



YVETTE'S GAZETTE

THE NEWSLETTER OF ROTARY DISTRICT 7430

October, 2002

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MESSAGE FROM GOVERNOR YVETTE M. PALMER

PAUL HARRIS WAS RIGHT

Paul Harris was right when he said that the "The way to war is a well-paved highway and the way to peace is still a wilderness." Paul also said "Love is mightier than hate. Give it one half the advertising that hate has had, and there will be no more war." Our RI world President, Bhichai Rattakul, reminded us of Paul's beliefs in a recent letter.

And as I travel around to the individual Rotary clubs of our wonderful district, I have observed great examples of just how right Paul Harris was when he established the Rotary concepts. Without fail, at each club Bill and I have received a warm welcome, and have been shown the utmost in courtesy. While every club is distinct with its own personality, they all are bound together with the

Rotary ideals of service. At every club we pledged allegiance to the U.S.A., and in every club we prayed to a common God for wisdom and guidance.

As I look back over these meetings and visits of the last few months, the inevitable conclusion is that Paul Harris indeed was right. Be proud of your Rotary organization, and continue to help Rotary to Make A Difference.

2004-2005 RI PRESIDENT NOMINATED

On September 9, the RI Nominating Committee selected Glenn E. Estess Sr., of the Rotary Club of Shades Valley, Ala., USA, as president of Rotary International for 2004-05. Estess will lead the RI Convention in 2005, when Rotary celebrates its centennial. He will become the official nominee on 1 December.

Estess is the chairman of RI's

Membership Development and Retention Committee. He has served as RI vice president in 1991-92, a RI director, Rotary Foundation trustee, governor of District 6860, and chairman of the Audit and Operations Review Committee. He has been a Rotarian since 1960.

He has retired from Glenn Estess Associates, where he was



chief executive officer. Estess was born in Pike County, Mississippi, and graduated with a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Tulane University in New Orleans.



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DISTRICT 7430 MEMBERSHIP WORKSHOP

Location: Best Western Inn at Towamencin
1750 Summeytown Pike
(Rt.63 @ Turnpike Exit 31)
Kulpsville, PA 19443

Date: **Saturday, October 19, 2002**

Time: **8:00 AM to 12:00 N** (breakfast included)

Facilitator: Mike Colasurdo, PDG #7500
Zone 32 Membership Training Coordinator

Registration Fee: \$12.00

Send form with check to
Diane Leibensperger
65 S. Fourth Street
Hamburg, PA 19526
610-562-7650

DISTRICT 7430 FOUNDATION WORKSHOP

Location: Best Western Inn at Towamencin
1750 Summeytown Pike
(Rt.63 @ Turnpike Exit 31)
Kulpsville, PA 19443

Date: **Saturday, November 2, 2002**

Time: **8:00 AM~1:30 PM** (lunch will be served)

Facilitator: Jeff Cadorette PDG District 7450

Keynote: Brad Jenkins, PDG District 7470
Speaker: RI Representative to the United Nations

Registration Fee: \$25.00

Send form with check to
William Jahn
124 Pine Top Trail
Bethlehem, PA 18017-1728
vijahn@fast.net
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OCTOBER - VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

MAKING A DIFFERENCE THROUGH VOCATIONAL SERVICE

DIANE DONAHER, VOCATIONAL SERVICE CHAIRMAN

This month we celebrate Vocational Service. As leaders in business and community, Rotary members share our skills and expertise through vocational service. As Rotarians we have a dual responsibility of representing our vocation within the club through our classification as well as exemplifying the ideals of Rotary in our places of work.

The foundation of Vocational Service is the importance of all vocations as well as high ethical standards in our professions, the importance of and the opportunity to contribute our vocational talents to address problems or needs in our communities and around the world.

