

# The KILT



**Rotary District 7430** 

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April 2013

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www.rotarydistrict7430.org Then I went back again to the

## TJ's "Magic Carpet"



**Another Rotary** Month has just rushed past.....!!! It Started with being a Facilitator and

working with DGE Frank and our AG's at the PETS training in KOP. This is for all our Incoming Club Presidents,

and it was very well received and beneficial to all.



Then later that week I had the chance to attend the annual **Berks County Rotary Clubs'** Youth Ethics Leadership Seminar. This was excellent and so well organized! (And by the time you read this I will have attended a similar event held in the Lehigh Valley.)

Then I met with a group of **Russian Rotarians that were** visiting with the Birdsboro RC members. They are doing an international project together.

## **RI Chairman of the** Foundation Board of **Trustees Visits D7430 Project in India**

Wilfred J. Wilkinson, the **Rotary Foundation Trustee** Board Chairman, visited the Project site at Matru Seva Sangh. Along with him was The Rotary Foundation trustee and vice Chairman of the Rotary Foundation, India Rtn. Ashok Mahajan, The president of Rotary Club of Nagpur Atul Shah and Project Coordinator Dr.Manmohan Daga.



The Rotary Foundation approved a Matching Grant # 78438 to provide equipment for a Neonatal ICU at Matru Sewa Sangh (Organization for Service to Mothers), a 90 year



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#### TJ's Magic Carpet continued

Reading area later that week to present West Reading Wyomissing Rotarians Len Marrella and Sanjay Deshpande with a couple of individually well-earned prestigious Awards on behalf of Rotary International.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> we had our annual D7430 Council of Governors meeting where I had the chance to tell our PDG's of the great things you are all doing in our clubs, and shared some of the challenges we face. Then DGE Frank told them of his and

Rotary's plans for our year ahead come July 1st.

That night was rounded off with us joining other district Rotarians for the annual Foundation Recognition Dinner. Here we recognize and thanked those that attended for their generous support of our Rotary Foundation. Those thanks are also extended to all of our district Rotarians and clubs. We heard of many of the projects you are all involved in, and the good news that the DSG funding has reached those clubs that had been awarded grants. I did ask the question -- "Why is it that only 30% of Rotarians support our Foundation and the many great things it does, when 100% say how proud they are to be Rotarians and for all that we do?"

I also have attended a couple of great fundraisers that the Saucon and Emmaus clubs held; squeezed in a few club visits; and then had a tremendous adventure when I went on our Districts Youth Exchange 3 Day Trip to Washington, D.C. My hat goes off to Chair Patti Smith and organizer Elaine Caltabiano-Schneider. They gave the 30 inbound and outbound students and the other chaperones and me a most memorable experience.

Along with what you have read, may I remind and thank you for the fact that our District really excels with our New Generation programs. There are 17 clubs that are in the processes of holding 4-Way Test Speech contests along with the plans that are being made for Camp Neidig in June.

Add in various committee meetings and your DG's Magic Carpet has hardly been still. But as always, like its owner, is so ready, willing and grateful to be allowed to share in all the great things our district family of Rotarians do. And now I have to dash as there is work to be done on something special called "Come Join Us" coming up later this month.....

DG Tony

Hurricane Sandy Relief.....Our Help is Still Needed

#### **RI Chairman Visits Project in India** continued

old charitable hospital, in Nagpur, India. The project was proposed by Dr. Daga, PP of Nagpur RC.

The hospital will provide the building and training for nurses. The Nagpur Club provided \$1,500, its District 3030 provided \$6,250 District Designated Funds (DDF). Our District 7430 provided \$8,028 DDF, and the Rotary Foundation matched with \$15,027.

The Emmaus RC contributed \$6000 and a local non-Rotarian contributed \$2028 to the Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund, some of which will come back to our District as DDF in the future.

