



THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD

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our Ambassadorial Scholar.

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**English & Chinese: Merging
Culture by Teaching**
Ankang, Shaanxi, China

I'm teaching at Aston English, a Chinese private school known for its western-style education and native English teachers (www.astonenglish.com). It's unique, interesting and fun to teach at, and overall, I've been having a very valuable experience.

First, a bit of background about China's education system. Childhood education is about as rigorous as striving towards partner in an American law firm. Inauguration is at preschool-age, when parents begin pushing their children to learn as much as possible. The ultimate goal is for inclusion in the elite 11% of freshman-aged students who are accepted into college. The growing population doesn't help the teacher-student ratio: many public schools have over 100 students per class. After school, children work in hours of homework between sports games and piano lessons, with barely

any break until midnight. Weekends are not relaxation time—they're there for extra lessons and classes. Aston English provides one of those "extra" learning classes.



I teach six classes. Four aged 6-8; one aged 12-13; and one aged 15-18. I love them all. The children are adorable; simply having them stand up gets them excited. Now that they know me, when I peek in the classroom, students pop up in their seats, eyes wide, ready for me to slam open the door with my thunderous "Hellooooooo!" I can't help but smile as the kids giggle at every mistake in Simon Says, jumble tongue twisters in turbo-speed, and hold their tongues to mimic the English "th" sound. And every Thursday, they never fail to remind me of their weekly magic trick.

For my younger classes, a Chinese-speaking teacher is present during my lessons, to help with translation and struggling students. However, I try to use translation only when

absolutely necessary. Aston's goal is for the kids to understand and use spoken English through the guidance of a native tongue (an advantage rarely found in public schools). I use movements to express my language, mimicking words like "look, listen and repeat" with my eyes, ears and mouth (and after two weeks, they're already able to say these words themselves—accompanied of course by proud giggles of accomplishment).

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Reception Committee			Program
Date	Chairperson	Greeter	Speaker/Subject
February 5	Valarie Bradley	Martin Brian	NFL Chiefs & Eagles - Len Burnham
February 12	Tony Cavaliere	George Christofordis	Spanish Exchange Student - Monica Bautista
February 19	Bruce Clark	Jim Clyma	Voice of the Philadelphia Flyers - Steve Coates — <i>Students of the Month</i> —
February 26	Ken Delmar	Bob Dimond	Rotoplast - Rosalie Wells
March 5	Gene Kane	Jeff Cadorette	Life Line Health Screening

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.

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:

313 Luther Drive
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.

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President - Barbara Laurenzi
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Ed Beadle - Jonathan Becker
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Bryan Messick - Penelope Reed
John Schlesinger

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Membership - Pat Kosinski
Public Relations - John Schlesinger
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Rotary Foundation - Penelope Reed
Gundaker Foundation - Jonathan Becker
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Media Rotary Foundation

PO Box 2028, Media, PA 19063

President - Jackie Woolfall
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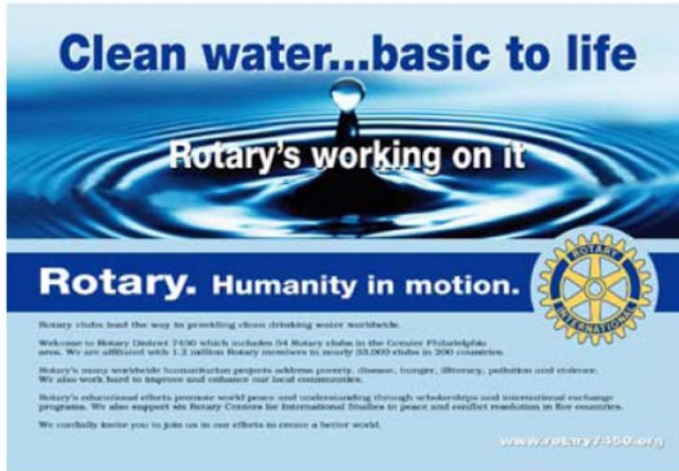
District receives \$6,000 PR grant for ads at Philadelphia Airport baggage areas

Rotary District 7450 has received a \$6,000 public relations grant from Rotary International which will be added to \$2,000 District 7450 funds to finance an unprecedented five-month-long advertising campaign at the Philadelphia International Airport as of January 1.

"This promises to be a powerful effort to get out the message of what Rotary is all about," said DG Chesney. "For the second consecutive year, we will have two state-of-the-art colorfully lighted displays located in the heavily-trafficked baggage pickup area of US Airways at an airport that is the fifth busiest flight gateway of the United States. More than two million passengers pass through the Philadelphia Airport each month.

"Each of these eye-catching publicity pieces offers a wonderful tribute to what Rotary does around the world and hopefully will even recruit new members to our cause."

"Our District 7450 project involves the use of two different 43 inch by 62 inch lighted and full-color billboard graphics called dioramas that will be



displayed in a busy baggage area of USAirways," explains Philadelphia Rotarian Joe Batory, who designed the ads using Rotary International Humanity in Motion themes of "Clean Water" and "Polio Prevention" with help from RI staff. "We have some tightly written explanatory copy on each eye level diorama that welcomes airport passengers to the Rotary Clubs of District 7450, tells them a bit about what Rotary does worldwide and locally, and invites interested persons to join a Rotary club," Batory adds.

The District 7450 diorama advertisements will be displayed until May 31, 2009.



An added bonus is the decision by Clear Channel, the national company that handles the advertising at the Philadelphia Airport, to provide two dioramas for the price of one in recognition of the humanitarian efforts by Rotary Clubs.

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 an 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 TO THE VFW THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

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 Member

Joseph Maylish

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!