The issue of high ethical standards is receiving much attention in the news. We, as Rotarians, have a road map called the "Declaration of Rotarians in Business and Profession" to assist us as we travel along our career paths and to guide us in practicing high ethical standards. This document speaks clearly to each Rotarian of the opportunity and responsibility to service, ethics, fairness and honesty. The declaration follows. Are you willing to sign on?

Each club will be receiving a copy of the declaration during October along with a packet of information and ideas from the District Vocational Service Committee for club activities

relating to vocational service for the rest of the year. I'll also be contacting club vocational service chairman for reports on your activities this year to document them and share them throughout the district.

Whether you are promoting the 4-Way Test to elementary school children, conducting a Business Ethics Roundtable during a club meeting, hosting a high school student for a shadow experience, helping members who may have lost a job or are seeking to upgrade their careers - we are Rotarians because of our vocations so LET'S MAKE A DIFFERENCE THROUGH OUR VOCATIONAL SERVICE!

DECLARATION OF ROTARIANS IN BUSINESS AND PROFESSION

As a Rotarian in business or professional, I am expected to:

Consider my vocation to be another opportunity to serve;

Be faithful to the letter and to the spirit of the ethical codes of my vocation, to the laws of my country, and to the moral standards of my community;

Do all in my power to dignify my vocation and to promote the highest ethical standards in my chosen vocation;

Be fair to my employer, employees, associates, competitors, customers, the public, and all whom I have a business or professional relationship;

Recognize the honor and respect due all occupations, which are useful to society;

Offer my vocational talents to provide opportunities for young people, to work for the relief of the special needs of others and to improve the quality of life in my community;

Adhere to honesty in my advertising and in all representations to the public concerning my business or profession;

Neither seek from, nor grant to a fellow Rotarian a privilege or advantage not normally accorded others in a business or professional relationship.

(Editor's note: In order to promote our vocations, RI recommends to clubs that during October we recognize a Rotary volunteer at a district-level event; promote involvement in Rotary Fellowships; sponsor a vocational service activity project; and/or promote membership development in open classifications.)

ROTARY CONTINUES TO GROW

The Rotary Club of Dili, newly independent East Timor's first, was chartered on 11 September 2002, bringing the number of countries in the Rotary family to 164. Like its sponsor Rotary Club of Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia, the new club is in District 9550. East Timor (now officially known as Timor Leste) became independent on 20 May. Since 1999, Australian Rotarians have participated in efforts aimed at assisting Timor Leste's 800,000 citizens to reconstruct after decades of armed conflict and centuries of foreign occupation.

ROTARY ROSE PARADE FLOAT

Clubs are reminded that the Float Committee needs your assistance. It is suggested by the Float Committee that each club donate \$3 per member in order to complete the Float. Each club's contribution should be sent to: Rotary Rose Float Committee, Inc., P.O. Box 92502, Pasadena, CA 91109-2502. Please view the Rotary Rose Parade Float website <www.rotaryfloat.org>. Read the RI President's letter, press coverage, see this year's float and view previous floats.

October, 2002

The Parade is watched by approximately 60 million people in the U.S. and reaches hundreds of millions through its international broadcasts.

The Rose Parade was broadcast live last year by ABC, CBS, NBC, HGTV (Home and Garden Channel) Tribune, Telemundo, and Univision networks. Together we can assure that every Rotarian in our area knows about and understands the significance of the Rotary Rose Parade



Float. We can assist every Rotarian to experience the "pride" and "excitement" as they view "our" Float on January 1, 2003.

THE HEART OF THE MATTER

LAMONT SATTERLY, PAST PRESIDENT, AMBLER ROTARY

BECAUSE THAT'S THE WAY WE ARE

Recently my therapist told me that I talk too much. Well, actually she suggested that if we happen to be under-entitled in certain areas, we may be over-entitled in others, such as in my need to talk and my greater "demand" (her word) for others to listen to me. Needless to say, I left that session a bit miffed. When I told a friend about it, he said, "Well, that's just the way you are." That didn't help any but it did get me to thinking, especially when my Doctor said the cause of my current foot problems comes from the way I "carry" my body when I walk. "That's just the way you are," he smiled at me.

