

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD

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Gambling Chinese Cuisines
Ankang, China

(continued from last meeting)

(Updated, second tour of cuisines)

7/30/08: My First Home-Cooked Meal. My manager graciously invited me to his place for dinner. The table offered an array of tasty dishes: pork with a tangy sauce, a mound of spicy Chinese vegetables, gourmet tofu in a caviar-like texture, vegetable soup and duck feet. Although rather bony, the duck's feet were quite tasty!



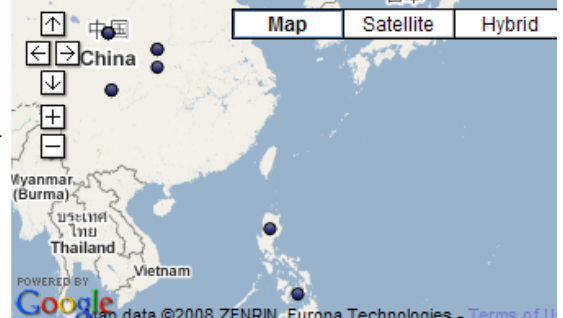
8/2/08: Jiaozi. I entered a restaurant in Chengdu, apparently well known for its famous Sichuan dish Jiaozi, and was instantly reminded of the Philadelphia legends Pat's & Geno's. The small hole-in-the-wall was lined with bolted tables & stools and bare white walls. I paid \$0.75 at the register, took my receipt to the back window and squeezed into the small mob of hungry Chinese. In the back, cooks in greasy aprons and white hats scurried, balancing bowls as they slopped on spice and toppings and let the sauce drip on the sides, stacking piles of this small, crepe-like

deliciousness onto trays, and carrying them to the window, where frenzied mobs of Chinese lunged for their bowl. I splurged and ordered a second.

8/9/08: Chinese Mini-Bar. While in

Zhengzhou, I joined the locals at an iffy outdoor vendor. Here, small bars cooked skewered meats and vegetables in trays of boiling stew. I crouched on a child-size stool, chose my own sampling of skewers, glopped sauce and spice on top, and mixed it all with my bowl of Ramen noodles. The oddest-looking cuisines resembled sponges, Mexican tamales, hot dogs and pink meatballs, but tasted nothing like they looked. In fact, the food was pretty disgusting, and I was certain I had acquired food poisoning. Luckily, I survived unscathed.

8/10/08: A Western Indulgence. I am ashamed. Yearning for mom's homecooking, I resorted to the next best thing I could find: McDonalds & KFC. The result was, as usual, disappointingly boring. The food is no different from our homeland's, and it is every bit as dissatisfying. The most interesting difference lies in the prices: these fast-food joints are expensive. Meals cost upwards of 25RMB (\$3.50), a huge leap from the common 7RMB (\$1) dinner platters. Although it's still cheap for me, it's an extravagance for the Chinese. But it seems to be worth it, as the stores are so packed you must wait for a seat. Oh, and KFC serves its



chicken on skewers.

8/14/08: Giant Bowl of Soup. Felling brave, I ventured into a new, upscale-looking restaurant. I used my terrible Chinese to mutter: "I want delicious and small." After much confusion, which included a customer phoning her English-speaking friend and passing the mobile to me, hoping he would act as a liaison for ordering food (although she didn't really tell her friend why he was talking to this foreigner), the waitress finally took it upon herself to order my meal (a heroic and appreciated task). After about 10 minutes, she reentered the room with this gigantic steaming basin of fish stew. It was literally enough to feed a whole family, with



leftovers. I tried my best to down the monster bowl, picking out fins and fish eyes, while watching Olympics basketball on the tube. Although pricey (\$7), it was tasty — and healthy!

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Reception Committee			Program
Date	Chairperson	Greeter	Speaker/Subject
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
February 19	Bruce Clark	Jim Clyma	Voice of the Philadelphia Flyers - Steve Coates — Students of the Month —
February 26	Ken Delmar	Bob Dimond	Rotoplast - Rosalie Wells

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
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President - Barbara Laurenzi
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

♪ Happy Birthday to You ♪ Happy Birthday to You ♪
♪ Happy Birthday Rotarians ♪ Happy Birthday to You! ♪



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| 01/02 - Ted Pleibel | 01/18 - Warren Smith |
| 01/08 - Walter Strine, Sr.
Bill Tyson | 01/21 - Courtney Ballauer |
| 01/10 - Theresa Angarita | 01/22 - Evelyn Preising |
| 01/13 - Fran Smith | 01/26 - Jim Larsen |

Rotary - Group Study Exchange committee is in urgent need of qualified applicants

Hello Fellow Rotarians,

The **Group Study Exchange committee is in urgent need of qualified applicants** for team member positions for the upcoming exchange with District 3830 of the Philippines.

The exchange is scheduled for March 15 to April 11, 2009.

We currently have only one application for four positions. Several of you have expressed interest in passing along information to interested parties and we appreciate your efforts.

If you know of any potential candidates, (non- Rotarian, employed 2 years full time, live or work within District 7450, between the ages of 25-40, citizen of the United States), please have them either visit the district website (www.rotary7450.org) for information or they can contact me at karen.strawhacker@comcast.net.

On the district website there is a sample press release regarding recruitment if you so desire to publish in a media venue.

If a team is not complete the exchange with District 3830 is in danger of being cancelled.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter,

District 7450 Group Study Exchange Committee

Karen Strawhacker, Chair

karen.strawhacker@comcast.net

215-646-5531 (H), 215-885-1100 (W)

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.

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!



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
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- 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
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- 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
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- Karin Gustafson - Advertising/Promotion
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- 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
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- William B. Strine - Engineer-Consultant
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- William Tyson - Oil Refining
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- 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.

7-Day Notice

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Sylvia Bastani, George Beebe,
Richard Harding, Joseph Maylish

DONATIONS TO THE VFW THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

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

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!