



THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD

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Ear-Cleaning in Chengdu
Chengdu, Sichuan, China

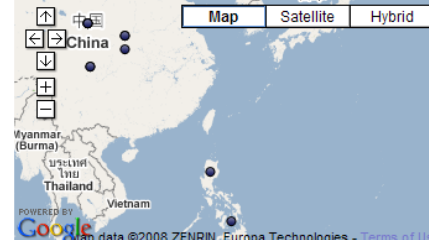
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While in the park, one sign displayed a quote that stuck with me. Normally in my writings, I embed my messages subtly, leaving interpretation to the imagination. However, I am forgoing creativity now, as I think this is just too important. My hope is that this quote will resonate with you, inspiring thought in the same way it did with me. The quote, by Baba Dioum, reads: *In the end we will conserve only what we love; we will love only what we understand; and we will understand only what we have been taught.* There is no better way to demonstrate the crucial first ingredient for making change...

You know when you're driving somewhere new, but your directions have omitted the times, leaving you clueless how long you must travel on each road, provoking worry after every five, ten, fifteen minutes, doubting your directional ability,

praying you didn't miss the turn, the clock cruelly jeering at you, panic rising as you estimate how far off-course you could have driven, until you finally spot that street, and exhale a sigh of relief, but the relief is temporary of course, lasting only until the next five minutes pass, the cycle repeating itself all over again? That's what riding on a bus in China is like.

After leaving the pandas, unaware of how to get back to Chengdu, I spontaneously hopped on the next bus, hoping it would take me closer to the city. It didn't. Landing me somewhere in the outskirts, I tracked my way onto another bus, praying it would lead inland. For forty-five minutes, I anxiously jerked my head from street signs to my inadequate map, trying to decipher Chinese gibberish that resembles newspaper anagrams, scanning over and over and over and over, until I would pinpoint a recognizable sign—eureka!—only to—ahhh!—lose my place again at the next stop. Alas, after a full hour and a half of bus rides, I finally located my destination. And I must say:



while riding a bus is a bit more arduous than hopping in a taxi, the mental workout makes it infinitely more rewarding...

Visiting Chengdu was remarkable experience, and the constant theme *patients and flexibility reveal the greatest rewards* seemed to peek through at every corner. Without a doubt, it was a cultural experience to remember. Oh, and I'm pretty sure they ripped off WaWa...



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Reception Committee			Program
Date	Chairperson	Greeter	Speaker/Subject
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> —
April 23	Andy Hunt	Larry Smoose	PA Legislator, 161st - Brian Lentz — <i>Meeting upstairs in the Tiffany Room</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: 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
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Ed Beadle - Jonathan Becker
Tom Gibson - Tom Gregory
Rosemarie Halt - Jack Hontz
Bryan Messick - Penelope Reed
John Schlesinger

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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

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



Glen Mills Rotary

Presents

AN EVENING WITH

BLACKTHORN

April 24, 2009 • 7:00PM to 11:00PM

**Pace One Restaurant
341 Thornton Road
Thornton, PA 19373**

Ticket Price: \$ 35.00
Cash Bar

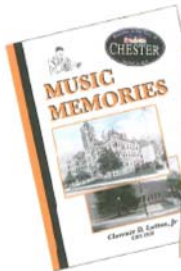
•We have a limited number of Tickets•
•Tickets must be purchased in advance•

To purchase tickets by phone –
Call: Joe – 610.358.5675 or Chris – 610.558.1154

Tickets can be purchased in person at
First Keystone Bank – 31 E. Baltimore Pike, Glen Mills
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- Chester High School Music Programs 1930-1950 Long / Ross / Zelley 1951-1978 the "renaissance" and exceptional growth under Vaughan
- 84 CHS Graduate Musicians
- 36 Chester Area Musicians & Bands
- 19 Chester School Music Educators

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!

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

Get Ready!

Pancake Day 2009 is just around the corner.

Come out for breakfast on Saturday, April 18.

See you there!



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.

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

TO THE VFW NEW ADVENTURE FOR 2009

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

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.



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!