So, I guess it must be true. "That's the way I am!" So there. But I've been won-

dering if that's so bad. Today I'm going to my local Rotary Club meeting and I'm taking two checks with me. One for \$75 for a wheelchair (to impress the DG on her visit) and the other for \$100 toward our Grand Club fund raiser. According to my check book register, I take checks to Rotary a lot. The other day I heard a member grumbling about all of these checks. "It seems like all they do is ask for money." Today when I see that member, I hope he repeats his statement because I want to say to him, "You' know, you're right, Rotary is always asking for money because "that's the way we are!" It's what we do to help others. It's how we make a difference.

Some time ago I took one of those

classes on goal setting and budgeting. The teacher had us start the class by writing a purpose statement for our organization. "It's the why of existence," he said explaining the assignment. From where I sit, Rotary is all about service - it's our why of existence. Today, that's my primary reason for belonging. That's the way we are!

I have a fantasy that someday, somewhere, someone will come up to me and say "what does Rotary do?" When I tell them, they will say, "Why do you do that? It sounds like a lot of work." And I'll draw myself up to my almost six feet, bald head, sore foot and all, and say with a smile, "Because that's the way we are!"

SOMEBODY'S GOT TO DO IT!

Sunday I found myself facing a riddle. It was 90 degrees, my wife and I were in our un-air conditioned mountain cottage, Tiger was playing in the Buick open, I had a cold brew waiting in the refrigerator, and a jar of peanuts next to the recliner in front of the TV, where a fan was oscillating. The riddle: What should I do?

And the answer... Why not hang pleated shades in the bedroom? Standing on a ladder with my wife's sharp eye helping me center the rods, I wondered to myself, "what's wrong with this picture?" But then, a thought occurred to me: If I don't do this, who will? The installer at the window treatment place? Yep, for \$750. My wife? Well, it's a toss up as to who's better with tools, but I'm the one with the patience.

(Editor's note: Lamont's "Heart of the Matter" will be a regular feature of this newsletter each month. In October we get 2 for 1 because we weren't able to fit it in last month).

At that moment, one of my favorite phrases came to me - "Somebody's gotta do it!" This is true when it comes to cleaning out my mother's shed. She's too old, the neighbors don't care, and my sister lives in South Carolina. "Somebody's gotta do it," and that's me. This is also true when the trees dump their leaves on my lawn. Out comes the blower and the rake. After all, "Somebody's gotta do it."

I probably will never get to an important post in Rotary. But if I do, and have any opportunity to offer a theme for the year, it will be "Somebody's gotta do it." There are kids in the world who still are getting whacked with polio. They need inoculations and "somebody's gotta do it". Thank God for Rotary. Down in Latin

America thousands of children suffer from birth defects. They need plastic surgery and "somebody's gotta do it". Cheers for Rotoplast.

In my community, people are hungry. They need food and clothing. Our club has raised thousands of dollars so that people can eat. Why? Because "somebody's gotta do it!" If it sounds too demanding, so be it. The truth of the matter is that Rotarians exist to make a difference, to help those who need helping, and to bring hope to people who feel lost.

The next time your President or Board has an idea to impact the community. Just say to yourself "Somebody's gotta do it", raise your hand, and step forward. Why? Because that's what we're all about.

ROTARY/UN DAY REGISTRATION

Rotary/United Nations Day will be observed on November 9 at the UN Headquarters in New York. The annual event presents a unique opportunity for Rotarians to tour the UN Headquarters, and to attend panel discussions featuring senior Rotary leaders and representatives from non-governmental organizations and UN agencies.

Those who wish to attend are required to register by November 4. The registration fee is \$20 for adults and \$5 for children and youth ages 8-20. An optional UN tour is available for an extra fee of \$7.50 per adult

and \$5 per student. RI President Bhichai Rattakul is expected to make a keynote address at the event. Several past RI presidents, directors, and UN dignitaries will also be featured on panel discussions.

