

McMurray Rotarian



PHILANTHROPY GIVEAWAY TIME

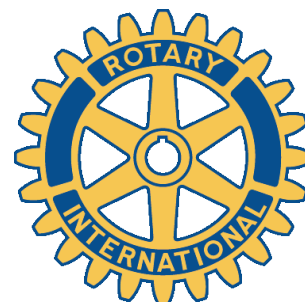
After a year of hard work, it is now time to do what we enjoy the most; using the funds we earned to help people. I have sent a press release out that the Philanthropy Committee will be accepting applications. Applications should be in by January 15th. The Philanthropy Committee, Chaired by **Dick Mason**, will be scheduling a meeting in late January or early February. You should contact organizations that you believe may benefit from our funds to let them know. The

press release states that "The McMurray Rotary Club is seeking requests from local organizations (Peters Township/ Washington County area) for its 2008 philanthropies. The Club annually assists local organizations. Most contributions are under \$1,000, although some are higher. Interested groups should send their request to the McMurray Rotary Club, 200 Philanthropies, at P. O. Box 1291, McMurray, PA 15317. All requests must be received by January 15, 2008."

So if you want to have an organization considered please contact them now.

Dick Mason will be announcing the time and place of the committee meeting, all members are welcome to join the committee

Extrapolating from Barry's report at the board meeting and factoring payment of expenses of the wine tasting, the Philanthropy Account has about \$43,000, this is an unconfirmed estimate.



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CLUB HIATUS AND MOVE

Due to the unique occurrence of Christmas and New Years falling on a Thursday, the December 18th Holiday Luncheon at Rolling Hills will be our last meeting there

until February. We are hoping the January 8th meeting will be held at the School Administration Office; this has yet to be confirmed. If for some reason, we are

unable to meet there, **Jim Mortimer** will notify you by e-mail as to the location of the January meetings. I hope every one has a happy holiday. MAS

Programs

December 18th—Holiday Luncheon-No Program

December 25th—No Meeting-Merry Christmas

January 1st—No Meeting-Happy New Years

January 8th—Dave Wylie sponsor—Peters Township Planning Commission

January 15th—Dick Mason sponsor

January 22nd—Bill Gullborg sponsor.

January 29th—Possibly M. Silvestri program

Program Chair—Gary Rosensteel

CALENDAR

January 15th—Philanthropy Requests Due
February 15th—District Leadership Summit

April 18th—District Assembly

May 1-3—District Conference—Johnstown

June 21-24—R I Conference—Birmingham England.

Grandpa Larry—Larry Winter announced that he and his wife, Chris, have become grandparents, they now have a grandson.

Tod Wilcock—Tod and Barbara are in Hong Kong visiting their son.

Tom Sertik—Tom and Mary Jane are in Florida.

Bill Gullborg—Bill and Grace recently visited their grandchildren in Vermont.

Mike Chaido—Mike has been promoted to the position of Regional Branch Manager with Washington Federal Savings.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays—Grace Gullborg 12/8, **Bill Holt**, 12/8, **Drew Harvey**, 12/11, **Harry Funk**, 12/13, Colleen Pikras 12/17, **Jim Audas**. 12/20, **Bob Heslop**, 1/3, Michele Barra, 1/12, **Russ Wylie**, 1/17, **Tod Wilcock** 1/19;.

Anniversaries—Jeanne & **Mark Berkley** 1/1;

Congratulations to all.

50/50

For the third month in a row, no one picked the joker, the current carry over is \$148. Those who had a chance at the Joker were Gary Rosensteel (twice), Tony Zuloaga (twice) and Drew Harvey.



ODDS & ENDS

Incidentally, the bank has moved out of their office next to the Dairy Bar and into their new facility on Valley Brook Road, next to Opeka's.

Lew Irwin—Colonel Irwin has been made the Commander of a Reserve Brigade.

Governor's Message

A message Mary Berge

Dear Fellow Rotarians,
As the holidays approach, let us give thanks for all that we have and for all that we are able to give and do for others, through Service Above Self, through the wonderful gift of Rotary. I hope the holiday spirit moves each of you to do just —a little more— during this season because the impact that —a little more— can have on a person or even a community can be life changing! Literacy projects are among

the easiest ways we Rotarians can give to others. Many of you may remember that I am challenging clubs in our district to start a new literacy project this year — one that will truly Make Dreams Real! The project is called First Book. This is a very easy project to start and maintain. To get all the scoop on how easy it is to start a First Book for your club, contact our district literacy chair, Maria Fe-
tock, at elppa@atlanticbb.net

and/or Donna Gambol, who started a First Book for the RC of Johnstown, at d.gambol@mac.com. Also, below is a letter to Rotary from the President of First Book. I hope it inspires you to start this project in your club... because together, we can Make Dreams Real for the children of our communities.
Happy Holidays to all of you!
Yours in Rotary Service,
DG Mary

Shelter Box Deployed

This is not recent news, but I am reminded for not having mentioning it earlier. We received official certification that shelter box purchased by our club was deployed. It was sent to Myanmar, for some, you will recognize it as the former Burma.



São Paulo Rotarians help American family in need

Carol Buzbee didn't know a soul in São Paulo, Brazil, when she arrived by medevac flight with her daughter, stricken by an unknown illness while volunteering with an international charity.

Buzbee had no Brazilian currency, no visa, no luggage -- and she couldn't speak a word of Portuguese.

After 48 hours alone in the hospital by her daughter Samantha's bedside, she was stunned when she received a telephone call from Rotarian Victor M. Esteves de Moraes, of the Rotary Club of São Paulo, offering to help her in any way he could.

Officers and Board of Directors

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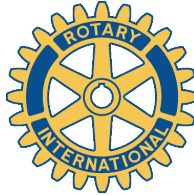
Vocational Service—Romain Frieden
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International Service—Antonio Zuloaga
Sergeant of Arms—David Regina

"Victor came to the hospital that night and handed me Brazilian money. He took my dirty clothes home to his house to be washed," recalls Carol

From RI Website, thought it tied into Drew's program.

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1. Is it the TRUTH? 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Program Review

Pat Buckley Moss



We were treated to a very nice talk by the world famous artist P. Buckley Moss. Ms. Moss was in town to receive an award for one of her many

charitable efforts. She also had a two day show at Fast Frames. Pat described how she overcame a learning disability to reach the success she now enjoys.

Sao Paulo



Drew Harvey presented a program about his visit to Sao Paulo, Brazil. He visited an

affiliated church whose mission is to help the homeless. The church is located in a building attached to the bottom of a bridge. In addition he met some Rotarians in a rural village "Campon Bonita", which means beautiful town, and unfortunately it is not, except for its people.

Deer Management

Captain Michael Yanchak of the Peters Township Police Department described the Township's Deer Management Program. How 40 bow hunters are slowly trying to thin the herd by 1,000 deer.