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**The Rotary Club of Media #5492**  
**P.O. Box 522, Media, PA 19063**

**Media Rotary Foundation**  
**P.O. Box 2028**

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## Reception Committee

## Program

Date	Chairperson	Greeter	Speaker/Subject
December 28	Dennis Slostad	Jeffrey Smith	Economy Forecast
<b>Happy New Year!!!</b>			
January 4	George Albany	Jonathan Becker	Mommy's Light
January 11	George Christoforidis	Robert Dimond	US Army Civil Affairs in Iraq – Captain Brian Lentz ***Students of the Month***
January 18	Roger Ricker	Daniel Fredland	John Phillip Sousa Biography – Tom Hoey
January 25	Peggy Futch	Nancy Geisel	Classification Talks
February 1	Ellen Gorbey	Gwen Griffin	Cocklear Hearing Implants – Meg MacDonald
February 8	Anthony Cavaliere	Rosemarie Halt	Genocide for Greek – Dr. Vasilies Theodoridis

## Calendar of Events

2007 Rotary Auction Meetings – all are welcome

39<sup>th</sup> Annual Pancake Day – February 2007

Cherry Blossom Festival – April 2007

Soap Box Trial – 5/12/07

Soap box Derby Day – 5/19/07

Rotary Auction – November 2007

Rotary Board Meeting.....Second Tuesday of Every Month  
(In January it will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 PM)

Rotary Foundation.....Fourth Thursday of Every Month – 11:00 AM at Towne House

## Schedule of Events Rotary District 7450

More information can be obtained at [www.rotary7450.org](http://www.rotary7450.org)

A copy of the **Rotary Foundation of Media** by-laws, latest Treasurer's report and guidelines for requesting funds are available at <http://www.mediarotary.org/foundation/>. A comprehensive list of recipients is also available for you perusal.

*The Rotary Foundation is looking for two new board members. If anyone is interested, please see George Albany. Thank you!*

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## Contacts for Ongoing Committees

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Classification Talks	Gene Kane
Grocery register tapes/scripts & American Cell Phone Drive	Jack Sproul
New Membership Committee	Bill Strine
Program Committee	Ken Delmar
Rotary Information	John Vairo
Sunshine Committee	Lynne Green
The Medium	Courtney Bork
Used Ink Cartridges	David Belanger
Weekly Prayer Committee	Rev. Bob Kesel
2006 Fall Pancake Day	Denis Slosted & Bryan Messick
2007 Annual Rotary Soap Box Derby	Bill Tyson
2007 Rotary Auction	Barbara Laurenzi & Rosemarie Halt

## Pleased to Meet You

Over the past few weeks, we have started introducing you to some of our members. Today, let's meet George Christophidis, Jack Wisniewski, and Larry Smoose:

### George Christophidis

George joined rotary 23 years ago in Upper Darby under the sponsorship of Chris Polites. He currently lives in Drexel Hill with his wife, Margarita, and his children, Katrina and Lee.

George is President and CEO of Heron Home Health Care and Heron Quality Transportation.

George was President and a Board Member of the Upper Darby Rotary Club. He is the Founder and a chairman of the Cherry Blossom Festival and he is also a member of the speaker committee.

The one thing that George would like to see in the future is "stronger commitment from the membership."

### Jack Wisniewski

Jack joined the rotary club in 2000. His sponsor was Bill Davis. Jack is married with two children and lives locally in Riddlewood. Before he retired, he was an engineer at Boeing.

Jack has helped the Media Rotary with Pancake Day and thinks the club is "growing and becoming more diversified."

### Larry Smoose

Under the sponsorship of Tom Gibson, Larry joined rotary. He recently re-married on September 3, 2006 to his wife, Linda Lee. He has one son named Matthew, who is 26, from his previous marriage.

Larry is an ordained Lutheran Minister who enjoys wine tasting, fly fishing, golf, travel, theater, and community service. He helped the Media Rotary with the Pancake Day and the Spring Fling. "More energy and more projects that provide hands on work could provide more camaraderie."

## Rotary Club Holiday Events Around the World

In many communities around the world, Rotary clubs are the heart and soul of the holidays at the end of the year. They touch the lives of residents in a thousand different ways.

- In Nelson Mandela Bay, South Africa, the Rotary Club of Uitenhage cohosted the Uitenhage Carnival with municipal authorities 1-2 December. Started by the club 18 years ago, the carnival and the switching on of Christmas lights signal the beginning of local holiday season. With humble origins as a flea-market-type Saturday sale lasting a few hours, the event now takes about six months and several organizations to plan. This year, about 50,000 people attended the two-day festivities.

- Santa's sleigh makes 19 runs during the first three weeks of December in Hucknall and Newstead, England, courtesy of the Rotary Club of Hucknall. On these entertaining trips, which draw cheering crowds, Rotarians and other volunteers raise funds to support various charitable projects.

- Each year, the Rotary Club of San Juan, Trinidad and Tobago, throws a Christmas party for area schools just before students break for their holidays. This time, Santa Claus rode a motorcycle to the event, entertaining and distributing gifts, snacks, and refreshments to attendees.

- Members of the Rotary Club of Mentor, Ohio, USA, became Santa's elves on 14 December. Continuing a tradition started in 1985, the Rotarians visited 50 special-needs students at Lake Metroparks Farmpark, helping the children assemble toys and cuddle some pets.

"I think the Rotarians are having more fun than the kids here," Lou Kreider, who chairs the club's annual Christmas party, jokingly told the *News-Herald*, the local newspaper. "It's really our highlight of the year in many ways."

- For the 145 children in Santiago de los Caballeros, Dominican Republic, who attended a Christmas party at the city's Arturo Grullón Children's Hospital on 17 December, the greatest gift wasn't even among the presents on the table. It was the treatment they'd received during the year for various heart conditions with help from local and international Rotary clubs and other cosponsors.

- On 17 December, the Rotary Club of Suva Peninsula, Fiji, distributed food hampers worth up to US\$60 to 20 poor families at a Christmas lunch.

- On the island of Bermuda, Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus delivered presents to 11 children with disabilities on 19 December at the pre-Christmas luncheon of the Rotary Club of Hamilton.

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**The below rotarians have helped to put this together.  
They made it happen and we would like to thank them.**

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