Gul Asnani, RC of Emmaus

#### What Rotary Means to Me

Through my work, I've traveled around the globe to impoverished nations. As a result I've seen children begging on the street nude, families living in quarters as big as my bedroom closet, and AIDS patients as thin as a bone, lying on a mat on the floors of huts, too weak to stand or eat. I've visited countless orphanages and know that children sleep in rows with two and three to a single bed.

I've seen people suffering with disabilities easily correctible in our country, and children as young as 9 years old working instead of going to school because they need to help their family earn money for food. One time, I visited a hospital that was so dirty with bloody rags on the floor that I couldn't sleep that night with visions of the poor people waiting for care.

How can I experience those things then leave to come back to my life of comfort? I am able to do it because I know that I can make a difference by continuing my work and work through Rotary.

The other thing I know through my work is the cost of doing international work – it isn't cheap. There is overhead here and abroad that waters down the money intended to make a difference. With Rotary, we have a local presence in all parts of the world, so there is no overhead because we work through our volunteer Rotary network. We make a difference in critical ways to address critical needs facing people living in impoverished countries. Things that many of us take for granted: food, water, disease prevention, education, and livelihood.



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#### What Rotary Means to Me continued

Rotary is my opportunity to make a difference around the world and in my own backyard through our high school scholarships, programs, community grants, and other service activities. Also very important to me, Rotary advances world understanding and goodwill through exchange. I'm such an advocate of cultural appreciation as a way to promote peace. On top of all of this, I have made lifelong friends with so many wonderful people through Rotary. Like-minded people. Good people. Fun people!

Honestly, through Rotary, I am living my dream of making a difference and having a lot of fun with my friends along the way. I often tell myself that where there is a will there is a way, and I'm convinced the Rotary Club of Doylestown is the way.

Janet L. Mintzer, Assistant Governor-elect Area 8 President & CEO, Pearl S Buck International

## D7430 Honors Sanjay Deshpande

West Reading Wyomissing Rotarian Receives



# The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service

The Citation for Meritorious Service recognizes individual Rotarians who have demonstrated outstanding active service to The Rotary Foundation for more than one year. Examples of eligible service include Service on Foundation committees at the club and district level.

One of Sanjay's many contributions is the managed our district's

second 3H Grant. It began in 2008 between the RC West Reading-Wyomissing with RC Bombay-Metropolitan. This started as a 4-year program totaling \$330,000, with \$300,000 as a Foundation grant. It covers an Integrated community Development benefiting 7,000+ people in 17 villages.

DG Tony was at the meeting to present the award to Sanjay. Previous D7430 Rotarians receiving this Citation include PDG Ron Smith in 2010, and PDG Yvette Palmer in 2008.



DG Tony, President Terri, Sanjay & Mike McCarthy

#### Dr. Len Marrella Receives RI Award

Rotarian Leonard S. Marrella of the West Reading Wyomissing RC has been recognized by RI with its annual Vocational Service Award for RY 2012-13. DG Tony Jannetta presented the award to Len at the West Reading-Wyomissing RC's regular meeting on March 14, 2013.

Len has spearheaded the annual Leadership and Ethics Conferences for Middle School students and High School

Students in Berks County for over a decade. He has written a book entitled "The Search of Ethics" which is required reading by incoming freshman at West Point Military Academy. His seminar model has been used to structure the Lehigh Valley annual Ethics and Leadership Conferences, now in their fourth year.

Congratulations, Len and West Reading Wyomissing Rotarians.





DG Tony, President Terri, Dr. Len, Sanjay (also a winner) & Mike McCarthy

## FEBRUARY 2013 Giving to APF

**13** D7430 ROTARIANS REACHED THEIR NEXT PAUL HARRIS LEVEL DURING FEBRUARY.

Please remember that each of our RCs has set APF and Polio+ Goals for this RY and we need you to keep the funds going in. Third Annual Yvette M. Palmer Purple Pinkie 5K Run/Walk is April 21, 2013

#### What in the World is a Purple Pinkie?



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That was the first question the DeSales Rotaract students asked me, Yvette and Bill Palmer three years ago. As if she had a full speech written on the back of her hand, Yvette told an elaborate, heart-filled story about PolioPlus and how the children in foreign countries have their pinkies "dyed" purple after receiving their polio vaccine to prevent duplicate immunization. Tugging at the nursing students' heart strings, the students immediately began planning for the first Purple Pinkie 5K Run/Walk.

