

**Celebrate Rotary:
2004-2005 Presidential Citation Certification
Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450**

I, District Governor Andrew Pendleton, certify that the above named Rotary club has completed the necessary activities to qualify for the 2004-2005 Presidential Citation. I further certify that the club had 147 members as of 1 July 2004.

Celebrate Rotary in your club:

1. Excellent family participation in several special club meetings, Blue Rocks Baseball, Brian's Run 10K, Chili Cook-off, July 4 Picnic, Christmas party, two envelope stuffing events, and more.
2. Orientation/information breakfasts held for 15 prospective members. Assimilation/Education emphasized. Tasks and mentors assigned to ensure new members (14) feel welcome, learn about Rotary, participate, and enjoy Rotary. Program presented at District Assembly and to other clubs.
3. Weekly coffee sales provided funds for two YE students. Weekly Pot of Gold raffle raised funds for local charities.
4. Third annual Christmas/Holiday party was memorable, with a packed house and much food, fun, and fellowship. Festivities peaked with a unique rendition of the Twelve Days of Christmas sung by twelve four to six teams accompanied by several exceptional club musicians. The party also raised \$820 for Operation Warm.
5. Family in Rotary Comm. promoted fellowship and visited ill/convalescening members and reported on them weekly.
6. Redesigned Web page: fresh look, information easier to find, space for each avenue of service. Improved protected member section: more info and member photo. Dissemination of info enhanced. Huge increase in use.
7. Presentations by Doctor DiSera, M.D., Director of Cardiac Surgery at Chester Co. Hosp, on Women and Heart Disease; a teacher who recently participated in the Teachers Fulbright Program in Japan; a Holiday Music program by student from East High School, and dozens more educated and entertained club members weekly.

Celebrate Rotary in your vocation:

1. With Sunrise and WEGO Clubs sponsored printing of 21,000 pocket calendars with 4-way test. Distributed to every student home in WC Area School District.
2. With Chester Co. Boy Scouts Council and Chester Co. Hospital, sponsored program and held first series of meetings to establish Health Careers Exploring Post at Chester Co. Hospital.
3. Sponsored two students to 2005 Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA).
4. Rotary Student of the Month Program has recognized 14 HS students. 12 more will be recognized by yearend. Will sponsor \$1,000 college scholarship in spring.
5. 4-Way essay contest scheduled again this spring at East HS.

6. Sponsored club member to attend 11-day United Way of Chester County leadership program to train for non-profit board service.
7. Community leader (non-Rotarian) has been selected for Distinguished Vocational Service Award.

Celebrate Rotary in your community:

1. Club had lead role in Brian's 10KRun: \$30,000 raised for services to disabled.
2. Fruit Sale, sold 885 cases, netted \$12,777 for Chester County CARES and Good Will Fire Co.
3. 20 Rotarians read to elementary school children bi-weekly. Dictionary program will begin this year.
4. Three club/member-sponsored Red Cross Blood Drives produced 100 pints of blood, restoring a Rotary tradition that had lapsed about 1990.
5. Brighter Future Comm. organizing effort to begin May 7 to repair home of a senior citizen who lives below the poverty level. Much enthusiasm about helping/working in home community.
6. Honorary Rotarian selected and will be recognized in April.
7. 40 Rotarians rang Salvation Army bells. Also assisted with Annual Food Drive.
8. Allocated \$8,900 from club budget for additional contributions to local youth/civic/service organizations.
9. Large club participation in Governor's Centennial Celebration. 40 percent of \$35,000 pledge to Good Will Fire Company for new building (Centennial Project) paid.

Celebrate Rotary in the world:

1. Three members, and two daughters, participated in NID trip to India.
2. 14 members earned new, or higher level, Paul Harris awards. Two earned Gundaker awards.
3. Members raised \$5,177 for wells/tanks/lines for tsunami relief in India.
4. Participated in a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant project with half a dozen clubs in the U.S. and Canada for post-polio surgeries in India (local club, Rotary Club of Agra North, District 3110).
5. Worked with 5 Rotary clubs in the U.S. and Canada and the Rotary Club of Delhi West in District 3010 in India to create a Rotary Educational & Vocational Training Center with priority on child development and woman empowerment. (Our contribution will be \$1000.)
6. Second annual Chili Cook-off to raise awareness of Rotary and funds for RF and polio eradication. Over 2,000 attended. Raised \$6,000. Excellent club participation.
7. Sponsored two inbound YE students and participated in many district-level YE outings. Solicited candidates and nominated Tim Treston, a Loyola University sophomore, for a district-level Gundaker Undergraduate Grant. Held picnic for West Chester University International Students.
8. Sponsoring Centennial Group Study Exchange with District 3660 in Busan, South Korea in May.

9. Kathryn Metzker, daughter of two Rotarians, was Zone Winner of Rotary Centennial Poster Contest.
10. Established an Individual Giving Committee to clarify various campaigns and improve individual participation/contributions. To date \$12,995 raised for RF.

Governor's signature _____ Date _____

To qualify for the Presidential Citation, each Rotary club must complete activities according to the number of members in the club. The District governor must sign this form to certify the club's achievement and mail or fax the form to:

Recognition Section (PD230), Rotary International, One Rotary Center,
1560 Sherman Avenue, Evanston IL 60201-3698, USA
Fax: (847)328-8554, (847) 328-8281, or (847) 866-6116

District governors will qualify for a 2004-2005 Presidential Citation if 50 percent or more of the clubs in the district qualify for a citation and the governor appoints a district family of Rotary committee.

Please indicate if a district family of Rotary committee was established: ___Yes___No