To obtain more details including registration forms or to submit completed forms, contact Past District Governor Bradley Jenkins, Registrar RI/UN Day, by telephone: 908-766-4790; fax: 908-766-7904; e-mail: bradjenkins@att.net; or mail: 12 Maple Village Court Bernardsville, New Jersey 07924, USA.

WHEELCHAIR FOUNDATION PROJECT

Goal: One Container Full
(240 Wheelchairs)

Rotary Club of	Wheelchairs
Allentown	1
Allentown West	5
Bethlehem Morning Star	1
Blue Bell	2
Boyetown	2
Conrad Weiser	13
Doylestown	21
Hamburg	2
Harleysville	18
North Penn	4
Warminster	4
Willow Grove	2
Total Wheelchairs	75

ROTARY TRAINING IS REVOLUTIONARY ... ESPECIALLY IN VIRGINIA

B.J. METZ, DGE 2003-2004 DISTRICT 7430

The Williamsburg, Virginia area has been an historic center for 300 years and home to many of the people and events that shaped the early history of the United States. Many of the original colonial buildings have been preserved and they still stand alongside the *College of William & Mary*, the majestic homesteads, and the approximately 24 thousand Pancake and Waffle Houses. 4 million tourists will visit the area in 2002 and approximately 3,999,500 of them will see these famous attractions. The rest of us were confined to the interior of the local Marriott that was the site of the 2002 Rotary International Zones 31 & 32 weeklong training program designed for Rotary District Leaders. The program includes Governor Elect Training, the Leadership Forum, and concludes with the Zone Institute. RI Director Frank Collins who serves as our Zone

representative on the R.I. Board of Directors hosted the event. Rotarians delight in reducing their official R.I. titles to a series of cryptic acronyms and the hotel halls were filled with RIMC'S, PDG'S, DGE'S and other assorted dignitaries. Rumor has it that individuals that can correctly decipher these initials are immediately assigned to the Committee in Charge of Creating New Acronyms (a.k.a. "CCCNA"). The week was highlighted by a visit from R.I. President Elect (that's "RIPE") Jonathan Majiyagbe from Nigeria. RIPE Jonathan is a man of great class and dignity and my DGE class was treated to a special private session with him. Jonathan displayed his knowledge of Rotary as well as his diplomatic skill and sense of humor as he avoided answering my probing question and suggested that I was probably an attor-

ney (like he is). Training programs featured Rotary Zone-level teachers who offered expert advice in the areas of membership, fundraising, grant writing, literacy, and leadership. Special emphasis was placed on the need to fulfill our promise and raise the \$80 million needed to complete the Polio Eradication campaign while continuing to support the countless programs supported by annual giving to the Rotary Foundation. Lynmar Brock (a man of too many initials to be listed here) showed us some of his "home" movies from the refugee camps in Afghanistan where he spent part of the recent winter. Over 48,000 refugees continue to receive Rotary-based relief including luxuries such as food, water, and basic education. Peace Scholar Carmen Strigel shared some of her experiences as a member of the inaugural class at one of the worldwide Peace Centers. The Peace Scholars will attempt to bring peaceful resolutions to the ongoing conflicts in our changing world. As the world changes, so does Rotary. RI Foundation rules, especially in regard to matching grants and SHARE allocations, are changing rapidly. The new(est) rules will be phased in over the next 3 years. Committee chairs will need extensive training to take full advantage of the changes. As things change, they also remain the same. Rotary will continue to strive for world peace and understanding through service. We will eradicate Polio. We will combat hunger and illiteracy and most of all, working together, we will

Make A Difference!



