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Let me just say - WOW! What a tremendous District Conference we had on April 20-22nd. The conference committee is thrilled with the turn out - over 300 attended part or all of the conference - and the enthusiasm that was easily recognized throughout the two days. We had a wonderful Friday night of fellowship, great food and entertainment at the America on Wheels Museum in Allentown. Our collectable car parade and show was a highlight with 14 cars involved.

Pottstown Rotarian Dick Whitaker's ...Model A drove away with the Top Car of the Show. Bethlehem Club's Acapella group The Morganaire provided great renditions of our favorite songs and Rick Santee, Bethlehem Morning Star, brought smiles with his nimble accordion playing. Saturday just got better with Past Rotary International President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar providing several talks on our global Rotary. In addition we had three super plenary speakers, the Four-Way speech contest and the GSE Team from Japan all making outstanding presentations. One of our speakers came to us from Ontario via SKYPE - a first for our District. All day long the House of Friendship provided a forum for 13 clubs and 5 Rotary activities to promote their programs and provide a venue for sharing and camaraderie - OUTSTANDING was the by-word for the HOF! Saturday night we enjoyed a scrumptious meal followed by District Awards ([see AWARDS below](#)), PRIP Stenhammar speaking about the Foundation and then a special treat from two of our Exchange Students, Elise and Merry, performing traditional dances. The evening wrapped up with lively dancing to the sounds performed by Central Bucks-Lahaska Club's BKWVG band. Sunday morning we honored those Rotarians who have passed away this year by the lighting of candles and giving a flower. It was a memorable conference and if you missed it, there is always next year.

Sunday afternoon also hosted our next event - New Generations Day at DeSales University. We had 82 people attend this afternoon program which followed the Second Annual PDG Yvette M. Palmer Purple Pinkie 5-K Run sponsored by the DeSales Rotaract Club. ([see information below](#)). This was a great start to what we hope will be a strengthening of our various New Gen programs.

Now on to the next group of outstanding events. The **Group Study Exchange Team from D-2550, Japan** arrived on April 17th for three weeks. They are delightful representatives of their country so please make an effort to greet them as they travel around our District. Our **District Assembly will be held once again at DeSales University on May 12th**. [Please see the registration information below](#). It is critical that all club officers and committee chairs attend this teaching session. It would be beneficial if you have new club Rotarians attend as well as they will really get a great overview and catch the enthusiasm of Rotary.



Governor Bill's Thoughts continued

After the District Assembly we have a really special event. **The Pottstown Rotary Club is hosting a Polio Plus anniversary evening with PRIP Frank Devlin**, Mexico, attending. If you have not heard or met Frank he is worth the trip. This is another unique moment for us – we have had two PRIPs attend our District functions in one month! [Please see the information below.](#)

Finally, there are several Club great events this month. [Please see the articles below.](#)

Karen and I are truly blessed that we have had such great support this year. Our conference team, led by Gretchen Vakiener and Mike Long are to be congratulated for an absolutely outstanding District conference. I can not thank the entire team enough for their efforts. Have a wonderful month of Rotary Pride!

DG Bill

District Awards

It was a great pleasure to present four RI Awards and six District Awards at our conference. Please recognize these outstanding Rotarians and clubs.

- ❖ RI Presidential Citations: Fleetwood and Pottstown
- ❖ RI Changemaker Award: Kutztown and the Spring Ford Interact Club
- ❖ Top Foundation Club – Emmaus RC
- ❖ Top EREY Club – Harleysville RC
- ❖ Top Membership < 30 members – Conrad Weiser
- ❖ Top Membership >30 members – Birdsboro
- ❖ Outstanding Rotarian with less then 3 years – Sue Reeps, FLEX Club LV
- ❖ Outstanding Rotarian grater than 3 years – Katrina Sullivan, Hatboro

District Assembly

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 7430
DISTRICT ASSEMBLY
SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2012 - 8:30AM – 1:30 PM
DeSales University- University Center, Center Valley, PA www.desales.edu**

Join your fellow Rotarians at the District Assembly to learn how to improve your club, improve your service projects, and increase your club membership. Sessions will include:

District Simplified Grants, Community Service Projects, Club Secretary Training, Youth Counselor Training and Youth Protections, PE-AG Session, New Generations, Membership Development, Public Image, Rotary Foundation Future Vision Grant Training, International Service.

Email Kathy Greiss at krgreiss@gmail.com for more information.

Celebrating Polio Plus—More Work To Do

Join Us for a Celebration!!!

Hosted by the Pottstown Rotary Club



REACHING A MILESTONE

More Work To Do

Past RI President

FRANK DEVLYN

Marks India's Designation as
No Longer Endemic for Polio!!

