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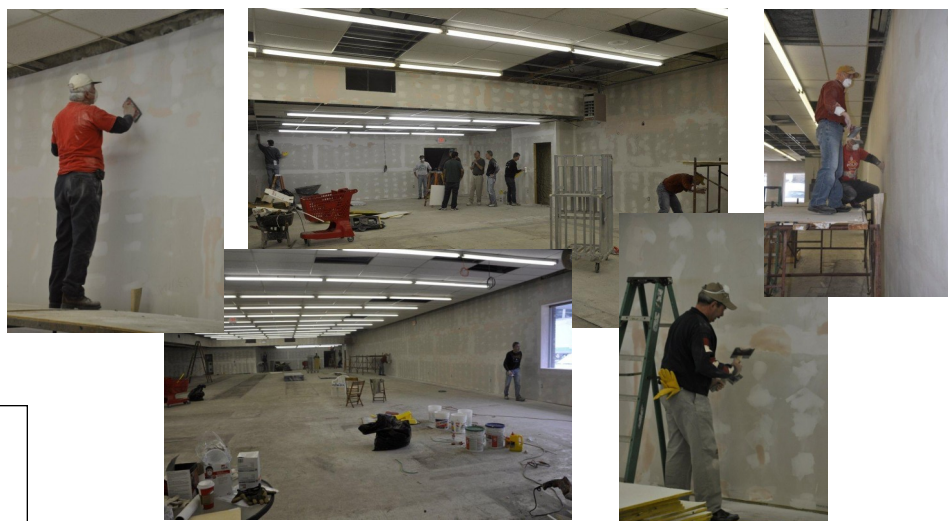
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Habitat for Humanity

February 26th was our club's 2nd Habitat for Humanity Build Day. Five members of the McMurray Club along with three members of the Bethel St.Clair Morning Club met at the Habitat's new ReStore on East Maiden Street in Washington PA to do some dry wall work on the new location which is projected to open in April. Habitat's ReStores are retail locations that accept donations of used or slightly imperfect building materials such as windows, doors, and kitchen cabinets and sells them to the public, although many other household items can often be found there as well. The money that is raised helps fund the homes that the organization builds for low income working families. In today's world of reuse and recycle, the ReStore has become so popular that they have outgrown their previous location and had to move to this bigger building to be able to display all of the donations that they receive. With grants and monetary donations down, non-profit organizations rely more than ever on volunteer time and donated items to be able to continue their programs.

Pictures courtesy of Tony Zuloaga



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.

In [RI President Ray Klinginsmith's March message](#), he says that "The revised RI Strategic Plan for 2010-13 is a refreshingly simple approach to keeping Rotary strong and vibrant in the future. The three priorities of the plan are clear and brief statements calling us to (1) support and strengthen our clubs, (2) focus and increase our humanitarian service, and (3) enhance our public image and awareness."

See the full message by following the link or in the March edition of "The Rotarian"

Calendar of Events



March is **Literacy Month**.

Projects that support basic education and literacy are key to the Rotary Foundation's Future Vision Plan. Our club supports literacy and education with our annual Dictionary Project and scholarships for Peters Township students.



Programs

03/03—Anne Davis—Horse 'N Soul
 03/10—Club Assembly
 03/17—Kathy Gillen—Wellness Roadtrip
 03/24—Mark Sommer—PA Independent Oil & Gas Association
 03/31—Celia Hines—Variety the Children's Charity

Events

03/04-03/05—PETS Training Hilton Garden Inn
 03/05—Bethel St Clair Club Annual Pancake Festival
 03/08—Board Meeting
 03/16—Meeting of Paul Harris Fellows at RH
 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

03/02 Kimberly Angel
 03/02 Kristen Milowicki
 03/04 Wendy Hardy
 03/11 Jim Mortimer
 03/30 Marcy Santel
 03/30 Chris Winter

Wedding Anniversaries

03/21 Dave Wylie

Club Anniversaries

03/01 Barry Barra
 03/01 Sarah Kohl
 03/01 Adam Provance
 03/01 Marcy Santel
 03/01 Mike Silvestri
 03/09 Steve Morreale
 03/21 Dave Wylie

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



Paul Harris circa 1915.
Rotary Images

"Personality has power to uplift, power to depress, power to curse, and power to bless."

