



McMurray Rotarian



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On a chilly December day, members of the McMurray Rotary Club in a joint fundraising effort with Peters Township High School students hit the streets of Peters to bring glad tidings of joy. Fortunately all of the hard work and planning that went into this event was not wasted when the date had to be pushed back a week due to weather concerns, but that is the chance you take when you plan an outdoor event in Pittsburgh in December (and during Steeler season!)

A smaller, but brave group of Rotarians, family members, and students met on December 19th to sing carols in seven Peters Township neighborhoods. Afterwards everyone met back at school to warm up and enjoy some pizza and hot chocolate. Although the fundraiser didn't quite meet the anticipated goal, it was declared a success and decided that we would be willing to do it again next year.

Chase Maszle, one of the students, created a You Tube video of the event, which can be seen by clicking here [Rotary Christmas Caroling Video](#) (ctrl + click to follow link.)

Pictures courtesy of Harry Funk and Judith Alexander, Gifted Coordinator at PT High School



RI President-elect Kalyan Banerjee announced the 2011-12 RI theme, *Reach Within to Embrace Humanity*, at the International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA, 17 January.



Due to the water damage at Rolling Hills Country Club, our February meetings have been temporarily relocated.

02/03—South Pointe CC

02/10—PT Admin Bldg

02/17—PT Admin Bldg

02/24—South Pointe CC

January is **Rotary Awareness Month**. Our club has been working to spread the work of Rotary by getting an Interact Club started in Peters Township High School. Visit www.rotary.org to learn more about the history of Rotary.

February is **World Understanding Month**. Understanding and goodwill are essential for world peace. This month we were fortunate to have Harry Funk bring guests from the Ukraine who were part of his media exchange program.

Calendar of Events

Programs

02/03—Christy Lewis, ARC

02/10—PTHS World Affairs Council students

02/17—Jeff Kotula—Washington County Director of Economic Development

02/24—Mike Silvestri—Township Update

Events

02/08 Board Meeting

02/23—Rotary 106th Anniversary

02/26—2nd Habitat for Humanity Build Day

03/04-03/05—PETS Training Hilton Garden Inn

03/05—Bethel St Clair Club Annual Pancake Festival

03/18 Rotary Trivia Contest at Three Rivers Auction House

05/07—Health Awareness Fair at the new Canonsburg Hospital Outpatient Facility

05/21-05/25—2011 Rotary International Convention—New Orleans

06/03-06/05—District Conference—Holiday Inn Meadowlands



Birthday's & Anniversaries

Birthdays

01/03 Dick Mason

01/05 Sarah Kohl

01/08 Dave Regina

01/12 Michele Barra

01/16 William Castro

01/17 Russ Wylie

01/19 Tod Wilcock

01/27 Nina Zetty

01/29 Cliff Milowicki

02/06 Romain Frieden

02/22 Susan Silvestri

02/28 Barry Barra

Wedding Anniversaries

01/01 Mark Berkley

01/24 Brad Konno

02/01 Dan Gabriel

Club Anniversaries

01/01 Mark Berkley 18 yrs

01/01 Dan Gabriel 29 yrs

02/01 Don Angel 4 yrs

02/06 David Bayne 3 yrs

02/10 Romain Frieden 6 yrs

Club Officers and Directors

President—Antonio Zuloaga

President Elect—Don Angel

Vice President—Jamison Hardy

Secretary—Ed Wisniewski

Treasurer—Mike Silvestri

Sergeant at Arms—Roy Crumrine

Past President—Tod Wilcock

Club Service—John Pikras

Community Service—Al DeLucia Jr.

International Service—Jim Mortimer

Vocational Service—Harry Funk

Fund Raising—Gary Rosensteel

District Governor—Walter Olshanski

RI President—Ray Klingensmith



Club Happenings

PDG Inducts New Members

Past District Governor Stephanie Urchick was on hand at our meeting on January 27th to induct several new members to our club. Stephanie talked about the special days in our lives that can change the world and the day that we officially become Rotarians being one of those days. Welcome newest members (all women!) Nina Zetty, Sarah Kohl, Debbie Lenart, and Ellen Franty.



