



McMurray Rotarian

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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 **BENEFI-CIAL** to all concerned?

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Rally for America



**Interact Students and Scouts
welcome everyone to the Rally**

On September 11th, the 10th anniversary of the tragedy of 9/11, Peters Township Character Counts sponsored the "Rally for America" at Peters Township High School with many school groups, local churches and organizations participating. Our own **Pastor Jamison Hardy** gave the opening prayer, and **Colonel Lew Irwin** was the Keynote Speaker. The program honored local military personnel and first responders, many of whom were on hand for the evening. Rotarians and Interact students attended and also assisted in the set up and clean up of the gym. Peters Township Middle School Social Studies teacher Mr. Vaughn Dailey led the program. The Peters Township marching band and some local musicians performed some musical selections and Carol Foley of the Peters Township Chamber of Commerce presented a commemorative wreath which will be displayed in the library. The US Army Color Guard, 316th Expeditionary Sustainment Command presented and retired the colors as a solemn, moving, beginning and ending to the program. Peters Township Character Counts meets the first Tuesday of the month at noon at various locations throughout the township. More information can be found on the municipal website at www.peterstownship.com



The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is a district event held the last week of June at the University of Pittsburgh – Johnstown. The PTHS Guidance office picks two attendees who are finishing their junior or sophomore year.

RYLA stresses team building, business marketing and development, ethics and also provides plenty of time for social activities. Most of the time is spent in seminars and class type settings.

Melissa Bittner – one of the students our Club sponsored last year went on to become the co-president of the Interact Club, and our outbound foreign exchange student.

Don't miss our October 6th meeting when **Marisa McKnight**, another one of our RYLA students and the current corresponding secretary of the Interact Club will join us to be our guest speaker and tell us about her experiences with RYLA.

Club Calendar

Upcoming Programs

- **October 6**—Marisa McKnight, our RYLA sponsored student will be here to talk about her experiences. Program sponsor Tony Zuloaga
- **October 13**—Club Assembly
- **October 20**—Club member Paul Owens has a special program planned for us.
- **October 27**—Regis Schilken, local author of Tears of Deceit. Sponsor Gary Rosensteel.

Upcoming Events

- **October 8**—District Rotary Leadership Institute
- **October 11**—Board Meeting
- **October 15**—District Membership Foundation Seminar
- **October 21**—PTHS Career Fair
- **November 5**—District Foundation Celebration
- **November 5**—Charity Gala—Rolling Hills Country Club

October is Vocational Service Month

"This is a changing world; we must be prepared to change with it."

~Paul Harris

Birthday's & Anniversaries

Birthdays

- 10/01 Jamison Hardy
- 10/05 Mike D'Onofrio
- 10/08 Larry Winter
- 10/15 Lew Irwin
- 10/17 Mike Silvestri
- 10/18 Dan Gabriel

- 10/19 Laura Zuloaga
- 10/23 Jim Uhrig

Wedding Anniversaries

- 10/07 Dave & Lynn Regina
- 10/08 Ellen & Don Franty
- 10/09 Mike & Susan Silvestri
- 10/23 Tod & Barb Wilcock

Club Anniversaries

- 10/01 John Pikras
- 10/05 Mike Chaido

2011-2012 Club Officers & Directors

President—Don Angel

President Elect—Jamison Hardy

Vice President—Adam Provance

Treasurer—Michael Silvestri

Secretary—Ed Wisniewski

Sergeant at Arms—David Bayne

Past President—Antonio Zuloaga

Club Service—David Kramer

New Generations—Tim Pitschke

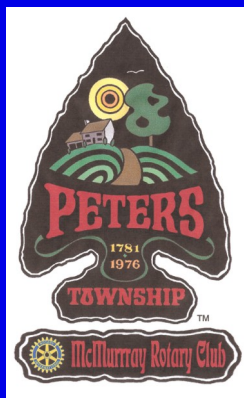
Vocational Service—Harry Funk

International Service—Jim Mortimer

Community Service—Al DeLucia

Director—Gary Rosensteel

District Governor—Jeanne Morrison



Club Happenings

Our challenge to raise our attendance and add new members continues. Check out your [team's score](#) on the club's website. Remember any Rotary focused activity that is a minimum of 30 minutes can count for a make up. Online E-Club meetings are always an option and can be found on the [Rotary International](#) website. If you know a local business person that might be willing to join the club, invite them to a meeting to check us out! We are also in need of programs, so if you know of an interesting speaker, check out the available dates on the club calendar on the website.

