org. and click on the home division. Registration fee is \$90. Those who attend without registering are charged an extra \$10. If members sign the form sent to each club president and give it the club treasurer, they should be reimbursed a maximum of \$90.

While all Rotarians are welcome to attend, the courses are designed to train future club leaders. Every club is urged to send two to four people to a session. For more information, contact Bob Lankin at Bob.Lankin@Raymondjames.com

Glen Mills Rotary Club hears Rotarian Weldon



Congressman Curt Weldon is interviewed by Gene Mitchell for WCOG during the Aug. 23 visit to the Glen Mills Rotary Club breakfast meeting in Concordville Best Western. During his talk, Weldon, who recently joined the Chichester Rotary Club mentioned that Rotary had helped shape his life with an experience in Rotary's Tomorrow's Leaders Program and having heard and lived by Rotary's 4-Way Test. Mitchell is a member of the Glen Mills Rotary Club and chairman of Rotary District 7450 Technology Committee.

District Conference Committee

Volunteers are needed to help with the District 7450 District Conference Oct. 27 to 29 at Atlantic City. Committee chairman and their contact information follows. Contact the listed committee chairman to sign up for an assignment.

Pre-registration: Elaine Phillips- 610-828-1622; elaphil@comcast.net

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Conference Registration: Jack McDonald- 610-527-2476; ktjhauling@hotmail.com

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District Conference Program

Friday, Oct. 27

- 1:30-4:00- Registration
- 4:00-4:30- Business Meeting- District Governor
- 4:30-4:45- Remarks- RI President's Rep
- 4:45-5:30- Key-note Speech- TBA
- 5:30-6:30- Social hour
- 6:30-- Tropicana- Buffet dinner, casino, show

Saturday, Oct. 28

- 7:30-8:30- Continental Breakfast/Registration
- 8:45-9:30- Membership- Mike Colosurdo
- 9:30-9:45- Break
- 9:45-11:45- The Family of Rotary: Respect, Responsibility, Relationships- a highly active workshop of challenging experiences emphasizing the human skills of leadership, trust, communication, decision-making, problem solving and conflict resolution- Tom Stecher
- 12:00-1:30- Lunch/ Speaker- Peace Scholar

- 1:30 -3:30- Youth Programs- Interact/ Rotract/ Youth Exchange/ RYLA
- 3:30-6:15- Enjoy the boardwalk and other attractions
- 6:15-7:15- Cocktails- open bar and hors d'oeuvres
- 7:15- Presentation of Flags/Dinner/ RI Pres. Rep. /Entertainment
- Dress Code: Day- Casual
- Evening- Smart Casual, Jacket (tie optional)

Sunday, Oct. 29

- 8:00-8:45- Coffee/ Interfaith/Memorial Service- Hogie and Anne Hansen
- 9:00-10:30- Full Breakfast/Speaker- Literacy: Concentrated Language Encounter – J. Barry Smith, Vivian Smith
- 10:30-11:15- Wheelchair Project and Water Management
- 11:15-11:30- RI President's Rep and DG Closing Remarks

News from the Rotary Clubs


Chili Cook Off

The Rotary Club of West Chester is looking for teams to make the "best dam chili in Chester County" at the 4th Annual Chili Cook Off Sunday, Oct. 6, 2006. Team Divisions and registration fees are:

Businesses, \$185; Restaurants, \$185; Non-Profits, \$75; and Individuals, \$75. Proceeds benefit local children's charities and the West Chester Rotary Foundation For more details, call Chuck Hawkins at 610-590-4929 or teamregistration@westchesterchilicookoff.com

Rotaractors Meet Oct. 7

Rotaractors as well as prospective Rotaractors. are invited, to an event hosted by the Rotaract Club of Philadelphia Saturday, Oct. 7 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at International House 37th and Chestnut Streets, adjacent to the Penn Campus in Philadelphia. There is an option for Rotaractors to socialize afterwards on their own in the city if they wish. Rotaractors must register to attend There is no cost to the Rotaractors. Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. Materials will be distributed shortly to the sponsoring Rotary Clubs, college advisors, and Rotaractors. For more information, contact Rotaract Committee Chairman Jane Williams at cjwilliams@pwilliamsco.com or 610-5272110.



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Friday October 27, 2006 thru Sunday October 29, 2006

Holiday Inn Boardwalk Atlantic City, NJ

All Inclusive Package:

Registration

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City: _____	City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____	State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____	Phone: _____
e-mail: _____	e-mail: _____
Club: _____	Club: _____

Total Weekend Package: 1 person \$ 485.00 _____
 2 people \$ 675.00 _____

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 Saturday Only: 1 person \$ 190.00 _____
 1 person \$ 125.00 _____

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