

## Presidential-Elect Dinner Sparkles!!!!

The dinner and orientation for the 2010-2011 Rotary President-Elects of Rotary District 7450 on January 11 at *The Desmond Hotel and Conference Center* provided a great "kick-off" for the training of next year's Rotary Club leaders.

The evening opened with a delightful vocal presentation from Temple University sophomore music major, Dan Matarazzo, whom *The Philadelphia Daily News* recently referred to as "a teddy bear with a glorious voice." Accompanied by Philadelphia teacher Jennifer Crawford, Dan received a standing ovation from the attendees after he delivered in his big time tenor voice, "God Bless America," followed by the inspirational "To Dream The impossible Dream" from *The Man of La Mancha*, and the signature song of Josh Groban, "You Raise Me Up."

Following dinner, the highlight of the evening occurred when former District Governor Russ deFuria coaxed every attendee into telling about his or her best experience in Rotary. This turned out to be both heart-warming and truly meaningful.

The substance of the event was delivered by Dave Haradon with his deep insights into "What is Leadership" followed by Dave Ellis on "Planning Tools" and Russ deFuria on "Team Building." These presentations were crisp and focused on leaders "being the best they can be."

District Governor-Elect Joan Batory closed out the night with her best imitation of David Letterman as she unveiled her "Top 10 List for Rotary Leaders."

"This was indeed a great introduction to being a Rotary president for those in attendance," summarized DGE Joan Batory. "I was so impressed by the turnout of so many future Rotary leaders who took

time away from their families to participate. There was so much commitment and determination in our meeting room. What a great beginning of the tomorrow's for these future leaders."

Next up: The President-Elect Training Seminar February 25-27 at the Radisson Valley Forge!!!!