Over the past two years, this annual 5K has raised \$9,000 for PolioPlus to end polio worldwide. As wonderful as this is, polio is not eradicated yet worldwide. Rotarians keep their promises and will not give up until polio has vanished from the earth. That is Rotary International's dream, and that was Yvette's dream, too.

In 2011, during her difficult battle with lymphoma, we did not know how Yvette would want to participate in the organization committee. I called her one day, foremost to check how she was feeling, and also to provide her with an update on how the race planning was going and ask how she wanted to participate.

Without any hesitation, Yvette began discussing sponsors, who she had already reached out to, and what else she could do. I was immediately impressed with her persistence and dedication to the race, to Rotary, and to this cause.

When she lost her battle in December 2011, without any hesitation, we renamed the race to *The Yvette M. Palmer Purple Pinkie 5K Run/Walk*. If not for her passion, drive, leadership, vision and energy, this 5K would not have been possible.

On behalf of the DeSales Rotaract Club, we humbly ask you, our fellow Rotarians, to consider financial sponsorship of this year's 2013 Yvette M. Palmer Purple Pinkie 5K.

For your donation, your club will get credit for your PolioPlus goal, and individual/company contributions will count towards your Paul Harris Fellow. Please email me, Amanda Fabrizio, District Rotaract Chair, or visit our web site at <a href="http://www.yppp5k.blogspot.com">www.yppp5k.blogspot.com</a>.

Also, please consider joining us on April 21st at DeSales University for the event itself. It's a gentle course and the atmosphere is both upbeat and low key at the same time. While many run the 5K, we have many participants who walk. It is also a great way to show support for the college students of the DeSales Rotaract Club who devote their time and energy to put on the event.

We are so close to finishing this important race. Please help us cross the finish line, both on April 21<sup>st</sup> and for all time.

AS OF MAR 20th NEW CASES YTD 2013 11 2012 31

Down 65%

## Camp Neidig 2013 Is Here

Fri. June 14<sup>th</sup> thru Mon. 17th

Camp Neidig proudly is celebrating its 64th year of inspiring tomorrow's leaders. All D7430 Rotarians should be proud that this camp weekend is one of the best leadership experiences for High School students in Eastern Pennsylvania! And please note that some Rotary clubs send only 1 or 2 campers, but you can send more, and more is better. Start lining them up soon.

Here's what campers had to say about the 2012 camp:

"It has prepared me to be more confident in myself and my decisions. It has prepared me to be a better leader in high school, college, and beyond."

"Loved the people, loved the experiences, learned the leadership."

"It's pushed me to learn how to situate myself in completely unfamiliar circumstances, how to form effective relationships, and even helped me learn my own strengths and weaknesses."

"This weekend was one of the best experiences of my life. I honestly can't describe how much fun it was and how many amazing friends I made."

"All I have to say is WOW! I can't sum up the feelings and gratitude I have for this camp...this camp has changed everyone for the better."

Tour our site CampNeidig.com to see what it is all about. Registration information will be up and running by March 15th.

> I used to be a banker..... but then I lost interest.







## Spotlight on an Outstanding Rotarian



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Meet Bruce Dearnley, "Blue Bell Rotary's Gentle Giant"





At 6'5" Bruce towers over most fellow Rotarians. That was not always the case as Bruce was a youngster when first introduced to this family called Rotary.

Bruce remembers enjoying the company of Rotarians at a very young age. His grandfather would take him on Rotary cruises in his sailboat on the Chesapeake Bay. And his Dad would take him to District Conferences and Philadelphia Rotary Club outings, helping people with disabilities at Penn Field.