October is **Vocational Service Month** and

what better way for a Rotarian to share their career experience with our youth than to participate in the Peters Township High School's annual Career Fair on Friday October 21st. Sign up sheets have been passed around. If you have not signed up, but are still interested, let Don know.

Our club has decided to use our District Simplified Grant application to purchase table and chair sets for the new rooftop patios at the softball fields in Peters Township parks. This project is scheduled to be completed this spring.

A reminder to that we are getting closer and closer to the annual **Charity Gala** on November 5th. Adam passed out a list of sponsors from last year and who was able to secure the sponsorship, as well as a list of potential corporate sponsors for 2011. If you have a contact at one of these or any other company that may be willing to donate, we need to get that done ASAP. Donations are also being accepted for our silent and Chinese auctions. These items can be stored at Bill Gullborg's office.

Check out what is going on in District 7330 in their October newsletter [The Insider](#).

Club Picnic



September 18th AKA President Don's Birthday, the club held a picnic at Elm Grove Park in lieu of our regular meeting that Thursday. Many Rotarians and family members came together for some fun and fellowship. The weather was perfect. Mike and Ed cooked up some burgers and dogs and everyone brought a yummy side dish or dessert to share. The pavilion at Elm Grove Park was built and dedicated in June 2001 as part of McMurray Rotary Club project. Kristen Painter did a great job coordinating the effort.



October 24th is World Polio Day

Learn more at www.thisclose.net



Interact News

The Interact Club has had a busy start to their year. They held an ice cream social one day after school in early September to talk to prospective members about the club and invite them to join. Over 100 students showed up for the meeting to learn more about Interact. Several members joined us at the Rally for America event on 9/11 and in their usual enthusiastic fashion, they formed a welcome line and cheered as everyone entered the gym. According to advisor Judy Alexander, "On Saturday September 24th, 72 students (and 20 more on Sunday the

25th) had professional make up applied and were set loose in the 100 Acres Manor Haunted House. Students volunteered from 5:30pm until 11:30 pm scarifying the pants off of 1,690 patrons of the haunt. The haunted house profits benefit the Homeless Children's Education Fund and Animal Friends. Everyone had a fun time while raising money for two great charities." They also earned some money for their time which they will use to offset their membership dues and any expenses they will incur this year. Our board also authorized a generous \$500

donation to get them started. The Interact Club meets the first and third Wednesday of every month at the High School. The students have created a Facebook page and Twitter account to communicate. They have created their own logo for their shirts, have a student who is going to document their activities by video and pictures, and they are planning a quarterly newsletter. A pinning ceremony to welcome officers and new members is being planned for an upcoming meeting.



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at Rolling Hills Country Club

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Our Ethical Standards

Members are expected to maintain high ethical standards in both their professional and personal lives. Additionally, members are expected to work and live by "The Rotary Four Way Test."

Service Above Self

September Programs

September 1—Julian Gray, a local attorney who specializes in Elder Law spoke to us about the many benefits that are available for our aging Veterans and the families that care for them. Julian recently opened an office in Summerfield Commons. You can learn more at www.grayelderlaw.com



President Elect Jameson Hardy
welcomes speaker Julian Gray

September 8—Michelle Vargas of the Highmark Caring Place gave a program on how her organization helps children and families after the death of a parent.

September 15—Club Assembly – we are getting closer and closer to this year's annual Charity Gala. Co-chairs Adam and Jim Mortimer talked to us about the plans for this year and how we can help.

September 22—Our own Tony Zuloaga gave an update on our club's activities at the Children's Burn Center in Chile.

September 29—Don Nixon, founder of the organization [Winning America](http://WinningAmerica.org). Don speaks on a variety of topics concerning our nation's Christian heritage, the church in America, youth issues and more.



Don Nixon