

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD

Written by Brandon Johnson, our Ambassadorial Scholar.

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A Trial of Wills - Hua Shan Mountain

Hua Shan Mountain, China

(continued from last week)

9:00 PM: *I can't believe it's only been an hour. Time seems to suspend itself on this hike. The steps are infinitely steeper now, as short as the width of my feet. Scaling the stairwells, I use my arms to hoist me upwards by the chain-link handrails. Nearly every ten steps forces a rest. I think of my family.*

I rest at a home. The storeowner invites me to sit, points to where I am on the map. A hodgepodge of hikers, young and old converse loudly. I can comprehend only their laughter and their huffs and puffs. I smile, not, laugh, and use my preschool Chinese phrases to show I am trying.

Go again!

10:30 PM: *I don't need a break right now, but I can't help but stop. I am reclining upon a rock*

as I stare into the night. Bird chirps and from peeps echo off the mountains; voices of fellow night-trekkers intermittently float through the air. A distant full moon peeks

through tiny silver streaks of clouds. I breath in a fresh, clean breeze. Tranquility in its purest form.

I gaze at the mountain in front of me. It looks like Paul Bunyun, supersized, fast asleep, Black, curly hair, a fluffy logger's beard,

wrinkles sculpt his forehead, and an arm slouches, creasing his shirt. Fast asleep, silent, at peace.

I can't help but wonder, What if this were it? What if these were my last moments on earth? Well, before I passed, there would be one last-minute request:

Think about me and smile. Laugh at my memorial. Remember trampolines, yearbooks, the Outer Banks. But most importantly, don't let my messages die. Nourish them forever, carry on the legacy I adopted from others. Do all you can to continue their spread. Enjoy



life. Serve others. Be happy. And love, love, love. Find it in everything, harness it, keep it, never let it escape. A life without perpetual love is a life not worth living.

Onward!

(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
December 18	Jack Sproul	Evelyn Preising	Penncrest High School Ambassador Choir
December 25	— Christmas — no meeting		
January 1	— New Years Day —no meeting		
January 8	George Albany	Teresa Angarita	Club Assembly
January 15	Lew Beatty	Ed Beadle	Group Study Exchange—Nick Fortunato
January 22	Jonathan Becker	David Belanger	Spanish Exchange Student—Moniica Bautista Sanchez

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.

Media Rotary Foundation Meetings – 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
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.

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

DAVE PERGRIN

One of our Honorary Members, Dave Pergrin has been asking about us. If anyone would like to contact him, he would love to hear from fellow Rotarians. His contact information is:
313 Luther Drive
Shrewsbury, Pennsylvania, 17361

MEMBERSHIP DATES

Our club board recommends (1) that the 3rd Thursday of each month be Membership Day (with a few minutes to talk about what it's like to be a Rotarian); (2) that the Rotary Information sessions for new members be held each month on

the Thursday following the board meeting (allowing for prospective new members names to be placed in *The Medium* with enough time for the 7-Day Notice); (3) that new member induction day be the 4th Thursday of each month.

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 Shifflet-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

Club Officers 2008-2009

President - Barbara Laurenzi

President Elect - Ken Delmar

Vice President - Carole McMahon

Secretary - Andy Hunt

Treasurer - Jack Sproul

Sergeant-at-Arms - Ted Pleibel, III

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Ed Beadle - Jonathan Becker

Tom Gibson - Tom Gregory

Rosemarie Halt - Jack Hontz

Bryan Messick - Penelope Reed

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Committee Chairs

Club Administration - Tom Gibson

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Public Relations - John Schlesinger

Service Projects - Bryan Messick

Rotary Foundation - Penelope Reed

Gundaker Foundation - Jonathan Becker

Media Foundation Liaison - Nancy Geisel

Program/Vocational - Ken Delmar

Rotary Information - Tony Cavaliere

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Auction - Courtney Ballauer/Jackie

Woolfall

Media Rotary Foundation

PO Box 2028, Media, PA 19063

President - Jackie Woolfall

Vice President - Tom Hibberd

Secretary - Lori Markusfeld

Treasurer - Bob Dimond

Board Members

Bill Davis - Walt Hill

Sally Holub - Bill Strine

Website: www.mediarotary.org

"Service Above Self"

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT ROTARY CLUB OF MEDIA

The Nominating Committee has nominated the following members to serve in the designated Club Offices for the Rotary Year 2009-2010:

- President - Kenneth Delmar
- President Elect - Carole McMahon
- Vice President - Andy Hunt
- Secretary - Brian Messick
- Treasurer - Jack Sproul
- Sergeant at Arms - Ted Pleibel, III

Board of Directors for a 3-year term from 7/01/09 to 6/30/12 are:

- Dennis Slostad
- Anthony Cavaliere
- Jonathan Becker

Election for the aforesaid Officers and Directions will be held at the Club Meeting on Thursday, January 15, 2009 at which time other nominations for the above Officers and Directors may be made from the floor.

