



THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD

While stumbling across the District 7450 site, I found that we are sponsoring an Ambassadorial Scholar named Brandon Johnson. There is a travel blog (internet journal) set up for him and I thought it would be interesting to follow him on his travels for a couple weeks.



The purpose of this site is to share my experiences in China with anyone who wishes to read them. I have written these for you, hoping to share some lessons I've learned, help bridge cultural differences and perhaps inspire someone along the way...

From these adventures, you can pick and choose, or if you're really gung-ho, read them all! Feel free to make any comments.

For family and friends: please keep the emails a-comin'. I miss home a lot, and hearing from you helps alleviate any despair!

From halfway across the world...

Zaijian,
Brendo

Start of travels: Jul 09, 2008

End of travels: ??? ??, 2009

So far, Brandon has visited the large dots on the map. China & the Philippines!

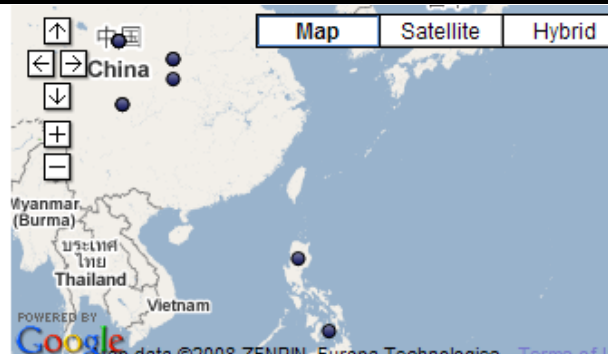
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X'ian - Just One Day

X'ian, Shaanxi, China

At the risk of sounding cliché, my first day in Xi'an has been a bit like a rollercoaster ride. Fellow amusement-park-lovers can empathize-emotions ranging from fear to excitement, up and down, over and over...

My first venture was to simply get my bearings. The most daunting challenge is deciphering a language I cannot comprehend at all. Nearly everything is marked in Chinese characters, leaving me to hone my interpretation skills. And as English is not widely spoken, everything from buying a bottle of water to choosing a meal is infinitely more difficult. To order my first meal, I pointed to a picture on a menu, thinking it was chicken or pork. I could feel the eyes gazing at this silly American, the only person in the restaurant, trying to figure out what to do with his appetizers



and struggling to hold chopsticks correctly. While I ate, a little translation helped me to realize I was in fact eating squid (a surprise, yes, but it was pretty tasty).

I took some time to explore the history of the city. I began with the Bell Tower & Drum Tower, two ancient buildings that were used to signal time & approaching enemies when Xi'an's Ming dynasty ruled over China. Next: the "Great Mosque"-one of the oldest & largest mosques in China, providing a setting for Muslims to pray for over 1,250 years. Afterwards, I biked the 8-mile city wall, the most preserved city wall in China, also from the Ming dynasty. It was fascinating to see history come alive in these ancient relics. (continued next week)

REGISTER RECEIPTS

As you shop this holiday season, don't forget to turn in your ACME Register Receipts to Jack Sproul. Thanks for all your support!

Reception Committee		Program	
Date	Chairperson	Greeter	Speaker/Subject
October 30	Dale Moppert	Jack Sproul	Happy Halloween!
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
November 20	John Schlesinger	Sally Holub	Rotary International — Flu Shots —
November 27	Thanksgiving - No Meeting		

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.

This month's board meeting will be held on October 14 at noon at the Little Inn.

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.

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

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Lynne Green - Social Committee

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Fantasy Auction

Executive Secretary - Don Bak

Recording Secretary & Medium Editor -

Courtney Ballauer

MEET OUR MEMBERS

William K. Davis:

Bill Davis joined the club in 1996. He joined for the fellowship, and to do good things for the people in our area. Bill grew up in Connecticut. He attended Milford High School, Dartmouth College for his undergraduate degree, and the University of North Carolina for his Masters of Regional Planning. Bill worked on the Bucks County Planning Commission as the Community Planner, The Delaware County Planning Department as an Assistant Director and Director. From 1975–1990, he was with BCM Engineers. Bill and his wife Olie have one son, William Jr., and one daughter, Helen. When asked for the things he enjoys about Rotary, Bill said, “social contact, camaraderie, new friends, and useful projects.” He has been on the information and membership committees as well as worked on various projects for our club. He would like to see the Rotary Club of Media do more of the same wonderful things.

George S. Saulnier

George Saulnier joined the Rotary Club of Media on April 1, 1960. He did so to “do good and keep up with the times.” George grew up in Media and attended MIT, and Temple Law. He was in the US Army, worked in the Naval Electronics Lab, work for Philco, and had a law practice before he retired. George has one daughter, Amy. One of the things that shows his dedication to the Rotary Club of Media was that he was the Secretary of the Club. Thank you George.

Keep turning your forms in everyone! Maybe you can be highlighted next week. Thanks!

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 610-544-7155. If you'd like to send him mail, he is at:

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

GREAT ROTARIAN?!

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

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.

Thank you for your cooperation!



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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!