

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD

Written by Brandon Johnson, our Ambassadorial Scholar.

Saturday, July 20, 2008, 15:03
A Trial of Wills - Hua Shan Mountain
 Hua Shan Mountain, China

(continued from last meeting)



11:30 PM: I am in near complete isolation. Sitting on a bench, marveling at shadows. A couple startles me as they wander by. The breeze is cooler now. As I walk, I see other mountain pioneers lying in deformed positions on hard concrete, blanketed by heavy coats. I look forward to those cold slabs.

I can't sit for long or my body will shut down. I must keep moving.

12:15 AM: Terror consumes me inside the forest. The moon's bright light vanishes under the canopy. Utter darkness. Wind fabricating menacing sounds that rotate my flashlight 360 degrees.

So I've decided to sit in it. Let it

consume me. Conquer it. Fear is merely a product of the mind. Don't be afraid. The unknown is what makes our world so exciting.

Go again.

1:00 AM: I've made it, but satisfaction is eclipsed by threat. Beyond, a foreboding thunderstorm. Lightning blotches segments of clouds. No thunder yet, so it is far; but I can see it approaching. Nature jeering at human insignificance.

Panic sets in. Standing at the highest peak in the area, over a mile in the sky, civilization is not reckless enough to colonize this land. My adrenaline rushes; worry absorbs me. Does lightning strike this high? Could the storm pass? What structures can provide safety? I am far from finished this journey.

I bolt. Down, down, down. A race against nature. Don't stop. As far as you can. Where to stay? The last hostel was forty-five minutes ago; last building at least a half-hour. A cave? An abandoned ruin? I stop. An outhouse. Filthy, wet, small. Thunder cracks. I go inside.

2:00 AM: Crouching. Listening. Waiting. Intense downpours accompanied by rumbles so loud they shake the walls. Half mesmerized by the power, the beauty... flashes so bright, so blinding; and half consumed by future's unpredictability. Hold on.

I sit on a plastic bag, between two holes in the ground, trying desperately not to touch the floor, sheltering my nose with my bag. Darkness heightens my senses. Crack. My feet are losing circulation; my back in in pain. I can only rest my eyes; sleep isn't possible. Just wait. Wait. Wait. Wait.

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REGISTER RECEIPTS

As you shop for the new year, 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
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 - Monica Bautista Sanchez
January 29	Joe Bodalski	Mike Boettcher	Wind Energy - Andrew Voris
February 5	Valarie Bradley	Martin Brian	NFL Chiefs & Eagles - Len Burnham

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.

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

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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

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Service Projects - Bryan Messick

Rotary Foundation - Penelope Reed

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Rotary Information - Tony Cavaliere

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Media Rotary Foundation

PO Box 2028, Media, PA 19063

President - Jackie Woolfall

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Treasurer - Bob Dimond

Board Members

Bill Davis - Walt Hill

Sally Holub - Bill Strine

Website: www.mediarotary.org

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 Directors 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.

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Rotary Clubs Raise Funds For Underprivileged Children



Above, pictured with the "Answered Prayers" quilt are (from left) Barbara Laurenzi, president of the Rotary Club of Media; Dede Carruthers of the Rotary Club of Greater West Chester Sunrise; Rosalie Wells, president of the Rotary Club of West Grove/Avondale; Hedgerow Theatre's Producing Artistic Director Penelope Reed and Jeffry Cadorette of the Rotary Club of Media. Proceeds from the raffle will benefit underprivileged children with cleft palate.

The Rotary Club of Media held a benefit at Hedgerow Theatre recently.

Attendees enjoyed a pre-show reception and performance of "A Christmas Caro," with proceeds going to support the Rotary's Rotoplast program, which provides free constructive surgery and treatment for underprivileged children born with cleft lip and cleft palate.

Dede Carruthers of the

Rotary Club of Greater West Chester Sunrise presented a short slide show and spoke about the Rotoplast program prior to the performance. She thanked attendees for working to "save smiles and change lives," and noted that without the program, children born with cleft palate in less-developed countries "would have no hope of an ordinary life."

A handmade, queen-size

Amish quilt entitled "Answered Prayers" was also on display at the reception. The quilt will be raffled off April 19. Chances are \$5 or three for \$10 and the public can enter the raffle by emailing Carruthers at dcarruthers@novasavingsbank.com. All raffle proceeds will also support the Rotoplast program.

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 Magnetic 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!

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 an family activity or attending an event please call Rosemarie Halt at 610-892-0665 or the Race family directly at 610-565-7990.



CLUB MEMBERS & CLASSIFICATIONS

The Medium
Editor: Courtney Ballauer
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George A. Albany, III - Banking, Savings Bank
Teresa Angarita - Construction Company
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Edward J. Beadle - Dentist
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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
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

Al L. Elko - Accounting-CPA
Virginia Falkenbach - Computer - Web Design
Nancy A. Geisel - Real Estate - Sales
Michael Gibbons - Music Producer
Tom Gibson - Public Relations
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Walton B. Hill - Education-Technical College
Sally Holub - Magazine
John Hontz - Education-Music
Andrew Hunt - Investment Representative
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Eugene L. Kane - Medicine-Optometrist
Alex E. Karkenny - Stock Broker
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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
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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!