PDG Stephanie Urchick welcomes new members Sarah, Debbie, and Ellen.

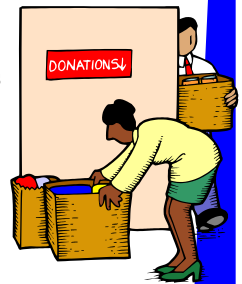
Dr. Nina Zetty with sponsor Mike Silvestri and Stephanie Urchick



Erma Grego and Esther Meissonier from the Venetia Heritage Society joined us to accept a check. With the help of a matching grant, our club was able to make a donation toward a much needed new dishwasher used for their Food and Friends program.

Sarah Kohl is working on some Community Service projects. After the holidays, food bank donations tend to drop. Sarah is setting up some nice hampers to collect donations for Peters Township Food Pantry. She has a sign up sheet for anyone who has a place of business who is willing to place one of the baskets. She will include a Rotary emblem to indicate that it is one of our projects along with a list of suggested donations. Arrangements will be made to pick up and deliver the donations to the food pantry.

Our second Habitat for Humanity Build Day will be held on Saturday February 26th with the USC-Bethel Park Club. Sarah will send out the details to anyone who signed up to help out.



December and January Programs



December 2nd—TV Reporter and author, Allison Kartevold shared with us the process that she went through to write and publish *Ken Karta*, a science fiction novel for middle school children. Allison spent her 20 year career traveling the world covering politics and news stories as a freelance journalist. With the help of her imagination and her two daughters, she turned a made up bed time story into a published novel.



December 9th—Lynette Tomasetti came to talk to us about a publication that she works for, Western Pennsylvania Guide to Good Health. The quarterly magazine is distributed free of charge in many local doctor's offices and features articles and health information from local physicians and other medical personnel. In fact our own Dr. Sarah Kohl had an article in the Fall 2010 edition. Lynette offered to work with us by including information in the magazine for our upcoming Health Fair and any other health related projects that we might have.



January 6th—Dr. Jim Withers—Operation Safety Net—Dr. Withers who is a colleague of Steve Morreale spoke to us about the work that they do providing healthcare to the homeless of Pittsburgh. Many members brought in winter hats, gloves and socks for Dr. Withers to distribute. Learn more about his work at www.pmhs.org/operation-safety-net.

January 13th—Hayley Jameson—Clear Thoughts Foundation—Hayley Jameson told us about the foundation that she helped to start after her father was diagnosed with Frontotemporal Dementia. Their goal is to raise money to fund the research and discovery of drugs to treat dementia.

January 20th—Melissa Stein—POWER of Southpointe. Melissa is the president and founding member of POWER, a networking group for professional women.

01/27 Nicole Tocco PATCH—Nicole is the area advertising manager for PATCH. If you are not yet familiar with PATCH, they are a national organization sponsored by AOL that supports websites for communities to post local events and happenings. Andrea Bosco, the editor of our local Peters Patch has talked to us about the website and has been great about posting news of our Rotary Club. Nicole is the advertising manager for the area and talked to us about promoting our businesses through the website. Check it out at <http://peters.patch.com>





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Some examples of
Rotary Fellowships:

- Computer Users
- Doctors
- Golf
- Motorcycling
- Wine

Rotary Fellowships

Rotary Fellowships are autonomous, international groups of Rotarians, Rotarian Spouses, and Rotaractors who join together to:

- Share a common interest in worthwhile recreational activities (sports, hobbies, etc.)
- Further their vocational development through acquaintance with others of the same profession
- Make new friends around the world
- Explore new opportunities for service
- Have fun and enhance their experience in Rotary

Learn more at www.rotary.org/fellowships

The Four Way Test

*Of the things we think,
say or do*

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?*