

The Medium



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN ROTARY

As you may know, Rotary International is composed of over 31,000 clubs that meet weekly in 162 countries around the globe.

Rotarians are business owners, executives, and professionals or people who were in that capacity but who are now retired, who are united in serving the world, national and local communities. Rotary Clubs locally meet around breakfast, lunch or dinner.

Your next step is to visit a Rotary Club for one of its regular meetings. It is important that you attend one that meets at a time and location that is convenient for you. To receive an invitation, please contact us or call 610 459 4183. You will be contacted by someone promptly.

To learn more about Rotary, please explore our website at www.Rotary7450.org.

ABOUT ROTARY

In more than 160 countries worldwide, approximately 1.2 million Rotarians belong to more than 30,000 Rotary

clubs.

Rotary club membership represents a cross-section of the community's business and professional men and women. The world's Rotary clubs meet weekly and are nonpolitical, nonreligious, and open to all cultures, races, and creeds.

The main objective of Rotary is service – in the community, in the workplace, and throughout the world. Rotarians develop community service projects that address many of today's most critical issues, such as children at risk, poverty and hunger, the environment, illiteracy, and violence. They also support programs for youth, educational opportunities and international exchanges for students, teachers, and other professionals, and vocational and career development. The Rotary motto is Service Above Self.

Although Rotary clubs develop autonomous service programs, all Rotarians worldwide are united in a campaign for the global eradication of polio. In the

1980s, Rotarians raised US \$240 million to immunize the children of the world; by 2005, Rotary's centennial year and the target date for the certification of a polio-free world, the PolioPlus program will have contributed US\$500 million to this cause. In addition, Rotary has provided an army of volunteers to promote and assist at national immunization days in polio-endemic countries around the world.

The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International is a not-for-profit corporation that promotes world understanding through international humanitarian service programs and educational and cultural exchanges. It is supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and others who share its vision of a better world. Since 1947, the Foundation has awarded more than US \$1.1 billion in humanitarian and educational grants, which are initiated and administered by local Rotary clubs and districts.

Reception Committee		Program	
Date	Chairperson	Greeter	Speaker/Subject
July 24	Bruce Clark	Joe Bodalski	Judge David Lang
July 31	Robert Dimond	Ken Delmar	Modern Day Concerns in Public Health
August 7	Virginia Falkenbach	Tom Gibson	Nicole Wilson & Fran Franci – DelCo SPCA
August 14	Pat Kosinski	Edward Garabedian	TV Celebrity
August 21	Nancy Geisel	Evelyn Preising	Soccer at Harrah's Chester Casino
August 28	Ellen Gorby	Lynne Green	Canine Partners for Life

CALENDAR OF EVENT

Rotary Board Meetings - Second Tuesday of every month.
The meetings will be held at 12 p.m. at the Towne House.

Rotary Foundation Meetings - July 31, September 9, December 18,
March 26, May 28, & June 25
The meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. at the Towne House.

Schedule of Events for Rotary District 7450
More information can be obtained at 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 your perusal.

Sunshine Committee
Let Lynne Green know about anyone who is ill, has passed away, has gotten married, has had a new baby, etc. Please contact her via email at pgs8@comcast.net.

Website
www.mediarotary.org

ROTARY CALENDAR OF IMPORTANT DATES

At the last board meeting, we discussed membership. The board recommended having Rotary Information on the Thursday following the Board Meeting each month, having the 3rd Thursday be "Membership Day" (with a

few minutes to talk about what it's like to be a Rotarian), and the 4th Thursday being Induction Day. This will allow for names to be placed in the Medium with enough time for the 7-day notice.

District 7450 * Joel Chesney - District Governor * www.rotary7450.org
Rotary Foundation Chair: Russ deFuria, Membership Chair: Bob Lankin,
Group Study Exchange Chair: Karen Straw-Hacker, Vocational Chair:
Charles Streiwieser, Lieutenant Governor: Chuck Killian, Assistant Governors:
Tim Birch, John Washington, **Mollie Shiflet-O'Brien**, Robert Latshaw,
Arthur Klein, Cynthia Lyman, Doreen Storey, Samantha Kranyak-Ramsey and
Bonnie Korengel.

