



# McMurray Rotarian



## Sand Filters Make a Difference

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Clean, fresh running water. One of the many things that we take for granted in our daily lives. Unfortunately, not every one in the world is as lucky as we are to have such a luxury, which presents us as Rotarians an amazing opportunity to make a difference. George and Colleen Wood paid a visit to the McMurray Rotary Club to talk about sand filters and how they can bring clean water to areas that have access to none. Colleen is the District 7330 Chair of the Sand Filter Project. Since 2005 they have been working with a Rotary District in Michigan to raise money to buy and distribute sand filters in some of the neediest areas of the world. In February 2010 they made a journey with 14 people to the Dominican Republic where more than 18,000 sand filters have been installed. They visited the slum of Aquas Negras to see first hand how these sand filters make a difference in communities that do not have access to clean water. According to Colleen, "These people live in a sort of 'no man' land there. The children do not have birth certificates or legal docs of any kind, so they cannot go to school and the adults work for pennies a day." There is no running water available. While they were there they toured the area, spent time with the local residents, and bought some much appreciated toys for the children because as Colleen said, "There is so much need for just basics in both the Dominican and Haiti that it breaks your heart when you see these kids. While we all know these children must be fed, clothed, and given clean water, we sometimes forget they are still children and need to play too." Colleen and George shared some of the pictures that they took on their trip, and it was heartbreaking to see the deplorable conditions in which these people live, but it was amazing to see the smiles on the faces of the children who had been given a toy and know that such a simple gesture made a world of difference in that child's life. They are planning a return trip in February 2011.

In 2010 RI began work on the International H2O Collaboration with USAID and chose the Dominican Republic as one of three countries to make efforts to provide millions of people long term access to clean water and sanitation. The improvements will cost \$2 million per country which is funded by a \$500,000 grant from Rotary, \$500,000 raised by participating clubs and districts, and \$1 million in matching funds from USAID.<sup>1</sup>

How do we fit in? Annually, the McMurray Rotary Club matches our individual member's \$75 donation to the Sand Filter project to create a \$150 donation which fulfills the Every Rotarian Every Year requirement. Over last 3 years, our club has donated \$11,000, along with RI matching grants to make \$22,000 which equals 400 sand filters to help benefit those in need.

1. Rotary.org "International H2O Collaboration work to begin" Anne E. Stein, Jan 12, 2010



## Club Happenings

### *Five Avenues of Service*

*Club Service*  
*Vocational Service*  
*Community Service*  
*International Service*  
*New Generations*

### Upcoming Programs

10/07—Urban Impact  
 10/14-Tammy Calvert Silver Sneakers  
 10/21-Club Assembly  
 10/28-Dictionary Project

### Upcoming Events

10/12 Board Meeting  
 11/06 Charity Gala  
 11/20 Habitat for Humanity build day  
 05/21-05/25— 2011 Rotary International Convention—New Orleans



## Birthday's & Anniversaries

### Birthdays

10/01 Jamison Hardy  
 10/05 Mike D'Onofrio  
 10/08 Larry Winter  
 10/11 Brad Konno  
 10/15 Lew Irwin  
 10/17 Mike Silvestri  
 10/18 Dan Gabriel  
 10/19 Laura Zuloaga  
 10/20 Brenda Konno  
 10/23 Jim Uhrig

### Anniversaries

10/07 Dave & Lynn Regina  
 10/09 Mike & Susan Silvestri  
 10/23 Tod & Barbara Wilcock

### Club Anniversaries

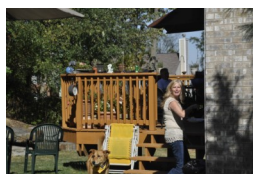
10/01 John Pikras Jr.  
 10/05 Mike Chiado

## Vocational Service



October is Vocational Service month

Don Angel has been meeting with PTHS to get one of our long standing goals, an Interact Club started. The board gave its approval and a position for an Interact sponsor has been posted. Don is also looking for Rotary volunteers willing to share their work experience with a student. Based on your time and availability, there are opportunities to work with students in programs such as internships, job shadowing, mentoring, and career fairs. If you are interested and have not had the opportunity to sign up at a meeting, please let Don know.