~Paul Harris

Club Happenings

Interact Club News

On Valentines Day, the Interact students made a trip to The Western Pennsylvania School for Blind Children. They made cards with the kids for the troops and for their special Valentines at home. "After they were done some of them were able to get up and sing and dance with us. It was a great experience for everyone to see that being blind doesn't make you appreciate company and friends any less. We plan to go back sometime in May to help decorate for their prom." says co-president Melissa Bittner. They have also held a blood drive and collected coats and gloves for Project Safety Net. The club has around 30 members and meets Monday's after school.

Peters Township High School

Interact Club Officers

Melissa Bittner- Co-President
Marisa McKnight- Co-President
Kelsey Kern- Vice President
Gloria Laux- Faculty Adviser



About Interact

Interact is a service club for youth ages 14-18. Clubs benefit from sponsorship by individual Rotary Clubs which provide support and guidance. Interact has a membership of over 250,000 youth in more than 11,000 Clubs worldwide. It's one of Rotary's fastest growing programs. Interact clubs are self-governing and self supporting and can be either school or community based. Interact's name is a combination of the words international and action. With clubs in over 120 countries and geographical areas, Interact is truly an international phenomenon. Interact's global youth network is dedicated to community and international service. Every Interact club project, great or small, has a lasting impact on society worldwide. Brazil, India, the Philippines, and the United States boast the highest number of Interact clubs.

~Interact Handbook

Dave Lance is a Peters Township native, who 11 years ago left to work in Asia and liked it so much he ended up moving there. He now lives in Bali, Indonesia, and is a member of the Bali Seminyak Rotary Club, the only English speaking club in the area. He was a guest at a two recent meetings in February. He said that golf outings are their main fundraisers and they support such projects as surgery for children with cleft palates, helping mothers with AIDS, and various environmental issues.



Members of the Philanthropy Committee met on February 5th to discuss the requests for donations for the upcoming year.

February 23rd was Rotary's 106th Anniversary. Several members of our club celebrated this event in a joint mixer with the Canonsburg-Houston and Washington Clubs at the Holiday Inn Meadowlands.



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?***

District 7330 News

We are fortunate to have this year's District Conference in our own neck of the woods at the Holiday Inn Meadowlands on June 3-5. Please consider attending to represent our club. It is a great opportunity to expand your knowledge of Rotary while meeting and networking with other Rotarians. Harry Funk is going to give us some more details at our club assembly meeting.

We are in need of speakers for upcoming meetings. If you know of someone who would be willing to present a program at an upcoming meeting, please let Gary know. A calendar of scheduled programs and open dates can be found on our website.





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February Programs

02/03—Christy Lewis, Director of ARC Human Services talked to us about the many programs that they offer to people with disabilities to help them live fulfilled lives within their community. The program began in the 1950's as an informal support group and today comprises over 500 people in 6 counties.

02/10— For the 8th year, Peters Township teacher, Mark Redilla accompanied two of his students to the Annual World Affairs Institute at the David L Lawrence Convention Center. The students that we sponsored, Danielle and Constatine, came to tell us about their experience at this year's conference. At the conference, they are presented with a fictitious scenario about a world crisis and as pretend members of the National Security Council staff analyze the situation and present their recommendation on how it should be handled. They also let us know that members of the World Affairs Council speak monthly at the Peters Township Library. Learn more at www.worldaffairspittsburgh.org

02/17—Jeff Kotula, Washington County Director of Economic Development and the Executive Director of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce gave us his update on the state of Washington County.

02/24—Our own Mike Silvestri, Peters Township Manager gave us an update on the ongoing projects in the Peter's Township area.

