



THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD

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our Ambassadorial Scholar.

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Ear-Cleaning in Chengdu
Chengdu, Sichuan, China

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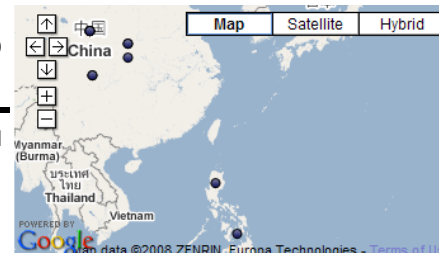
That was when I got my ears cleaned. While I was contently enjoying the music, a plump, middle-aged man approached me from behind, utterly confusing me as he pointed to two strange tools. Proceeding to thrust the long needle into my ear, he vibrated the tuning fork against it, buzzing this foreign fuzzball in my eardrum. He asked, "Feels good?" to which I nodded out of sheer ignorance and bewilderment. After he stuck a few more utensils into my ear, I deciphered his ear-cleaning

intentions and firmly stated my disinterest in Chinese: "No!" Apparently thinking I was fool enough to believe him deaf, he continued to borrow into my ear, all the while parroting: "Feels good? Feels good?" After somehow duping me into sitting down, he crept around my back, ramming my head against the seat back and began to scoop. With his deluxe set of dentist-like instruments—clawed needles, elongated picks and fuzzballs—he persistently tunneled deep into my ear, twisting and scraping, then proudly showing off big wax globs inches from my face. About twenty minutes later, after my ear felt like a gerbil had just hollowed it out, he finally finished. As he waddled to my left ear, I was quick to state I'd had enough. I paid his fee and he was

gone, cunningly searching for more fool prey. While \$2 was a bit more expensive than the adequate q-tip, it was well worth it for the story...

That evening, I hiked the city to get a taste of the nightlife. While walking back, it began to rain. Now, as many of you know, rain is my favorite weather. And as I strolled the city, droplets spattering the streets like a giant popcorn machine, I began to ponder why I love the rain. Perhaps it's the natural percussion, strumming soothing refrains on puddles, umbrellas and rooftops. Or maybe it's the rain's artistic creativity, brightly burring colors

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↑ Congratulations to Jim, Rosemarie and Tom! →

Rosalie Wells spoke about Rotoplast →



| Reception Committee | | | Program |
|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|---|
| Date | Chairperson | Greeter | Speaker/Subject |
| March 12 | Virginia Falkenbach | Tom Gibson | Cara School of Irish Dancing |
| March 19 | Ellen Gorby | Lynne Green | Chester Music Memories — <i>Classification Talk</i> — |
| March 26 | Tom Gregory | Karin Gustafson | District Magistrate - Stephanie Klein — <i>Students of the Month</i> — |
| April 2 | Rosemarie Halt | Tom Hibberd | Penncrest High School Jazz Band |

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: On April 23, 2009 will be upstairs in the Tiffany Room for our meeting.

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
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

“Service Above Self”

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of streetlamps and headlights like a
nighttime sunset on the ground. Or it
could just be the natural wonder of life’s
cycle, as the sky bathes its earth,
leaving a cool, cleansing air even in the
most polluted areas. And after the storm

subsides, the appreciation for the
sparkling beauty of a fresh earth is
always enhanced by the long wait.
After all, what would light be with
out dark.

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Students of the
Month for February



Steve Coates, Voice
of the Philadelphia
Flyers



Last week,
we heard
a
presentation
about Life
Line Health
Screenings
used to
detect the
risk for
Stroke in
any patient.



Get Ready!
Pancake Day
2009 is just
around the
corner.

Come out for
breakfast on
Saturday,
April 18.

See you
there!



We are looking for a copy of an old Media Rotary Presidential Induction Program Booklet. If you are a Past-President or worked on the program previously and have a copy of the book, please give it to Ted or Courtney. Your copy will be returned. Thank you for your help!

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
- 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

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 Members

Joseph Maylish, Cynthia McGoff

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!