Rotary played a large part in his business career. His Dad introduced him to a fellow Rotarian in the bank equipment business, who eventually sold Bruce the business. Joining Rotary was obviously a must, and in 1976 he joined the 550 member Philadelphia Club. In 1987 he was elected President, the year the Philadelphia Rotary Club played host to the Rotary International Convention.

When his business moved out to the suburbs, he joined the Blue Bell Club, which he refers to as the Mouse that Roared. "This is one of the most active clubs I have ever seen. The heart of Blue Bell Rotarians to help people in the community, and in the world is as deep as the sea. It is very inspiring".

His interest in Rotary grew even more after being encouraged to sign up as a ShelterBox Response Technician (SRT), and participating in their first official training class in the UK. "ShelterBox gave me the opportunity to see the world from a totally different perspective. Every deployment takes me out of my comfort zone to rely on my faith" he says.

Since his retirement from active business, Bruce serves as a Director of Sustained Acts, which puts people together within the USA to support the Mukaa Children's Home in Kenya.

#### Spotlight on an Outstanding Rotarian continued

"Even though the kids have virtually no material things, the Home in many ways is heaven on earth, and the kids have become my second family". After a three year effort, he has secured a Rotary Matching Grant for a water well and distribution system, which will serve both the Home and the greater Mukaa community.

With Bruce's encouragement, Blue Bell Rotarians have built a sustainable chicken coop, providing not only needed protein for the children, but a farm oriented vocational experience as well. The Blue Bell Club just funded the Mukaa Primary School with shelves, chairs and tables to enable the opening of the school's library, which was built over four years ago but never operational due to a lack of equipment. "Such is life in Kenya" he says.

The 2012 Group Studies Exchange (GSE) team from D7430 was led by Bruce for their three weeks in Japan. "It was a true honor to be selected as Team Leader, but an even greater honor to be with this Team throughout this Japanese experience. "It was a sad day when we left Japan, but it was sadder still to leave this unique GSE family. "I have been truly blessed to be with them."

When not involved with Rotary and taking care of his three grandchildren, Bruce volunteers at the International Christian School teaching Financial Planning to ninth graders.

He looks forward to supporting incoming Governor Frank Romano, serving as the Assistant Governor of Area 9 beginning in July.





#### Youth Exchange Students Visit Washington DC



DG Tony, (with obligatory cup of Coffee!) enjoyed being part of the annual District Youth Exchange trip to Washington DC recently. The 3 day trip hosted by chair Patti Smith and expertly organized by Elaine Caltabiano Schneider was amazing. The 30 students Included this year's inbound, next year's outbound along with two of our Rotex and other chaperones.

We experienced many site visits and tour-talks that included, The Capitol Building, The White House and the State Department. And there was a night walking trip where we enjoyed visiting many of the National Monuments. Other cool things included a Visit to the Air and Space museum and Arlington Cemetery. The kids even were treated to a visit to a Moroccan Restaurant and the hilarious sight of your DG trying to belly dance! A tour of George Washington's Estate in Mt. Vernon and a visit to Baltimore Inner harbor district on the way home concluded an experience we are sure the students will keep as a fabulous lifelong treasure. It has to be said that each and every one of them was a great ambassador for Rotary and we should all be very proud of these young men and women!



How do you make holy water? Boil the hell out of it!



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#### Foundation Recognition Dinner a Huge Success

More than sixty Rotarians and their guests gathered at the William Penn Inn on Wednesday evening, March 20<sup>th</sup> for the D7430 annual Foundation Recognition Dinner and celebration. RI's Major Gift Officer, Jenna, Archuleta, came in from Evanston to meet the group. Jenna extended thanks to all of our district donors on behalf of the people around the world that we help.

PDG Mike McCarthy, District Rotary Foundation Chair, was our MC for a wonderful dinner and an excellent program of recognition and information. Mike described the total dollars of good works that our district Rotarians have made happen over the last twenty years. These include two 3H Grants totaling \$630,000 that have helped over 10,000 folks in need.