Thanks to Club President Tony Zuloaga and his wife Laura who opened their home to members of the club for a picnic on September 25th. Everyone who was able to attend had a nice afternoon of fun and fellowship.

### In Memoriam

We sadly acknowledge the passing of **Barbara Ciccone**, a former active member, club secretary, and Paul Harris Fellow of the McMurray Rotary Club. According to the Pittsburgh Post Gazette, memorials may be made to Thomas Presbyterian Church or the PA Trolley Museum.



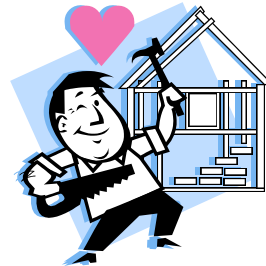


## Charity Gala Update

This is quickly growing to be the event of the year. Sponsorships opportunities for the Gala are now closed. Everyone pulled together at the last minute and we will be at or above our goal of \$20,000! Silent auction items are wrapping up, so if you still have any outstanding possibilities, talk to Tod Wilcox or Adam Provence as soon as possible. We are working to finalize items for the Chinese and live auctions and those lists continue to grow with some really great items that will be sure to be a hit with our guests. We had an opportunity to help painter George Williams narrow down which of his masterpieces to create. Tickets are selling fast, and as we know due to the sit down dinner, we have an absolute limit this year. Tickets are \$40 per person, \$80 per couple, or \$350 for a table of 10. We don't want to turn anyone away, but we are unable to seat more than 280 guests so please don't wait to turn yours in.

## Serving Our Community

Sarah Kohl, chairperson of our Service Projects Committee, has been working hard to find some local, hands-on projects to get us involved directly in our community. It was decided that our District Simplified Grant money will be used to provide a much needed new dishwasher to the Venetia Heritage Society. At the September Club Assembly meeting Sarah presented several project ideas that we could participate in including driving for Meals on Wheels, volunteering at Peters Township Food Pantry, and participating in Washington County Habitat for Humanity. Club members decided to focus on the Food Pantry and the Habitat for Humanity projects. More information about both opportunities will be forthcoming.



Get out your power tools!  
Habitat for Humanity Build  
Day will be November 20th.

### *The Four Way Test*

*Is it the TRUTH?*

*Is it FAIR to all concerned?*

*Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?*

*Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?*

## Local Meeting Make Ups

Dormont- Mt. Lebanon- Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church—Monday 12:00

Upper St Clair- Bethel Club—Grand Residence of USC Tuesday 7:00 am

Washington—The Commons, W&J College, Lincoln Ave—Tuesday 12:00

Mt Lebanon Sunrise—Bados—Wednesday 7:00 am

Bethel Park—South Park Clubhouse—Wednesday 12:00

Bridgeville—South Fayette—Hickory Heights Golf Club—Thursday 12:00

Bethel St.Clair—St. Clair Country Club—Thursday 6:00 pm

Canonsburg Houston—Shelly's Pike Inn- Friday 7:45 am

For the technologically advanced in the group, meetings can also be made up online 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at [www.rotaryclubone.org](http://www.rotaryclubone.org). Just spend 30 minutes online reading articles and watching videos from Rotarians from around the world. Expand your horizons and get credit for a meeting make-up!





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### **September Programs**

September 2—Peters Township Soup Kitchen sponsored by Paul Owens

September 9—Terry Wiltrout, one of our newest members who transferred from the Canonsburg Houston Club, talked to us about the new outpatient care center that WPAGH is building in Peters Township.

September 23—Allen Kukovich, regional chair of the Power of 32 gave a program on the initiative that brings together people from 32 counties in Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia creating a shared vision for our region's future.

September 30— Colleen Wood spoke on the sand filter project. (see article on pg 1)

### **Club Officers & Directors**

**President—Antonio Zuloaga**

**President Elect—Don Angel**

**Vice President—Jamison Hardy**

**Secretary—Ed Wisniewski**

**Treasurer—Mike Silvestri**

**Sergeant at Arms—Roy Crumrine**

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**Community Service—Al DeLucia Jr.**

**International Service—Jim Mortimer**

**Vocational Service— Harry Funk**

**Fund Raising—Gary Rosensteel**