



## THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD

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our Ambassadorial Scholar.

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**Ear-Cleaning in Chengdu**  
Chengdu, Sichuan, China

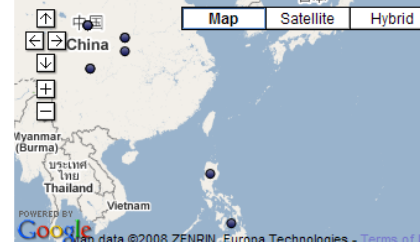
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While in the park, one sign displayed a quote that stuck with me. Normally in my writings, I embed my messages subtly, leaving interpretation to the imagination. However, I am forgoing creativity now, as I think this is just too important. My hope 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

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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)



**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

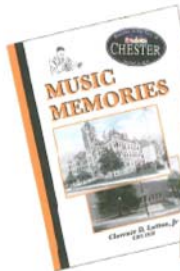
•We have a limited number of Tickets•  
•Tickets must be purchased in advance•

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  
Alliance Bank – Baltimore Pike & Brinton Lake Rd, Glen Mills

**ANNOUNCING . . .**

• A specialty, historical 234 page book with 430 photographs !



• Relive those happy days of your Chester music activities !

• A marvelous cocktail table "keepsake" !  
• An excellent gift for your children and grandchildren !

**HISTORICAL COLLECTION**  
of the

- Elementary & Jr. High Music Programs
- 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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ballauerco@mlhs.org

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!