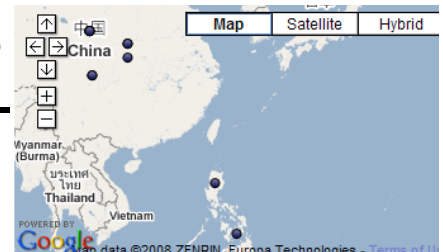




THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD



Written by Brandon Johnson,
our Ambassadorial Scholar.

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August 2, 2008
Ear-Cleaning in Chengdu
Chengdu, Sichuan, China

I think the strangest experience in Chengdu was my professional ear-cleaning.

When I arrived in Chengdu, my first errand was to find a map. That took me four hours. Much to my astonishment, only a small minority of hotels actually carry English maps, and the ones they do have are quite inadequate. Nevertheless, luck finally directed me to a concierge at the Sheraton who graciously offered a wallet-sized map—by this point, I'd have taken anything—and I was on my way! Chengdu, like most

Chinese cities has a crossbred personality of modern development and time honored culture. With the ubiquitous urban shopping malls and soaring corporate complexes, its charming teahouses and secluded parks provide a welcomed escape from normal city life. The central square epitomizes the assimilation of then and now. Landscaped with geometrical flowerbeds and artificial ponds in a harmonious feng shui-style, it also boasts a monument of Mao ZeDong—the communist revolution leader—where Chinese tourists excitedly snap photos of the Chinese legend. Nearby, People's Park's tranquility stems from its serene waters, ancient-style pavilions, shaded walkways and courses of cicadas muffling the city's outside racket. On weekends, mediocre

bands of trumpets, violins and keyboards perform Chinese folk tunes, with adult crowds doing work-out routines, dancing with their mates, or just relaxing at the free performances while cooling themselves with their Chinese paper fans. The park's center encloses a charming outdoor teahouse, complete with rickety wooden chairs and bestowing eternal fountains of tea. On my first day, my music-loving ears lured me towards this teahouse. Surrounding a table in the back, a group of elderly men and women were leisurely resting as amateur musicians strummed tunes on the Chinese violin, banjo and percussion

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CELEBRATE LITERACY

Rotary Literacy Month highlights literacy and education issues around the world. Celebrated in March each year, Rotary Literacy Month is an excellent opportunity for Rotary clubs and districts to raise awareness about literacy, launch new literacy initiatives and projects, and recognize literacy accomplishments from the past

year. Rotarians everywhere are encouraged to participate in Rotary Literacy Month by engaging in service or activities that specifically address literacy and education issues either in their communities or abroad.

Rotary clubs and districts celebrate Rotary Literacy Month in many different ways. Some

clubs invite speakers to discuss literacy and education issues that are important to their communities, come clubs plan literacy and education related service activities, and other clubs plan large community campaigns to encourage literacy.

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| Reception Committee | | | Program |
|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|---|
| Date | Chairperson | Greeter | Speaker/Subject |
| March 5 | Gene Kane | Jeff Cadorette | Life Line Health Screening |
| March 12 | Virginia Falkenbach | Tom Gibson | Cara School of Irish Dancing |
| March 19 | Ellen Gorby | Lynne Green | Classification Talks |
| March 26 | Tom Gregory | Karin Gustafson | District Magistrate - Staphanie Klein — <i>Students of the Month</i> — |

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.

Note: We will hold our meeting upstairs in the Tiffany Room on April 23, 2009

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:

800 Bollinger Drive, Zimmerman Place, Room 138
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
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Secretary - Andy Hunt
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Past President - Nancy Geisel
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Ed Beadle - Jonathan Becker
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Rosemarie Halt - Jack Hontz
Bryan Messick - Penelope Reed
John Schlesinger

Committee Chairs

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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

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Treasurer - Bob Dimond
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Bill Davis - Walt Hill
Sally Holub - Bill Strine

Website: www.mediarotary.org

"Service Above Self"

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sticks, keepign to a vocalist's impromptu melody. Shrill tones glided up and down, pacing between rapid and leisurely tempos, all created a fun, folksy atmosphere. I ordered a cup of jasmine tea and casually sat with the group, partially separated but not quite shunned from the informal gathering.

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GREAT ROTARIAN?!

Know someone who would make a great Rotarian? Bring them to a meeting!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to the following Rotarians:

- March 3 - Barb Laurenzi
- March 9 - Dennis Rehrig
- Randy Winton
- March 15 - Peter Irish
- March 18 - Marcus Bretischneider
- March 24 - Jack Hontz
- March 30 - Bob Stahl



Save the Date

April 17-19, 2009

Mendenhall Inn & Longwood Gardens

District 7450 Conference
Joel Chesney, DGE
Rotary Club of Kennett at Longwood

Conference co-chairs are
Joyce Chesney, Bonnie Korengel, (610)444-7213, and Dave McKeon, (610)444-4660

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!

CELEBRATE LITERACY

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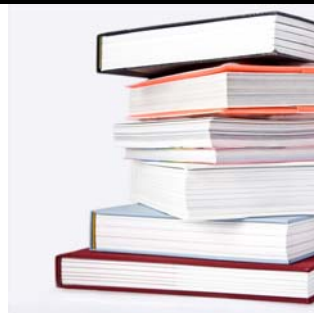
Planning is crucial and many clubs appoint a special literacy committee at the beginning of each Rotary year to plan and coordinate literacy events during Rotary Literacy Month and throughout the year.

Some ideas for Rotary Literacy Month activities include:

Raising awareness about literacy and education

Take action for literacy

Celebrate Literacy



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

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George A. Albany, III - Banking, Savings Bank
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Don Bak - Architect
Courtney Ballauer - Community Health
Sylvia Bastani - Financing/Higher Admin.
Edward J. Beadle - Dentist
Lewis B. Beatty, Jr. - Law-Probate
Jonathan Becker - Estate Attorney
George Beebe - Mortgage Broker
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
Richard Harding - Banking
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
Marvel Wilson - Heating Oil Sales
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 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

Approved Member

Joseph Maylish

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!