Rotarians and Guests will assemble **Wednesday May 30th** at
SUNNYBROOK BALLROOM
50 N Sunnybrook Road, Pottstown, PA

Fellowship begins at 5:30pm

Cocktails (Cash Bar)

Dinner served at 6:30

Program commences at 7:30

Cost: \$50 per person

Special Recognition that night for NEW or added Paul Harris Fellows!



We're this close to ending Polio!

District Changeover Dinner



Changeover Dinner

Tuesday, June 26th, 2012

Reception (Cash Bar) 6:00-6:45 pm Dinner & Program 6:45 pm
\$35.00 per person

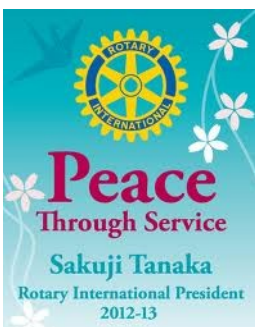
The William Penn Inn

1017 DeKalb Pike, Ambler, PA 19002

Please RSVP by June 19th, 2012 to:
109 Schreiner Drive, North Wales, PA 19454
Questions: racheljannetta@yahoo.com

Thank You DG Bill Jahn

Join your fellow Rotarians in extending a heartfelt thank you to District Governor Bill, the 2011-2012 Club Officers, District Officers and Committee Chairs for a wonderful year.



In addition to the recognition of the 2011-12 officers and team members it will also be the time to install our 2012-13 District team. Under the leadership of DG Tony Jannetta and his Assistant governors and committee chairs we look to a continuation of growth for our Rotary clubs and programs.

Best Wishes DG Tony Jannetta

2012 Purple Pinkie Day

RUN IN THE RAIN PURPLE PINKIE DAY 5K RACE A SUCCESS



Yvette's family; daughter Kim 3rd from the left;
PDG Bill on the right

In a light rainfall at 10:00 A.M. on Sunday, April 22, 2012 the runners and walkers lined up waiting for the start signal at DeSales University for the second annual Purple Pinkie Day 5K run / walk to raise funds to help eradicate polio. Starting this year the event is named the Yvette M. Palmer 5K in memory of PDG Yvette who passed away in December of 2011. Yvette helped launch this annual event in 2011. Yvette's husband, PDG Bill Palmer, sounded the horn to begin the race.

This wonderful event is planned and executed by the members of the Rotaract club of DeSales University that is sponsored

by the Saucon Rotary club. Rotarian Amanda Fabrizio is their mentor. Amanda, the Rotaract members and a dozen or so members of district Interact clubs handled promotion, sponsors, registration, course layout, awards and all the special things to ensure success.

An estimated 70 runners and walkers participated and trophies and medals were awarded to the best times overall and in their age groups with PDG Bill helping. Yvette's daughter, Kim Pyne, her husband Bill and son Bryandon and daughter Arista, along with Yvette's granddaughter Kathi Calandra all walked the course. Yvette's stepson, Dave Palmer, ran the 5K and took first place in his age group. The Rotaract ladies presented Kim with some beautiful fresh cut yellow roses as a further tribute.

The final total of funds raised is estimated to be about \$4,000 for Polio eradication. The children of the world thank all involved, as do the RI Foundation staff members. Well done.

PDG Bill Palmer



Waiting for the awards ceremony



The start



Registration

Honor Yvette When You Give Blood

Please ask your club members to credit the 'Yvette Palmer Memorial Blood Drive' when they give blood. Each year I will present at our district functions how much blood we have given to others. Thanks to all of you who at the District Conference pledged to bring this up to your club.

Thank you!

Bob Gordon Allentown-West Western Lehigh County.

Surdovel Wins Northern Region April 7, 2012

Maggie Surdovel Wins the Northern Region Rotary 4-Way Speech Contest

Margaret "Maggie" Surdovel, a senior at Northern Lehigh High School, was the winner of the Northern Region Rotary 4-Way Speech Contest, held on Saturday, April 7, 2012 at DeSales University. She will compete with two other students at the Annual District 7430 Conference on April 21, 2012 at Bear Creek Resort in Macungie for the District prize of \$1000.

The 4-Way Test was created in 1932 by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor when he took charge of a company facing bankruptcy. The company's subsequent survival was credited to the simple 4-Way Test philosophy, which was adopted by the Rotary in 1943. The 4-Way Test asks the following questions:

First – Is it the truth?

Second – Is it fair to all concerned?

Third – Will it build goodwill and better friendships?

Fourth – Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Bringing Rotary's 4-Way Test to the high schools in our communities makes a contribution to the education of students as well as presents them with a tool they can use throughout their lives. The 4-Way Test is a great way to remind us that it is important to talk about the ideals of living truthful lives, dealing fairly with people, and trying to build relationships that benefit everyone.