PDG Ron Smith, our Assistant Rotary Regional Foundation Coordinator, was the featured speaker. He reviewed the new Vocational Training Team (VTT) foundation program that somewhat replaces the former group Studies Exchange (GSE). Ron has been spearheading a multi-district long term project for Uganda with mutual training in various medical fields.

The event was preceded with DG Tony's annual Council of Governors meeting with twelve PDGs and DEC on hand. TJ presented a series of slides outlining the many good things that D7430 Rotarians made happen this Rotary year. He was followed by DFE Frank Romano who shared his plans for RY 2013-14. The new theme of "Engage Rotary; Change Lives" will be the guide for us.

DG Tony closed the festivities extending thanks to all who have helped so many by doing good in the world.







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#### Your Club—Growth Mindset?

ROTARY CLUB BUILDER MARCH 2013 :

http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/7430//HTML/191243//ClubBuilder3-13.pdf

I recently read an article on Gary Krauska's blog, "Innovate Rotary! "Gary is from District 5950 in Minnesota. He wrote about characterizing the mindset in your club. Rotarian Gary poses the following.

"My question is not whether you want your club to increase its headcount. I am asking what kind of culture you have in your club, especially among your leaders. Is it a fixed mindset or a growth mindset?"

He goes on to say that he remembers taking on the role of District Membership Chair a few years ago. As he was learning about clubs in his district, fellow district leaders would describe clubs using fixed labels. They would characterize a club as a fun club, or high impact club, a struggling club, an older club, or an elite club.

As he learned about the character and culture of these clubs, many of the labels turned out to be quite accurate. As he really got to talk one on one with the leaders of these clubs, even if they were given a positive label, many of those clubs were dying. New members weren't willing to breathe new life into old projects.

Members were more willing to write checks than to pitch in and help grow the club. Financial discipline became lax. Gary went on to say, "In hindsight, I now see what was holding many of those clubs back from growing and thriving: many of those clubs had a fixed mindset." Fixed mindsets limit people's willingness to hear criticism, even if accurate and well-intended. Leaders in a club with a fixed mindset want to be reminded of how terrific they are. A fixed mindset celebrates the glory years and wishes things could be like that again. However, in a *changing* world, a fixed mindset can bring success to a halt.

If you're going to advance your club and grow beyond your current state, you need to embrace and foster a "growth mindset". To keep your valuable members in the club you need to change. Here's how:

Acknowledge your past success. Your club formed and thrived at some point because someone made the effort to do something *continued on page 13* special. Tie your future success to its past.

## Your Club—Growth Mindset? continued

Create a vision. Decide what your club is going to be about in the future. What is your purpose in your community? Use a consensus-building process to create your club's inspiring and challenging future vision.

Communicate the change. People need to know what the change means and does not mean. What efforts will need to take place and how will it affect them? What will you stop doing in the future, even if it was encouraged in the past?

Reshape your stories. Rather than only celebrate your accomplishments, celebrate the efforts to make your club better and stronger, even if they were not successful. For example, if you held a fundraiser, talk about some of the challenges and how you overcame them. Call out members who got through challenges, who learned from mistakes and created a platform for further success and growth in the future.

Take action. As you recite the Four Way Test each week, remember it is a test of the things you think, say and DO. Experiment. Test. Play. Inspire. Do it!

Terry L. Reed, District Membership Chair









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#### Club News

#### Quakertown

The Quakertown Rotary club presented its contribution to the 2013 Rotary /QCSD Mobile Electronic Literacy Technology (M.E.L.T.) project. Club members and administration members from QCSD along with the elementary school principals were on hand to witness the handing of the check to QCSD technology officers.

This program has really grown since QRC started it in 2011 and in early 2012. With this year's contribution from Rotary the project was able to purchase 42 electronic reading devices for the elementary schools. This brings their two-year total to 78 devices for the elementary kids to use during the school day.

