

ROTARY IN THE NEWS



Country music legend Dolly Parton autographs a child's book on 9 March during a public ceremony, in Atlanta, USA, announcing a new collaborative relationship between Rotary International and the Dollywood Foundation's imagination Library. The partnership aims to promote early childhood reading by providing a book each month to children from birth until age five. *Photo courtesy of the Dollywood Foundation.*



Our seasoned biker drives 8,000 miles through South and Central America to witness the wonders Rotarians make happen every day.



Photo by James R. Peterson.



Sam Harris, a member of the Rotary Club of Northbrook, Illinois, USA, and board president of the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, stands in front of the museum, which celebrated its grand opening 19 April. *Photo by Joel Lerner/Kring Lerner Group.*



Indian couple pledges US\$2 million to foundation. Rajendra R. and Shubha Laxmi Chhapwale during their induction ceremony into the Arch C. Klumph Society 23 April. *Rotary Images/Monika Lozinska-Lee.*

Former Rotary World Peace Fellow Richelieu Allison recently helped construct a peace hut that's the focal point of a new park in Jendemah, Sierra Leone. *Photo courtesy of West African Youth Network.*

Ten-year-old raises money for polio eradication. Ian Schwartz with one of the displays he made about polio eradication and the money he collected from classmates. *Photo courtesy of Sherilyn Schwartz.*



Scholarship gives break to young French journalist. Alexandre Paré, a journalist in France, received a scholarship from *Le Rotarien* magazine to make a documentary film. *Rotary Images.*



Reception Committee			Program
Date	Chairperson	Greeter	Speaker/Subject
May 14	Nick Lippincott	Pete Mardinly	Civil War Sean Protas - Sergeant Cyrus Forwood
May 21	Lori Markusfeld	Bryan Messick	Classification Talks
May 28	Dale Moppert	Evelyn Preising	Crozier Keystone Village - Dean Michelson - <i>Students of the Month</i> -
June 4	Penelope Reed	Dennis Rehrig	... To Be Determined ...

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 – 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.

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
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Treasurer - Jack Sproul
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Ed Beadle - Jonathan Becker
Tom Gibson - Tom Gregory
Rosemarie Halt - Jack Hontz
open - 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

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

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD



Written by Brandon Johnson, our Ambassadorial Scholar.

August 21, 2008

Remembering Iverson Ankang, China

(continued from last week)

On that last day, Iverson handed me a bracelet of green jade stones – a special Chinese gift of friendship. In broken English, he said, *This is good luck.* I put the bracelet on, admiring its shine. He continued, *I think you always. I never forget you. I want you never forget me.* His eyes started to water, and he embraced me in a big hug. My mind clouded with shock and gratitude. And I could only smile. I had no idea I meant this much to him. I had never treated Iverson with any special attention; he was just the same as all my students. But he saw it differently. I encouraged him. I paid attention to him. I helped him believe in himself. Iverson, I don't think I could ever forget you.

My students treated me to dinner where, still choked up, they raised their glasses to me. They escorted me to my apartment, desperately

clinging to every moment they had. *Please don't forget us.* After saying our final goodbyes, I went into my apartment where my coworkers were waiting. Apparently equally dismayed by my departure, they had volunteered to help pack my clothes and accompany me to my train. So, in my last few hours in Ankang, we folded clothes, watched midnight Japanese cartoons and laughed together, before catching a three a.m. taxi to my train. They huddled outside, tears welling in their eyes, as I walked through the security gate, most likely to never see them again. And as they waved their last waves, I couldn't help but think, *It's time for me to say bye-bye...*

Emails from my students

Dear Brendon...

You are the first foreign teacher, I very like you. You make me learn a lot of things. I want to say thanks for you.

When you left that evening, I cried the whole day, Thank you give me finally hug.

I always look at photos, I think you're very handsome! And you?

Thanks for you helping me. YOU ARE THE BEST ENGLISH TEACHER! I will never forget you!

You left those words my mother will never understand. "Remember happiness is the most important think in our life." Why the people around me can't be nice like you? I can't let my parents see my tears because of these things. They will be angry. They will criticize me.

When I was saluting, I was crying. I was thinking of the day you left. I don't know why. Now I cannot stand parting with others.

When I'm older I want to be a nice person like you. To help people who needs help. To do the really right things to the people around me.

I think you are my hero in my heart. I miss you everyday.

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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
Valerie 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
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
Cynthia McGoff - Administration - Development
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
Marvel Wilson - Heating Oil Sales
Randolph B. Winton - Money Manager
Jackie L. Woolfall - Marketing & Public Relations
Andrea Youndt - Director-YMCA
Honorary Members:
Ted Hadley
Joe Maylish
Victor A. Menghetti, Sr - Veterinarian
David E. Pergrin
Walter Strine, Sr.

DONATIONS 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

Pending Membership: Gregory Kummeth & Louis Pavlovitch

BRING IN YOUR OLD, UNUSED THINGS

Bring in your old, unused glasses, CD's and Register Receipts. We will continue to collect all of these items. Donations will go to deserving charities and monies collected from the Register Receipts will come back to the club.



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!