

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD

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Ambassadorial Scholar.

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A Trial of Wills - Hua Shan Mountain
Hua Shan Mountain, China

(continued from last meeting)

3:30 AM: Pool lifeguard rules: I

haven't heard thunder
for over 45 minutes. I
open the door, like a
prisoner emerging from
the hole, only to
return to his cell.
Darkness, rain
cascading. I walk ten
minutes, to a giant
rock overhang. A
concrete landing
beneath; the rock
protects me from the
rain. An icy, wet wind; I bundle up
best I can. A sheet as a blanket, by
bookbag as a pillow. Sleep rushes in.

5:00 AM: Several hours ago, death
loomed on this peak; now, brilliance
is its gift. I sit; marvel at the
sunrise. Bright, fiery red-orange;
crayon yellow; brilliant tangerine; all
enclosed in a small streak in the
sky. Small, like a wound starting to
heal. Slowly the colors merge with
the cotton-ball clouds, a light, subtle
pink ascending, the sun's rays
inflating the sky. The mountain's
reward. Relief.

8:00 AM: Daylight on Hua Shan, and
it is majestic. Vast expanses of
mountains, green and beige, scraping
the sky. Sauntering forever, as if
frozen in a parade, their booming
march silenced in time.

At every stop, lockets
affixed to the links in
the chain and faded
red ribbons freely
flowing in the breeze.
Chinese tradition
encourages lovers to
inscribe their initials
on a locket and



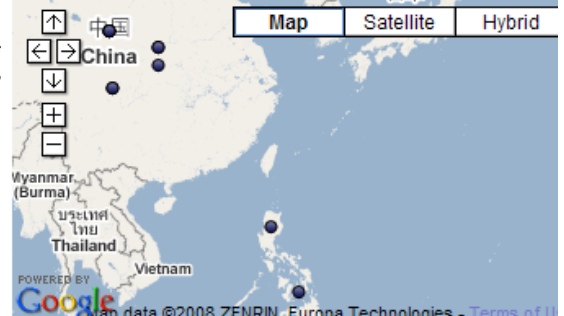
leave
it on Hua Shan,
signifying undying love
for one another.

You know the cloud
game, where you try
to find the shape? I
am playing that with
the mountains. I see
a village. Some
walking; others sitting.

A group huddled
together, creating a strategy for
football. A mother cuddles her
newborn, students sit attentively in a
classroom, ancestral grandparents
watch over from beyond.

When was the last time you played
the cloud game?

3:00 PM: I have ascended each of
the main peaks, hiked down the
mountain, and am now on the bus
ride home. Climbing down was vastly
different. Hoards of climbers, going up
an ddown, packed tight like summer
lines in Disney World. Most
impressive are the aged Chinese men
trekking the mountain with sticks
balanced on their shoulders,
precariously carrying food, toiletries
and other essentials for the stores
and homes along the mountain path.
Daily adventures, putting us novices



to shame.

For a while, I walk in the clouds, their
cool condensation refreshing my tired
body.

The last four kilometers of the hike are
excruciating: I can barely even hold
myself up. I begin to name my family
and friends out loud, sing songs, try to
encourage myself. Mind over body. I try
running the hills to speed it along, but
it doesn't take me far and only worsens
my condition. Each minute drags
agonizingly. At every corner, I think I
see the end, only to be fooled by
another twist in the road. Finally, I
approach the bottom. Staring blankly at
emptiness, I wait for the bus.

An adventure of a lifetime, ups and
downs, peril and beauty, a trial of wills.
Spirits conquered, lessons learned. But
all to reflect upon after sleep.
Goodnight.

(continued next week)

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 15	Lew Beatty	Ed Beadle	Group Study Exchange - Nick Fortunato
January 22	Jonathan Becker	David Belanger	Chester City Team - Jill Davis
January 29	Joe Bodalski	Mike Boettcher	Wind Energy - Andrew Voris
February 5	Valarie Bradley	Martin Brian	NFL Chiefs & Eagles - Len Burnham
February 12	Tony Cavaliere	George Christofordis	Spanish Exchange Student - Monica Bautista

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 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

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
Past President - Nancy Geisel

Board Members

Ed Beadle - Jonathan Becker
Tom Gibson - Tom Gregory
Rosemarie Halt - Jack Hontz
Bryan Messick - Penelope Reed
John Schlesinger

Committee Chairs

Club Administration - Tom Gibson
Membership - Pat Kosinski
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
Social/Sunshine - Lynne Green
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

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 McMahan

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.

NEW ADVENTURE FOR 2009

For the past two years or so, we have been collecting old and unwanted cell phones. We then donated those old phones and made some money for the club. At yesterday's Board Meeting, we discussed a new avenue: CD's! While we will still take your old phones for the next two weeks, we will be turning out attention to old CD's. Do you have a Billy Joel album you don't listen to anymore? How about that soundtrack to that movie you hate? Don't throw those away. Donate them at a Thursday meeting. We will be collecting these disc's and selling them to Jack Sproul's son. This ingenious business man lists all the used CD's online and runs his business over the internet. Brilliant! So, let's bring in a few old CD's and make a few dollars for the club.



CHOCOLATE DAY



Everybody loves chocolate, right? So, let's get the troops ready for Valentines Day. Next week, we will be collecting chocolate to send overseas. Of course we will still take the regular donations (see back page), but bring in a chocolate bar and sweeten someone's holiday.

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

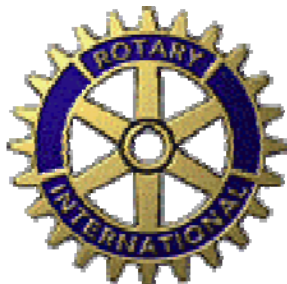
Phones must be on vibrate - \$10 charge if they ring.

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
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

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.
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!