

## THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD

Written by Brandon Johnson, our Ambassadorial Scholar.

Tuesday,  
July 8, 2008, 12:04  
**X'ian - Just One Day**  
X'ian, Shaanxi, China

(continued from last week)

*Culturally, I witnessed some of the quintessential Chinese culture portrayed by Hollywood that we often wonder, "Is that really true?" I saw rice fields, bicycle powered rickshaws and people carrying umbrellas to shade the sun. I had my first Chinese shopping experience, as I played the bargaining "game" for a digital watch. I ventured unknowingly into a gaming center, where hoards of teenagers mesmerizing played video games amidst endless rows of computer cubicles. And there were a few*



*hints of American cultural "gems," with Starbucks and McDonalds frequenting street corners.*

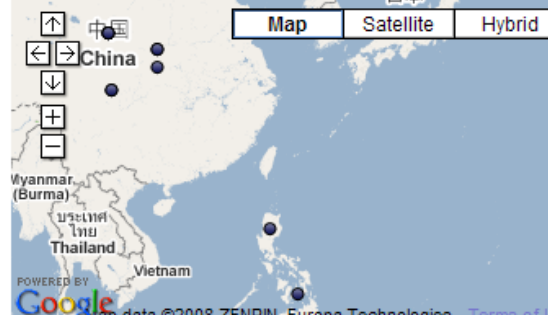
*Towards the end of the day, a combination of jet-lag fatigue, loneliness from lack of human connection and frustration hit me. Despite the discontent, hunger*

*compelled me to again brave the streets. As I trekked the pedestrian-packed "Muslim Quarter," the disarray overwhelmed me. I wanted to*

*order food, but my limited communication tool of pointing was no longer useful because the outdoor grills required you to choose a combination of meats, sauces and vegetables-most of which were all foreign to me. Finally I set aside my fear and approached a stand. After attempting some broken Chinese, the owner sat me down and fed me an assortment of*

*delicious roasted beef kebab, dumpling soup, vegetable paomo and plum juice—all for less than \$3! As I enjoyed the meal, goofily nodding and smiling at the staff, the children began to grab and read my list of Chinese translations. And I couldn't help but laugh—how silly it was to fear such a simple task!*

*Phew. I expect many of my upcoming days will be much of*



*the same—confusion and excitement intermingled to create prime learning experiences. For the next three days, I will be training for my teaching job, after which I will travel to Ankang to begin that new venture. Once I am settled in Ankang, I will likely set up a blog so you can track my experiences. But for now, I'm going to bed. Zaijian!*



### 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
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		
December 4	Fran Smith	Jeff Smith	Seasonal Message - Rabbi Kaplan



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 November 18 due to the Veterans Day Parade.***

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)

Club Officers 2008-2009

Barbara Laurenzi - President

Ken Delmar - President Elect

Carole McMahon - Vice President

Andy Hunt - Secretary

Jack Sproul - Treasurer

Nancy Geisel - Past President

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Walt Hill

Sally Holub

Bill Strine

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Jonathan Becker- Gundaker Foundation

Tom Gibson - Club Administration

Bill Strine - Club Membership

John Schlesinger - Public Relations

Nancy Geisel - Past President

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 -

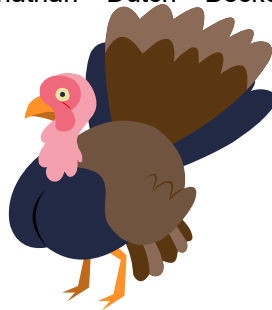
Courtney Ballauer

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

November is a time to give thanks and acknowledgement. Let's acknowledge a few Rotarians who celebrate their birthdays this month.

Happy Birthday to you,  
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Happy Birthday Rotarians,  
Happy Birthday to you!

November 4	Virginia Falkenbach
November 6	Jay Thomas
November 9	Nick Lippincott
November 24	Ken Delmar
November 25	Jim Thomas
November 26	Jonathan "Dutch" Becker



## 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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The Medium

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Service Above Self

- George A. Albany, III - Banking, Savings Bank
- Teresa Angarita - Construction Company
- Don Bak - Architect
- Courtney Ballauer - Community Health
- Edward J. Beadle - Dentist
- Lewis B. Beatty, Jr. - Law-Probate
- Jonathan Becker - Estate Attorney
- David L. Belanger - Library Administration
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- Mike Boettcher - Surf Shop-Retail Manufacturing
- Valarie Bradley - Real Estate Inspections
- Marcus Brettschneider - Packaging
- Martin Brian - Pharmacist
- Jeffry Cadorette - Property Management
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- George Cristoforidis - Home Health Care Equipment
- Bruce Clark - Municipal Manager
- Jim Clyma - Real Estate-Commercial
- William K. Davis - Community Planner

CLASSIFICATIONS

- Kenneth Delmar - Plastics, Packaging
- Robert L. Dimond - Veterans Affairs
- Michele Edgcumbe - Non Profit Director
- Robert W. Edmondson -
- Al L. Elko - Accounting-CPA
- Virginia Falkenbach - Computer - Web Design
- Nancy A. Geisel - Real Estate - Sales
- Michael Gibbons - Music Producer
- Tom Gibson - Public Relations
- Ellen Gorby - Salon/Spa
- Lynne L. Green - Realtor Leasing
- Tom H. Gregory - Printing - Quick Copy
- William S. Gross - Retail Men's Clothing
- Karin Gustafson - Advertising/Promotion
- Ted Hadley - HONORARY
- Rosemarie Halt - Pharmacist
- Stanley T. Hibberd - Casualty Insurance
- O. Warren Higgins - Law-Retired
- Walton B. Hill - Education-Technical College
- Sally Holub - Magazine
- John Hontz - Education-Music
- Andrew Hunt - Investment Representative
- Peter E. Irish - Automotive Sales/Leasing
- Eugene L. Kane - Medicine-Optometrist
- Alex E. Karkenny - Stock Broker
- Denise Kerr - School Superintendent
- Reverend Robert Kesel - Clergy-Presbyterian
- Joseph Kleschick - Ship Building
- Terrance A. Kline - Law
- Pat Kosinski - Non Profit Director
- Jim Larsen - In-Home Senior Care
- Barbara Laurenzi - Banking-Business Banking
- Nicholas Lippincott - Law-Litigation
- Peter A. Mardinly - Law-Tax
- Lori Markusfeld - Fundraising
- Carole McMahon - Home Healthcare
- Victor A. Menghetti, Sr. - Veterinarian-HONORARY
- Bryan Messick - Banking
- 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
- George S. Saulnier - Law
- John J. Schlesinger - School Administrator
- Mollie Shiflet - O'Brien - Law-Real Estate
- Dennis Slostad - Architect-Commercial
- Fran Smith - Insurance Consultant
- Jeffrey A. Smith - Borough Manager
- Warren D. Smith - Dental Laboratory
- Larry V. Smoose - Clergy
- Jack Sproul - Laundry-Coin Op
- Robert L. Stahl - Decorator
- Linda E. Stone - Commercial Banking
- Walter Strine, Sr. - HONORARY
- William B. Strine - Engineer-Consultant
- James W. Thomas - Springfield Ford, Inc.
- Jay A. Thomas - Automobile-Retail
- Greg Torre - Alarm Service
- William Tyson - Oil Refining
- John D. Vairo - Higher Education Administration
- Lawrence Weathers, III - Auto-Leasing, Sales, Service, Parts
- Bob Wetzel - Higher Education-Development
- Mark Whitehead - Education
- 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!