This is a great community project for the club to be in partnership with our local school district. Next year they hope to obtain a district matching grant where the club sponsors a specific amount of money and District 7430 matches those funds to be used for the M.E.L.T. project. Thank go to everyone in the club for supporting this great project.



**ROTARIANS**, please note the excellent use of a Rotary banner in a community setting. Take every opportunity to show Rotary to others.



#### North Penn

The North Penn United Way is pleased to announce that Blair Rush, Eastern Region President National Penn, has been named a 2013 Superhero United for Kids! Blair, and 19 additional superhero community members, will be honored for their time, work and investment in helping the children of our communities succeed. Please Save the Date to join us as we honor Blair on Friday, May 3rd at Pine CrestCountry Club in Lansdale, PA. A formal invitation will follow, for more details visit <u>www.npuw.org</u>.

## Club News continued

#### Norristown:



The Norristown Club Celebrated St Patrick's Day at their Meeting on March 21st but what is their Green Sergeant of Arms Greg pointing at? Hmmmmmmmmm not trying to find the poor little Leprechaun I hope, or was it member Jim Jones socks!!





#### **Bethlehem:**



Meeting Make-Ups ---- One of the many cool things about being a member of Rotary is that you have an open invitation to attend a meeting of any of the thousands of Rotary Clubs around the world. Not only does the meeting count as a "make up" for attendance purposes but it is a great way to have a unique experience. Bethlehem's own Deb Geiger did just that last week.

While visiting Chicago, Deb went to the Chicago Rotary Club Meeting....The FIRST Rotary Club in the world. Here is a picture of Deb and their current President Lisa Russ exchanging banners. Quite Cool! Thanks Deb for Sharing.

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#### Club News continued

#### Hatboro:

The annual Hatboro RC Trivia Contest drew over 200 attendees, but the folks from the Warrington RC came in first place. This was a great event that made more money than the carnival it replaced.

The contest was based on the popular Quizzo game played in bars in the area. Each round consisted of 10 questions on various topics ranging from history to pop culture to sports to entertainment to science to anything else you'd care to name.

Each team submitted a ballot with their respective answers on it and the results were tabulated as play went on. The later rounds were more heavily weighted than the earlier ones, so the competition was tight all the way to the end.

There was plenty of fellowship, laughter and good-natured trash talk. Hatboro supplied pizza and soft drinks, and most of the teams brought their own food as well.

#### Warrington:

Warrington Rotarians held another successful pancake breakfast on Sunday March 24th. Check out the picture of AG Chris Potter and his guest.





## **District Committee Reports**



Each month we will give you a snapshot of what our committees are working on. And if you would either like to know more or would like to join or be more involved with that committee, please contact its chair.





#### Foundation:



PLEASE REMEMBER THAT RC GOALS to the Annual Fund & PO-LIO+ NEED TO BE WORKED ON; Only 3 months left in this RY.

See article on the annual Foundation Recognition Dinner elsewhere in this KILT.

<u>Fund Raising –</u> As 71% of the Rotary year has gone by, Clubs are now at 74% of their <u>Annual Fund</u> goal

<u>PolioPlus</u> contributions grew another \$6234 to \$38,126. Strike Out Hunger funds (\$4660) STILL do not seem included. Clubs at \$2,000 or more remains at 10.

Current EREY status: 8 Clubs are now at \$100 or more per capita.

<u>Endowment Fund</u>: Up \$1100 (Thanks to DG Tony's tie at PETS!) to \$3,165.

Zero Giving Clubs: 3 Clubs have no contributions recorded.

<u>EVENTS:</u> <u>District Assembly</u>: Will include Grant Management training sessions. <u>Strike Out Hunger</u>: The date is Thursday August 22nd against the Colorado Rockies.

Grants – <u>District/District Simplified Grants</u>: 2010-11 is closed and the interim report for 2011-12 is accepted. And the RI funds arrived and checks sent to the RCs. Proposals foe 2013-14 District Grants were due March 30<sup>th</sup>.

