



## CHESTER MUSIC MEMORIES

Enjoy reminiscing the significant history of the Chester School music programs and learning of the many graduate musicians and prominent area bands. Also included are many nationally area musicians from the South Eastern Pennsylvania area such

as Bill Haley and the Comets, Alex North, The Four Aces, and Ethel Waters, to name just a few.

The lecture source, the Chester Music Memories book, is dedicated to Mr. Robert

Vaughan, Chester High School Band Director and Director of Music for the Chester/Upland Schools, 1942-1978.

Copies of the book will be available following the presentation.

## THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD

Written by Brandon Johnson, our Ambassadorial Scholar.

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

(continued from last week)

The next night, I searched for a spot to catch authentic Sichuan cuisine (a renowned blend of sweet, sour and spice that has earned the Sichuan province worldwide prominence). I stopped at the foot of the steps to a small patio restaurant, lingering awkwardly as I waited for an invite to a table. A waiter finally came and muttered something in Chinese, to which I just blankly stared, unsure of how to respond (about 95% of my communication consists of blank stares and shrugs, aside from

the exciting bit I do comprehend, which usually ends with confusion at my poorly pronounced responses, inevitably returning the stares). By this point, every eye in the restaurant was fixated on me, anxiously awaiting the extraterrestrial foreigner's next move. At last, a young teenager rescued me from my incompetence, worked through some confusing exchanges (*Are you sure you can eat the spicy soup??*), and helped order my meal. I dumped my beef and veggie strands into the classic Sichuan "hot-pot" — a giant pot of spicy soup that boils in the middle of the table — let the food simmer to my liking, scooped it out with chopsticks, mixed it with garlic, parsley, and a sugary-salty sauce, then feasted! While I



sat there, savoring my tiny meal in the party-sized pot, a few men across the restaurant raised their beers in cheers to me. It was a welcoming warm-hearted gesture of acceptance in this vastly foreign land.



A visit to Chengdu without a trip to their famous panda sanctuary is like greeting your  
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Reception Committee			Program
Date	Chairperson	Greeter	Speaker/Subject
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
April 9	Bill Gross	Warren Higgins	US Congressman - Joe Sestak
April 16	Sally Holub	Jack Hontz	Rotary Foundation — <i>Students of the Month</i> —

The Rotary Club of Media #5492  
PO Box 522, Media, PA 19063

## CALENDAR OF EVENT

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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](http://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](mailto:pgs8@comcast.net).

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

## DAVE PERGRIN

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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

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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](http://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](http://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](http://www.mediarotary.org)

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD

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boss with a slap on the behind — you just don't do it. It's a remarkable sight, the only one of its kind, a place where the endangered animals are raised and bred in captivity, research aiming for eventual repopulation into the wild. Due to unremitting deforestation and poaching, the panda population is now less than 1000, and confined solely to the Sichuan province. Pandas are mystifying creatures: they only eat bamboo — a food very light in nourishment that compels them to eat over 40kg [88.18lbs] every day — and it is still a mystery how their ferocious, meat-eating ancestors became so docile. I sampled every age: elderly pandas, adults and cubs; but without question, the newborns were the most marvelous. These baby

pandas had just been rescued from the wild and were a mere 3 days old. They were no bigger than the size of my hand, with teen fingernails on their feet and soft, fuzzy hair growing on their pink skin. They lay on a



pink towel, motionless inside the incubator aside from an occasionally stretching of their mouse-like legs, a rare and delicate miracle of life before my very eyes. It truly was astounding to witness.



**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

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!

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

Come out for breakfast on Saturday, April 18.

See you there!



**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 a 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  
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!