Applications Are Being Accepted For Districts Next Rotaplast Mission

Applications are now being accepted for the District's next Rotaplast mission to Cebu City, the Philippines. As is well known, the District sponsors a full Rotaplast mission every two years, the money for these missions coming from some of our clubs, individual Rotarians, and, of course, by means of our annual auction held the first Saturday in December each year. The cost for the Philippines mission is \$80,567.

This year's mission will take place October 7-21. Cebu City is located on the eastern part of Cebu Province--an island at the center of the Visayas in Southern Philippines. The city has a population of some 800,000 people and is an important center of commerce, trade and industry in the Mindanao region of that country. Cebu City is a safe and friendly place for Americans where Rotaplast International has had a number of missions there in the past. . For more information about Cebu City, please click on to the Rotaplast home page on the District web site.

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Applications Are Being Accepted For Districts Next Rotaplast Mission continued

There will be approximately fourteen medical personnel on the mission--all chosen by Rotaplast International. In addition, we are looking for nine (9) Rotarian volunteers for this mission. These slots are: quartermaster, medical records keeper, equipment sterilizer, interpreter, photojournalist, ward coordinator, recovery room helper, patient transport coordinator, and recreation therapist. Again, please consult the District website for more detailed descriptions of these positions.

There are many factors involved in the selection of non-medical team members, some stipulated by Rotaplast International, including health, skill set, being able to work with others as a team, and the ability to take direction, others set out by the District 7430 Rotaplast Committee, including a commitment to serve on that committee for at least two years and, during same, helping with the annual auction.

Rotarian volunteers are expected to pay for their own airfare, in this case \$1,500 round trip, as well as incidentals, amounting to some \$300. Housing, food and entertainment are provided by the host site. The Non-Medical Application form may be downloaded from the District web site. The deadline for applications is July 1. Completed applications should be sent either to Alicia Orbin (aruizorbin@aol.com) or Roger Whitcomb (Rwhitc2558@aol.com), both of whom will be happy to entertain any questions (Whitcomb at 610-965-4464; Orbin at 610-481-9618).

Club News

Blue Bell

Elmo (Ron Smith) takes a ride at the Blue Bell Rotary Pancake Breakfast April 15, 2012. All proceeds benefit the Second Alarmers Rescue Squad's Blue Bell Station Building Fund.



Doylestown

The 3rd Annual Four Way Test Awards Breakfast was a great event with over 160 people in attendance. The club honored various people from the areas of Business, Healthcare, Education, Community, and NonProfit for their humanitarian service. Also attending were students who entered the essay contest and the winner was able to present his essay. Youth Exchange had a strong presence and a few of our inbound students were in attendance to present the winners with their awards. The Club also gave out over \$12,000 in grants to various organizations.

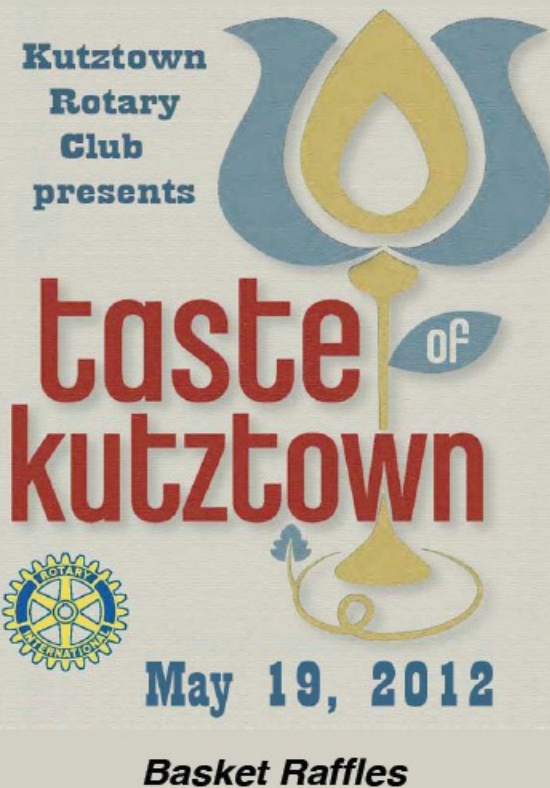
This is becoming a very prestigious annual event in the Doylestown community. From start to finish they promoted Rotary and all Rotary does to the max, from a very informative printed program and club pamphlet for each attendee, to showing Rotary videos and including the great many things Rotary does in the presentations.

We applaud your hard work and fine event!

DGE Tony Jannetta

Club News

Kutztown



From 3 to 8 PM / Start at Groov Billiards
11 Vineyards and 9 Pairings

\$35 Donation Ticket

\$30 if obtained in advance

Cost covers Wine and Pairings plus
Complementary Wine Glass.

For tickets and information contact:

Jim Springer at 610-683-7011

or visit **Dunkelbergers Jewelry**

281 W. Main Street, Kutztown

Get Tickets On-line at:

tasteofkutztown.eventbrite.com

Details at kutztownrotary.org

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