<u>Global/Matching Grants</u>: Of the \$74,232 DDF available for matching,\$24,777 is obligated for the 3 projects approved so far. Two project requests now under review will account for \$25K more. The remaining DDF will be exhausted by one of the 3 project requests that are in various stages of drafting.

<u>Future Vision Transition</u> – Seventeen Clubs have now signed District Grant MOUs. Blue Bell remains the only Club to have signed the Global Grant MOU.

Contact Chair PDG Mike McCarthy at <u>mccarthy misty03@comcast.net.</u>

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#### District Committee Reports continued



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See Article elsewhere in this KILT. The Membership Committee reminds us that the PowerPoint presentation used for the January webinar is available on our district website.

Remember that DMC Terry Reed and committee members are available for your RC program. And be sure to read The "<u>Club</u> <u>Builder</u>" newsletter. Contact Chair Terry Reed at <u>terry.reed731@gmail.com</u>.



#### Youth Exchange

Interact:

The students visited Washington DC for 3 days. The committee is working on the 2013-14 budget. Contact Chair Patti Smith at:

patti7430essex@comcast.net.

The plan is to hold a meeting of the HS Advisors in late Summer before schools open.

Contact Chair PDG Bill Jahn billjahn7430@gmail.com.

Camp Neidig (RYLA):



Camp Neidig 2013 Contact Co-Chair Wendy Body at <u>wgbody@butz.com</u>.

#### District Committee Reports continued

<u>Rotaplast:</u> Rotary On-Air Auction this year will be on December 7, 2013. All proceeds will benefit Rotaplast.

Cebu City, P.I. Mission Report: With 2 operating rooms we performed 55 surgical procedures for a value of \$404,000 in patient care.

The Committee decided that future missions need to meet these criteria: 1) Located in Latin America, 2) Have 3 Operating Rooms, 3) Be performed in the Spring of the year. Our next mission will be planned for Spring 2014.

Trying to develop closer partnerships with Rotaplast International and District 7450 – our neighbors to the South -- Committee. The idea is to discuss opportunities to work together.

Committee members brainstormed ideas for other fundraisers. Business Plans will be developed over the next year for consideration. Contact Chair Linda Young at <u>Iryoung2011@gmail.com</u>.

<u>ShelterBox</u>: A ShelterBox presentation was made to the Quakertown Rotary Club and we were present at PETS. District 7430 received an award for being one of the top ten fundraising districts <u>in the nation</u> at the National Conference in San Francisco. Bruce Dearnley and Allan Syphers received Presidential Volunteer Awards at the National Conference in San Francisco as well.

Contact Chair Allan Syphers at <u>ASArchitect@aol.com.</u>

<u>Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)</u>:. Regular Courses are available but in surrounding districts. The annual sessions in King of Prussia will be held on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. Contact Chair, Linda Young at <u>Iryoung2011@gmail.com</u>.

<u>4 Way Test Speech Contest</u>: Individual RC sponsored contests have been conducted with 17 of our RCs participating. These will be followed with 3 regional contests at DeSales University, Pottstown somewhere, and Central Bucks H.S. Contact Chair is Joe Wynands Joe.Wynands@susquehanna.net.

<u>Friendship Exchange</u>: There is confirmed interested from the District in Wales and now have received interests back from Chile, Germany and Western Canada/ Vancouver, Whistler area)- who may want to do something small yet this Rotary year. Contact Chair Cindy Hornaman at: <u>hornamca@ptd.net</u>. Peace Through Service Salcuji Tanaka Recey International Provident 2024-23

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#### District Committee Reports continued

<u>District Website</u>: DG Tony still is looking to hire a site Webmaster.

<u>District Newsletter</u>: Feedback is welcome, as are your articles. Contact PDG Bill Palmer at <u>bill966@ptd.net</u>.

<u>Rotaract</u>: DeSales University Rotaract (Saucon) are working through it. Preparing for the Yvette Palmer 5K on April 21st. Looking for sponsors for the race and participants.