POLIO PLUS

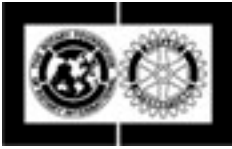
POTTSTOWN CLUB KICKS OFF POLIO ERADICATION CAMPAIGN

The Rotary Club of Pottstown joined with the Downingtown and Lionville Rotary Clubs (D7450) in early June for a Rotary Foundation Fund Night at the White Acres Historic Farm in Downingtown. The evening included a chicken barbecue, silent auction, hay rides, fishing contest, and many other activities including the most popular, a cow chip contest. The Pottstown's portion of the proceeds reached \$2,700 — all destined for the Polio Eradication Campaign. Way to go Pottstown!



AMBLER CLUB PLEDGES \$25,000 TOWARDS POLIO ERADICATION CAMPAIGN

Phil Albright, Polio Eradication Area Coordinator announced that his club, The Rotary Club of Ambler, has pledged to raise \$25,000 over the course of the next 3 years towards the campaign to eradicate polio. Congratulations to the club to committing to such a significant amount for this worthy cause!



ROTARY FOUNDATION

ANOTHER AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLAR RETURNS HOME

CHRIS JACOBS (SPONSORED BY THE ALLENTOWN ROTARY CLUB)

I'm just completing my ambassadorial year at Royal Holloway, University of London, and it's been a special year for me. I completed an MA in Modern History, but experiences outside the classroom were far more important. I ventured outside the United States for the first time, to a place that had more cultural barriers and differences than I expected from another English-speaking nation. It took time and a lot of effort, but I finally made the transition to English living, and enjoyed the remainder of my year. I saw sections of London that few tourists discover, a good bit of the rest of the UK, developed a taste for amateur pho-

tography, and cultivated my desire to come back and see the rest of Britain and Europe.

Most importantly, though, I learned how to live on my own in another culture — I gained my independence, but also realized the cultural inter-dependence that binds us together. I used one of my papers to examine "culture shock" and the boundaries that can separate visitors to foreign countries. During my year, I tried to break down cultural barriers by accepting and embracing differences that could otherwise become frustrating, a trait that will help me in new environments for years to come.

If you want to know more about my year, you will have to ask me in person. I will be back in the States on September 17, and will be available to speak to Rotary clubs beginning in early October. You can reach me at 610-398-0707 or csjacobs79@hotmail.com. I look forward to sharing my stories (and photographs) with you in the months ahead. In the meantime, thanks very much for all your support this year.



AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARS - GUATEMALA REPORT

MELANIE MANUEL

My first two months in Guatemala, the heart of the Mayan world, have been nothing short of exhilarating, empowering, enlightening...oh, and exhausting. Thanks to Kico Gandara, the past District Governor of my host district, I am now officially recognized by the Guatemala Ministry of Education as a university student at the Universidad del Valle de Guatemala. He and his family invited me to stay in their home in the capital while helping me to obtain my student visa.

My language classes have not only pushed my Spanish back into full gear, but have managed to make me somewhat of a celebrity. One day, my teacher brought me to the radio station where his friends are DJs. The popular station serves the southwest portion of the country including the capital. They decided to briefly interview me right then and there over the radio, then asked me to say in English, "Hi, you're listening to Roots 104.7." Then the DJs dedicated a song to me and my teacher. OK, so maybe "celebrity" is an overstatement.

I am the only foreign student studying in the Universidad del Valle's bilingual intercultural education program in Solola. All of my classmates are Mayan who are getting their educations in both Spanish and in one of the 35 Mayan languages. Because younger generations of the indigenous people

are being lured away from their traditions, these individuals are endeavoring to incorporate a multicultural curriculum to preserve their Mayan heritage. I am the only one who does not speak any of the Mayan Languages...yet.

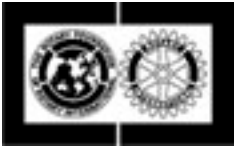
I think I have experienced the most culture shock from my university classes. I am perplexed by how acceptable it is for both students and teachers to arrive to class 20 minutes late, use class notes during quizzes and hold outside conversations while other students are speaking in class...well, except for when I talk. Since I am the only foreigner on the campus, I guess I am somewhat of a novelty. When I talk in class, the whole room falls dead silent to hear The Gringa speak.