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Bryan Messick - Service Projects
Ken Delmar - Vocational & Program
Lynne Green - Social Committee
Courtney Ballauer & Jackie Woolfall - Fall
Fantasy Auction

Executive Secretary - Don Bak
Recording Secretary & Medium Editor -
Courtney Ballauer

Rotary-Owned Gym Takes in Wildfire Evacuees

By Daina Schoberg

Rotary International News—21 July 2008



Sunlight is diffused through dense smoke as a firefighters gather near their engines.

When a Rotarian-owned fitness center housed evacuees and firefighters during the blazes in and around Paradise, California, USA, the overwhelmed local government was able to provide cots but not much else.

Members of the Rotary clubs of Chico and Chico Sunrise stepped in to address basic needs, donating hundreds of blankets and pillows, cases of water, and days worth of food.

DONATIONS TO VFW

Our active military has requested the following items: Coloring Books * Baby Wipes * Crayons * Cotton Balls * Small, Safe Toys * Q-Tips * Silly String * Toiletry packets * Tooth Paste * Tooth Brush * Powdered Drinks * Sunglass Inserts * Training Pants * Toilet Tissue (1-ply) * Donations * CHOCOLATE * etc.

“When the stuff hits the fan, there is nothing that Rotary can’t do,” said Tony DeLuca, a member of the Chico Sunrise club and owner of Fit One Athletic Club in Chico, about 15 minutes from Paradise. “Anyone in the country would question that, come our here and see. What we did was impossible.”

“The facility took in about 250 evacuees after other emergency shelters had reached capacity during the first wave of the fires. More than a few ended up losing their homes to the flames.

A Rotarian who had lost his own house in a fire a few years earlier went to every store in town to buy enough blankets and pillows for everybody staying at the athletic center, and Rotary club members throughout the area showed up with cases of water and nonperishable food.

After the evacuees left, DeLuca and Scott Navarro, general manager of the fitness center and a member of the Rotary Club of Chico, donated the blankets,

pillows, and leftover food to a local homeless shelter. But less than a week later, the winds picked up and fanned the flames, quickly destroying much of the nearby city of Concow.

DeLuca called the county government to see whether it needed to use his business as a shelter again. He learned that this time, the need was for a rest spot for firefighters coming in from all over the country to battle the flames.

DeLuca and Navarro borrowed back blankets and pillows that were not currently needed by the homeless shelter. And once again, Rotarians heeded the call for donations, bringing in more blankets and pillows, providing more water, and organizing teams to cook dinners for the firefighters. Club members dropped everything to work the phones and otherwise volunteer.

“I can’t tell you how proud I am to be a Rotarian right now,” said Navarro, who joined his club in October. “To see the way everybody has stepped up, it puts a smile on my face.”

REGISTER TAPES

Jack has been working hard to collect register tapes for Rotary ... for 12 YEARS! Keep bringing them in!

At the end of our June we had collected almost \$9,000. As the tapes come in, Jack submits the receipts and a check, generated from Acme’s Home Office, is mailed directly to the Rotary Foundation.

Thank you all for your support!

GREAT ROTARIAN?!

Know someone who would make a great Rotarian? Bring them to a meeting!

TRIVIA QUESTION

FROM THE
ROTARIAN
MAGAZINE

What famous Rotarian featured in this month’s Rotarian Magazine competed against Johnny Weissmuller (Tarzan) at Broomall’s Swimming and Rowing Club in the 1920’s?

(Answer found on back.)

COST OF LUNCH

I regret to inform you that the cost of lunch will soon be going up. With rise in cost at the Towne House, the cost for lunch will be raised to \$14. Thank you for understanding.

Please don’t forget to sign in!

Replacement Badges - \$10

Replacement Lapel Pins - \$5

Phones must be on vibrate - \$10 charge if they ring.

Rotarians are responsible for all information changes with Courtney Ballauer.

Thanks!



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CLASSIFICATIONS

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TRIVIA ANSWER

Johnny Weissmuller gained fame and even carried the torch of Hawaiian Duke Kahanamoku, who dominated swimming in 1912 and 1920. Weissmuller captured three gold medals in swimming and a bronze in water polo. He would later gain fame for his role as TARZAN in the movies.

Today's Sports: In 1923, Johnny Weissmuller became the first swimmer to break five minutes for 440 yards. Weissmuller finished in 4:57, improving his own world record of 5:10 by 11 seconds.

On July 9, 1922, Weissmuller broke Duke Kahanamoku's world record on the 100-meters freestyle, swimming it in 58.6 seconds.