MONTCO club members are working on a service project now.

Collegeville Rotary Club is working with the administration to form a Rotaract Club at Ursinus College. Contact Chair Amanda Fabrizio: <u>amf208@lehigh.edu</u>.



## Did You Know?

# CLUBRUNNER COMMUNICATIONS WITH RI & D7430

Until further notice, membership information and other RC information needs to be entered into the D7430 database. From there it automatically will flow to RI's database in Evanston. Putting data into RI directly will not automatically get it into the district records.



Did you know that in 1929 The Rotary Foundation gave its first gift, \$500, to the International Society for Crippled Children (later Easter Seals), which was founded in 1921 by Rotarian Edgar F. Allen, of the Rotary Club of Elyria, Ohio?

# **INVOCATIONS PROTOCOL**

When Does a small thing become a BIG Issue!!.....

A Rotary Meeting Invocation

Rotary prides itself on having no political or religious ties and in doing so refrains from upsetting or disrespecting a person's freedom of belief. We kindly ask that whomever does the weekly invocation to please respect this. A Rotary meeting invocation definitely is not the time or place to air one's personal beliefs. No matter how brief or long, the words should reflect the reasons why we say an invocation and should be acceptable to all.



Over the 10 years from 2003 through 2012 our District 7430 has implemented local community Simplified Grants that were supported by \$165,843 from monies that you donated to the RI Annual Fund.



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## District 7430 Rotarians Earn Presidential Volunteer Service Awards

Erin Holdgate of ShelterBox, USA reports that Bruce Dearnley and Allan Syphers, ShelterBox USA Ambassadors and Rotarians in District 7430, have been recognized by President Obama and ShelterBox USA with Presidential Volunteer Service Awards for their efforts during 2012 to provide shelter, warmth and dignity for survivors of natural and other disasters worldwide.



The President's Volunteer Service

Award is a special recognition presented on behalf of President Barack Obama. The award is part of a national recognition program created in 2003 through the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation for individuals of all ages who contribute a significant amount of time to volunteer activities.

As we witness the aftermath of disasters like Typhoon Bopha in the Philippines and the Syrian refugee crisis throughout the Middle East, many wish they could make a difference. Dearnley and Syphers knew ShelterBox would be on the ground delivering its iconic green boxes containing emergency tented shelter and other lifesaving supplies. Their efforts of raising awareness and funds for ShelterBox enabled the organization to respond to more than 30 disasters in 23 countries last year, providing families with disaster relief tents, cook stoves, water purification units, blankets, mosquito nets, children's packs and other essential equipment.



Rotarians from around the world gather each year to exchange great ideas, connect with old and new friends, have fun, and advance the work of Rotary. The 2013 RI Convention will take place in Lisbon, Portugal, 23-26 June.

## **Event Calendar**

Check out these opportunities to learn, have fun, and serve. 2013:

April 21	Yvette Palmer Purple Pinkie Polio 5K Run at DeSales University
April 26-28	District "Come Join Us" Conference at Skytop Lodge
May 11	District Assembly at DeSales University
June 14	District Changeover Dinner at Sandy Run Golf Club
June 23-26	Rotary International Convention in Lisbon, Portugal
Aug 22	Strike Out Hunger at the Phillies
Oct 5	Rotary Leadership Institute in King of Prussia
Dec 7	Rotaplast On-Air Auction



# CLUB EVENTS

APR 11th -- Morrisville-Yardley's regular meeting will feature Werner Berger, the oldest North American to have climbed Mt. Everest!

APR 24<sup>th</sup> -- Doylestown RC is having its Fourth Annual Four Way Test Awards Breakfast ceremony.

JUN 19<sup>th</sup> -- Ambler RC's first annual "Thomas Murphy" Golf Tournament at Old York Country Club. What type of music do mummies listen to? WRAP MUSIC!

What washes up on tiny beaches?

MICROWAVES!



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