Outside of my university and language classes, I have been involved in a variety of service projects. I wielded a sledge hammer for the first time to split cinder blocks for Habitat for Humanity, made jewelry projects with residents of a women's prison, visited a rural public primary school, and attended benefit functions for an orphanage. From September 18-20 I will travel to Antigua to support a Rotaplast project as an interpreter for a team of doctors sponsored by District 7930 in Massachusetts.

I have been awed by the brilliant color of the handmade traditional Mayan dresses. But behind the splendid colors

and the smiles of the people is a sad history of suffering and discrimination. I have attended conferences given by ex-guerrilleros and Mayan priests, read books, and visited villages where the inhabitants were tortured and/or killed by the military, and have spoken with old and young Mayans to gain a deeper understanding of their civil war and the continuing marginalization of the poor. The US's involvement in Guatemala's civil war and subsequent crimes against humanity here has compelled me to examine more closely our foreign policy. I am not proud of how our government trained Guatemalan soldiers on U.S. soil (at the School of the Americas) with our tax money to violently oppress the indigenous population, and provided military aid, which enabled the Guatemalan army to commit genocide and force thousands to flee to Mexico.

On a brighter note, I've taken yoga, salsa, merengue, and guitar lessons, attended dance exhibitions, seen colonial ruins, learned about organic farming and climbed two volcanoes. Both positive and negative aspects of the history and culture of Guatemala have shaped my experience and goals for my academic year here and for when I return stateside. Thank you for being instrumental in my quest to learn more about international humanitarian issues in Central America. The more I know the more empowered I will be to take action to address them.



ROTARY FOUNDATION

GRANTS FOR UNIVERSITY TEACHERS

CLIFFORD BARR, CHAIR

On August 21, District 7430's Scholarship Committee met to interview a candidate for the Grants for University Teachers program. The candidate had been recommended by the Bethlehem Club who had interviewed him and recommended that his application be approved.

The candidate's name is Ed Kay. Ed is a professor at Lehigh University and his plan is to return to Cameroon, Africa, to teach both faculty and students in the area of computer science. He also plans to assist the faculty with curriculum development in the computer area. Ed had visited Cameroon in

the mid 1990s as a professor of mathematics. While there he noted that the computer science faculty were teaching classes of 150 students with only 3 computers at their disposal. In order to improve upon this situation, Ed has convinced Lehigh University to donate between 80-100 computers that he will take with him to Africa. Once there he will assist with their installation (using the process as a teaching lab for the faculty). He will then work with the faculty to develop appropriate curricula for computer science classes and he will teach one class to students. Ed plans

to carry out his work in Cameroon during June and July of 2003.

Knowing that the objectives of the Grants for University Teachers program is to support university faculty who wish to teach in a developing country, and to teach something that will be of particular benefit in helping people in the workplace, the Scholarship Committee was quick to approve Ed's application. The application is now in the hands of Rotary International's Foundation who will act prior to the end of then year. Stay tuned.

CAP AWARD APPLICATIONS

CAP award applications are due by November 30, 2002. Please send your material to:

John Ziegler
40 Washington St.
Nazareth, Pa. 18064.

If you need more information, John can be reached at zekethebeak@aol.com.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE (CAP) AWARDS RECEIVED LAST YEAR 2001-2002

CAP grants provide support for community service projects organized by Rotarians.

<i>Club</i>	<i>Project</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Horsham	Build a handicapped accessible playground in Horsham	\$1,000
Morrisville	Improve entrance of Heritage Center Theater in Morrisville	\$1,000
Blue Bell	Plant trees & distribute environmental information in Blue Bell	\$1,000
Allentown	Provide a swimming program for children in Allentown	\$1,500
Souderton-Telford	Establish a library at the child care center at Grandview Hospital	\$1,000

IN MEMORIUM

William G. Crouthamel died on September 8. Bill was a member of the Souderton-Telford Club for over 50 years.

