



## ROTARY EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Philadelphia, the home of the Liberty Bell, the cheese steak and the Eagles/Phillies/Flyers: a great place for a high school student to spend the year through the Youth Exchange Program. While they do get to see and learn about many of our treasures here, it can be somewhat daunting to pick up your life and move from one country to another. The language is different, the



food is different, the culture ... you guessed ... different, and you have to trade in a set of parents that you have well trained at home for the American version. Our host families are all nice people, but the students haven't broken them in quite the way they have their biological parents.

The first few weeks of an exchange can be somewhat difficult. So what is a student to do? Go out and explore, learn more about the culture, don't worry too much about the language, it'll come. Have fun and if you can, find a familiar face to ease your homesickness pangs. That's just what one of our 2008-09 students did. Anri from Japan, hosted by the Morun family in West Chester, visited Baltimore before school started. Little did she know, she would bump into her favorite sports star, Daisuke Matsuzaka a Japanese baseball player, who now pitches for the Boston Red Sox. He was in town for the Sox Orioles game and spent a few minutes with Anri. After their chance meeting, Anri was full of smiles as witnessed by the photo. So far from home ... yet so close!

The exchange program is for high-school students aged 15 1/2 - 18 1/2. Spread the word and help an interested student live a dream year abroad. For more info, please visit the district web site under Rotary Youth or email [lindamess@comcast.net](mailto:lindamess@comcast.net).

*For information on our club's student, please see page 3.*

Reception Committee		Program	
Date	Chairperson	Greeter	Speaker/Subject
October 2	Pat Kosinski	Martin Sarkees, Jr.	NBC 10 - Lori Wilson
October 9	Nicholas Lippincott	Mark Whitehead	League of Women Voters
October 16	Lori Markusfeld	George Sauliner	District Governor - Joel Chesney
October 23	Bryan Messick	Warren Smith	TBA
October 30	Dale Moppert	Jack Sproul	TBA
November 6	Penelope Reed	William Strine	Deputy Editor, Philadelphia Inquirer - Paul Davis
November 13	Bob Edmondson	Martin Sarkees, Jr.	Penncrest High School Interact - Mike Lobiondo

The Rotary Club of Media #5492  
PO Box 522, Media, PA 19063

## 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—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](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 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](mailto:pgs8@comcast.net).

Website  
[www.mediarotary.org](http://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](http://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.

Rotary International \* Don Kurn Lee - President \* [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

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Barbara Laurenzi - President  
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Sally Holub  
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Bill Strine - Club Membership  
John Schlesinger - Public Relations  
Nancy Geisel - Rotary Foundation  
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

## OPERATION SWEATSHIRT!

Operation sweatshirt? What's that? We've all heard about Operation Warm, a program ran through Healthy Communities Initiative (HCI) that gives warm winter coats to deserving children who can't otherwise afford them. Barbara proposed an "Operation Sweatshirt" for similar children in the Rose Tree Media School District. We are going to "adopt" these children for the holiday season to make their 2008-2009 school year a little warmer, happier, and easier. Beginning this Thursday, we will collect sweatshirts in the following sizes to donate to the youngsters throughout the Rose Tree Media School District. If you have an urge to buy something. Pick up a kids sweatshirt and bring it to Rotary! If you didn't bring one today, you can still bring one October 9th or October 16th. The sizes are as follows:

Girls:	6-7	L	XL	
Boys:	7-8	10-12	L	M

## SINCE WE MENTIONED OPERATION WARM...

Each year, **Glen Riddle Rotary** Club partners with Riddle Memorial Hospital and Wawa Corporation in sponsoring Operation Warm. The annual kick-off breakfast was held at Wawa Corporate Center on September 5th with local business leaders attending and pledging their support for this wonderful program. Kim Fortunato, President of Operation Warm, is presented with a check from John Messer, President of Glen Riddle Rotary. Operation Warm purchases brand new coats at a cost of \$15 each so children in Delaware County of families in need, will not go without a warm coat this winter.



## ROTARY EXCHANGE STUDENT

Please welcome our club's Rotary exchange student for the 2008 - 2009 school year, Monica Bautista Sanchez, of Granada, Spain. Monica is 18 years old and enjoys basketball, skiing and reading. Her host family Dr. Betsy Race and Stuart Race and their 3 children live in Upper Providence. If your family would like to include Monica in a family activity or attending an event please call Rosemarie Halt at 610-892-0665 or the Race family directly at 610-565-7990.

## DR. WALT HILL

Dr. Walt Hill would love to hear from fellow Rotarians. Call him at 610-527-6500. He is at:

Presbyterian Village  
404 Cheswick Place, Apt 171A  
Rosemont, PA 19010

Or call the Village and ask for Dr. Hill, Room 171.

## MEET OUR MEMBERS

Let me introduce you to Rosemarie O'Malley Halt. Rosemarie has been a member of the Rotary Club of Media since 2001. She grew up in Newtown Square and attended Cardinal O'Hara High School and the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy of the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia. Currently, she is a graduate student in the Masters of Public Health program at the University of the Sciences. She is a community Pharmacist who worked for CVS Murry Overhill Pharmacy and Heron Home Healthcare. She is currently the contractor for ECELS of America Academy of Pediatrics, providing education on safe medication.

Rosemarie is married to Gerald "Jay" Halt, Jr. and the two of them have three children, Tara who is 15, Andrew who is 14, and Megan who is 12.

The reason Rosemarie joined Rotary? Having a career in helping people, isn't it obvious? She wanted to help the local community and be part of international help efforts. Plus, it didn't hurt that Don Bak was her neighbor! :) She enjoys the friendships that she has made in Rotary and the various presentation that we all get to share in each week. Rosemarie has been on the Auction Committee (and co-ran a fantastic auction in 2007), the Pancake Day Committee, and on the Board of Directors. She would like to see our club do more direct community service programs and not just fundraising.

## GREAT ROTARIAN?!

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

## 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 at every meeting!

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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Service Above Self

- George A. Albany, III - Banking, Savings Bank
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- George Cristoforidis - Home Health Care Equipment
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CLASSIFICATIONS

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- Lori Markusfeld - Fundraising
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- Victor A. Menghetti, Sr. - Veterinarian-HONORARY
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- Dale Moppert - Bank-Retail
- David E. Pergrin - HONORARY

- Ted Pleibel, III - Sign Maker
- Evelyn Preising, MA - Non-Profit Director
- Penelope Reed - Theater
- Dennis Rehrig - Med-Chiropractor
- Roger Ricker - Theater
- J. Nelson Rigby - Funeral Director
- Martin T. Sarkees, Jr. - Accountant
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- Randolph B. Winton - Money Manager
- Jackie L. Woolfall - Marketing & Public Relations
- Andrea Youndt - Director-YMCA

50-50 GIFTS

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 \*

50-50 gifts for the next 70 weeks were supplied by the following businesses and Rotarians:

- Conductive Plastics Company \* Contemporary Styles \* D'Ignazio's Towne House \* Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union \* Kaos Surfboards \* Pinocchio's \* PNC Bank \* Professional Duplicating \* The Little Inn \* Vinnie's Place \* Wawa

The following Rotarians are responsible for the above gifts:

- Mike Boettcher \* Jeff Cadorette \* Ken Delmar \* Tom Gregory \* Terry Kline \* Barb Laurenzi \* Bryan Messick \* Ted Pleibel \* Greg Torre

Please thank them for making our weekly 50-50 a little exciting!