PLEASE HELP!

The Umberger family of Media had a fire in their home over this past weekend and all of the kids Christmas toys were ruined in 4-inches of water. Their home is also unlivable.

Today, we will be collecting toys and holiday items for the Umberger family. Below are the ages of the children. Let's do what we can to help these children have a happy holiday!!! Toys or gift cards are what we are looking for. Thank you.

Mark & Carol Umberger	Children:	
68 Barren Rd.	boy 16	girl 6
Media PA	girl 4	boy 2
610-742-3278		

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.

MINI MEDIUM - HOLIDAY ECHOES

By TOM GIBSON

If you're reading this, you probably didn't attend our Club's December 10 special evening at the Hedge-row Theatre. I can make that statement since by my count, less than 20 of our members showed up. Too bad...most of you missed a fine affair that benefited

Rotary's Rotaplast program. Attendees enjoyed a delicious reception that included a variety of tasty hors d'oeuvres, wine, and intermission dessert and coffee. Then came a fine production of *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens adapted by Nagle Jackson.

Fortunately, the Rotary members present also brought along many friends and family members, so we will be able to help a future Rotaplast mission to China next year. For your information, Jeff Cadorette got into the act, literally. He had a none-speaking role as one of the local citizens, drifting on and off the stage in both acts, sort of like one of the three ghosts of Christmas past, present, and future. However, Jeff did offer a few words about Rotary's many international programs during intermission. Hedgerow's "head," fellow member Penny Reed, also made some remarks along with being a delightful hostess. You should have been there.

Our December 11 luncheon meeting also had a holiday connection as our own George Albany gave us some background about Belschnikel, a nasty Christmas-season character from Germany. It seems Belschnikel frightened all the German children into being good and giving. George reported that Mr. Nasty would scratch his fingernails on window panes and knock on doors in the dead of night. At that, there was loud knocking on our dining room door, and Belschnikel burst into the room (a Hedgerow actor in costume and dirty face, courtesy of Penny Reed). Sneering and hat-in-hand for a collection plate, Mr. Nasty went around the room "extracting" money for some charity. The character was probably from Congress after bailout funds. Humbug! Oh, well, as Tiny Tim would say: "God bless us, everyone."



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!



CLUB MEMBERS & CLASSIFICATIONS

The Medium
Editor: Courtney Ballauer
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- 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
- Joseph S. Bodalski - Financial Consultant
- Mike Boettcher - Surf Shop-Retail Manufacturing
- Valarie Bradley - Real Estate Inspections
- Marcus Brettschneider - Packaging
- Martin Brian - Pharmacist
- Jeffry Cadorette - Property Management
- Anthony Cavaliere - Banking
- George Cristoforidis - Home Health Care Equipment
- Bruce Clark - Municipal Manager
- Jim Clyma - Real Estate-Commercial
- William K. Davis - Community Planner
- Kenneth Delmar - Plastics, Packaging
- Robert L. Dimond - Veterans Affairs

- 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
- 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
- Bryan Messick - Banking
- Dale Moppert - Bank-Retail
- Ted Pleibel, III - Sign Maker
- Evelyn Preising, MA - Non-Profit Director

- Penelope Reed - Theater
- Dennis Rehrig - Med-Chiropractor
- 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
- 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

- Honorary Members:
- Ted Hadley
 - Victor A. Menghetti, Sr - Veterinarian
 - David E. Pergrin
 - Walter Strine, Sr.

DONATIONS

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

50/50 GIFTS

TO THE 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

Dear the Rotary Club of Media Members,

At the November 20th club meeting, I gave a presentation about the importance of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International in our community and our world. Each of you by now should have received a letter from PDG Russ DeFuria and District Annual Giving Chair Bob Edge asking for your support and with instructions about how to make your gift to The Rotary Foundation. If you did not receive that mailing or have any question at all about how to make your contribution, please don't hesitate to contact me.

If you were not at the November 20th meeting, the club Board of Director's and several club Rotarians have made available 20,000 recognition points as a challenge match to your gift to the Rotary Foundation. Each recognition point is equal to a dollar in allowing you to reach your first or your multiple Paul Harris Fellow designation. If you wish to take advantage of that challenge match, please make out your check to The Rotary Foundation and get it to me at the address below. I will fill in the appropriate paperwork for you to transfer the correct number of recognition points to you.

If you have any questions about where you currently stand relative to your giving history with the Foundation let me know.

Thanks in advance for your support of The Rotary Foundation. Millions and millions of children and families in our community and around the globe are counting on you.

Sincerely, Jeff Cadorette, PDG

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 more exciting!