SERVICE TO YOUTH

YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM ENTERTAINING OUTBOUND APPLICATIONS FOR 2003-04

The Youth Exchange Program is now actively recruiting applicants from District 7430 clubs for the 2003-04 academic year. Student applicants must be from 15-18 years of age (at the time of their trip), and be of good academic standing at their local high school. Clubs should now be promoting this most worthwhile program in their local communities, and setting up interviews. Once

the interviews are complete, recommendations (if any) should be forwarded for processing onto Ron and Patti Smith, co-chairs of the Committee. There is some paperwork involved in preparing the student's application.

Information on the procedure or the application forms themselves can be downloaded from the District 7430 Student Ex-

change web site (www.rotary7430yep.org) or obtained from the Smiths by contacting them at 610-277-7553 or via email (solution@mri-bluebell.com). The Youth Exchange Program is one of the best-run programs in the District. If a particular club has never sponsored a student in this program, now is a good time to look into it.

SERVICE TO CLUBS

NEW PUBLIC RELATIONS MEDIA KITS

BOB HOUK, EMMAUS ROTARY CLUB

Sandy Albitz, and the district Public Relations Committee, is ready to unveil a new and exciting concept for PR and promoting your club activities. Coming soon will be new PR packets that will feature press release templates for all functions our district supports. The templates will be given to you, along with a revised manual, on CDR so you can download and customize the documents for your club.

The new templates will be available on our district website as of October 1. When you visit the website at www.rotarydistrict7430.org, click the "PR Template" link on our directory page.

WHAT CLUBS ARE DOING



GIVE A SMILE WARMINSTER ROTARY CLUB

The Warminster Rotary Club Annual Charity Ball is scheduled for November 16th, 2002. It will be held at Williamson's in Horsham PA. The club's goal is to improve the quality of life for Jarrett and his parents. Jarrett, age 5, suffers from significant brain and development dysfunction including daily myoclonic seizures. Tickets run \$150 per couple, and include dinner and dancing to a live band. Ticket holders are eligible for the \$5,000 Grand prize and many other cash and door prizes. For information call Kelly Imperial 215-491-1920 or Gus Boyd 215-674-9485.

BIRTHDAY SMILES

DOYLESTOWN ROTARY CLUB

The Doylestown Rotary Club prides itself on singing Happy Birthday. The Club is sponsoring birthday parties for 51 children living at Wordsworth's New Britain Campus. The campus offers treatment, housing and other services for children with behavioral challenges. Many of the residents struggle with trauma, such as the loss of their parents, failure in school, abuse or neglect. Their ages range from five to fourteen years old. Founded in 1952, Wordsworth operates seven campuses around Southeast Pennsylvania, and serves over 3,000 children a day.

The campus's services are primarily funded through government contracts which do not include birthday parties. "It was frustrating to have one of our children come up to me and inform me that yesterday was their birthday. How do you explain to children that there is no line item in our budget for birthdays?

Thanks to the Rotary Club of Doylestown, I do not have to," stated Kristine Kershner, the Campus Director for Wordsworth's New Britain Campus.

The staff helps each child develop their gift list. This is extremely important because a child receives what he or she wants. During the holidays, children receive donated games and toys that may not be their top request. The requests can be as specific as a yellow remote control car.

"We had a nine-year old who wished for an Allen Iverson jersey. When he opened up that present, you would've thought that we gave him a million dollars. The joy was unbelievable," stated Rotary volunteer David Thompson. "I have also seen children who are not familiar with big parties. But, they are quick to learn what birthdays are all about after blowing out their candles and opening

up their gifts."

The Rotary Club volunteers do the shopping, wrapping and participate in the child's celebration. In addition each child develops their own invitation list for its party. Volunteers from the Doylestown Presbyterian Church bake the birthday cakes. At the end of the party, the birthday boy or girl receives a picture of themselves and their friends blowing out the candles. The Club has sponsored as many as seven parties simultaneously.

The success of the birthday program has led the Rotary Club to launch a book drive for the campus's first library. "Our goal is to have a lending library and to give children an opportunity to own the books they enjoy reading the most," explained Denise Glick, a Rotary member. Her community solicitation for books began recently, but "the community response has been impressive."



IT'S ALL ABOUT SMILES ALLENTOWN WEST ROTARY CLUB

The Allentown West Rotary Club spent Friday evening, August 23, at a community day celebration in the northwestern Lehigh County area. The question to be answered is who had the most fun-the kids or the Rotarians who spent the evening applying tattoos and Face painting? Some of those Rotarians present discovered talents they didn't know they had. It was a modest fundraiser, but more importantly, it was a great way to let people in the community know that Rotary is there!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

2003 DISTRICT CONFERENCE

SHERATON READING ~ WYOMISSING, PA

MAY 2-4, 2003

“You CAN make a difference!” Don’t wait for a tornado to blow your district conference into another state to learn that there’s no place like home for this year’s district conference. If you think conferences are boring, you’ll see the wisdom in attending this one. You may not meet a scarecrow, tin man, or a lion at the conference, but this one is home in our own district-at the Reading Sheraton. I know you’ll find the gumption to attend this one. Why? It’s affordable (e.g., we have a one-day package), and there will be special sessions for first time attendees. It will be both fun and informative. So, save the dates of **May 2-4, 2003** on your calendars. See you there.

Remember, you CAN make a difference!



ATTENDANCE & MEMBERSHIP AUGUST, 2002

Rotary Club of	Members	Mtgs	Attendance
Allentown	148	5	64.25%
Allentown Liberty Bell	35		
Allentown West	63	4	70.49%
Ambler	82		
Bethlehem	145		
Bethlehem Morning Star	75	5	66.00%
Birdsboro	30	3	33.00%
Blue Bell	44	4	60.80%
Boyertown	44		
Central Perkiomen	22		
Churchville	26	4	72.00%
Collegeville	29	4	57.00%
Conrad Weiser	46		
Coplay-Whitehall	13		
Doylestown	77		
Easton	70		
Emmaus	69	5	65.90%
Fleetwood	31		
Hamburg	53		
Harleysville	31	4	73.84%
Hatboro	53	4	75.00%
Horsham	42	5	86.22%
Huntingdon Val-Southampton	25		
Kutztown	40		
Morrisville	33		
Mt. Penn	26		
Muhlenberg	32		
Nazareth	34	4	56.00%
Newtown	77		
Norristown	79	5	65.00%
North Penn	69	4	58.16%
Northampton	19		
Northeast Reading	21	4	77.30%
Perkasie	39		
Pottstown	64		
Quakertown	48	4	72.15%
Reading	87	5	50.00%
Shillington	15	4	76.00%
Shoemakersville	22	4	77.10%
Slatington	27	5	60.00%
Souderton-Telford	63		
Spring Ford Area	31	4	58.00%
Springfield Township	51	4	59.31%
Upper Perkiomen	17	4	63.00%
Warminster	35		
Warrington	30		
Washington Crossing	21	4	80.00%
West Reading-Wyomissing	67		
Willow Grove	59	5	51.00%
TOTAL	2359		

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

October 10 - Youth Exchange OUTBOUND Applications

October 10 - Candidate for Group Leader GSE

October 30 - Candidates for GSE Team Members

November 1 - Nominations for District Governor

November 30 - CAP Award Applications

UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS

October 19, 2002	Membership Workshop Best Western Motel, Lansdale
November 2, 2002	Rotary Foundation Workshop Best Western Motel, Lansdale
February 22, 2003	Presidents Elect Training Montgomery Community College
March 29, 2003	District Assembly Northampton Community College
May 2, 3, 4 2003	District Conference Sheraton Conference Center Wyomissing, PA

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