



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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Charity Gala is Declared a Success



The 9th annual McMurray Rotary Charity Gala was held on Saturday November 5th at Rolling Hills Country Club. Over 225 guests enjoyed a delicious buffet dinner, complementary wine tasting, and the live music of Steve Fazzini and his band while taking chances on silent and Chinese auction items as well as several opportunities at winning the golf ball toss. Strolling volunteers sold tickets for the 50/50 raffle and entries to a drawing for a gorgeous David Yurman watch donated by Louis Anthony jewelers. After dinner, Sherman Hostetter, our live auctioneer, auctioned off ten fun and exciting live auction items including trips, several coats donated by Carl Herrmann furs, and other music and entertainment memorabilia. The evening ended with dancing to the live entertainment of the band. Co-chairs Adam Provance and Jim Mortimer, along with many committee members and Rotarians worked hard throughout the year planning the event, as well as obtaining the sponsorships and donations which enables this to be our one main fundraiser to support the many local and international charities to which we donate. Although the final numbers are not complete, early estimate is that we will net close to \$30,500 in profit from the event, all of which will be donated to our charities. The club would like to thank our event sponsor, Range Resources, our auction sponsors, City Coin, NSS Life, and Canonsburg Hospital as well as the many other sponsors, donors, and attendees that made this event such a success.



Club Calendar

Upcoming Programs

- **November 10**—Club Assembly
- **November 17**—Operation Troop Appreciation
- **November 24**—Thanksgiving—No meeting
- **December 1**—World Affairs Council recap with PT students and teacher Mr. Mark Redilla.
- **December 8**—Secret Santa & gift wrapping

Upcoming Events

- **Happy Thanksgiving to all!**



- **December 4**—Christmas Caroling with the Interact Club
- **December 7**—Interact Induction
- **May 5, 2012**—Health Awareness Fair

November is Rotary Foundation Month

“All of us in Rotary are looking to change the world, for why else would we be Rotarians?”

Kaylan Banerjee,
RI President 2011-2012

Birthday's & Anniversaries

Birthdays

- 11/10 Candace Peck
- 11/12 Tony Zuloaga
- 11/13 Laura Wiltrout
- 11/30 John Zetty

Wedding Anniversaries

- 11/20 Ed & Maura Wisniewski
- 11/28 Bob & Meghan Westwood



Club Anniversaries

- 11/01 Harry Funk
- 11/01 Dave Regina
- 11/09 Ellen Franty
- 11/10 Bob Westwood
- 11/15 Jim Mortimer
- 11/15 Tod Wilcock

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

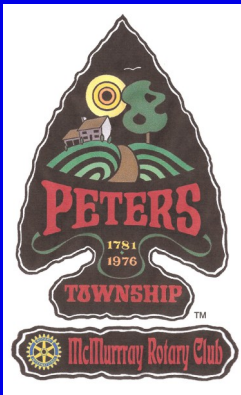
Vocational Service—Harry Funk

International Service—Jim Mortimer

Community Service—Al DeLucia

Director—Gary Rosensteel

District Governor—Jeanne Morrison



Club Happenings

The recent inter-club happy hour get together at Palazzo restaurant was enjoyed by all who were able to make it (see story on pg. 4) Another possible after hours get together is being planned. Several ideas were discussed at a recent meeting. Stay tuned for more details...



Our December 8th meeting will be devoted to collecting and wrapping gifts for local families in need this holiday season. Paul

Owens has made contact with the Finleyville Food Pantry to get the names and a wish list of items and sizes for the children. Sarah Kohl will be undertaking the task of matching up the requests with a Rotarian Secret Santa, who will be asked to bring the items to the meeting on the 8th where we will wrap the gifts together.



Wednesday December 7th will be the official induction and pinning

for the Interact Club members at their regular after school meeting at 2:30. Moderator Judy Alexander is planning a ceremony and parents of the students will be invited to the event. We would also like to have some Rotarians present to support the students as well. If anyone is available, please join us that day in the high school cafeteria. Please check with Mike D'Onofrio or Marcy for more details.

Christmas Caroling



On Sunday December 4th, our Club will once again be Christmas Caroling with the PT Interact club members and other high school students. Rotarian volunteers and spouses are needed from 12:30-3:30. We will meet at the middle school and Rotarian

leaders will take groups of students to identified Peters Township neighborhoods to carol and collect donations. No singing required, however if the holiday mood strikes you, you are welcome to join in with the students! The groups will meet back at the school when they are done for some hot chocolate and pizza. A portion of the donations collected will be given to the Interact Club to help support their activities. If you would like to participate and have not signed up at a meeting, please let Tony know.



On October 21st members of the club shared their experience with Juniors from Peters Township High School as part of the school's annual Career Fair.

The Rotary Foundation

November is Rotary Foundation Month. The Rotary Foundation began as an idea by Arch Klumph in 1917 to start an endowment fund to do good in the world. This year's goal for the Annual Programs Fund is \$104 million. According to Rotary International, three things every Rotarian should know about the Foundation are: **1. The Foundation is working on our primary goal** which is the eradication of polio. As of November 2, 502 cases of Polio were reported in 2011. **2. The Foundation changes lives**—communities world wide benefit from the work of the foundation in the form of clean water, better health care, and the

Work of Rotary Peace Fellows. **3. You make it possible**—The Foundation is supported by voluntary contributions by Rotarians and others who share our vision. One of the ways our club continues to support the foundation is the water filter project in which every \$100 that we donate as individuals is matched by the club to maximize our dollars. We have also made the decision to contribute all proceeds from this years "Good News" to the Polio Plus Foundation and the club's share of the 50/50 drawings to the water filter project. The Rotary Foundation is

very efficient according to agencies that track giving. Only 2.3 percent of Foundation expenditures go to administrative expenses, and 7.3 percent go to fundraising. The Foundation focuses more than 90 percent of its spending on programs which earned it an A+ from the American Institute of Philanthropy, a top rating of four stars from Charity Navigator, and full accreditation from the Wise Giving Alliance of the Better Business Bureau.

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DECLARATION OF ROTARIANS IN BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS

As a Rotarian engaged in a business or profession,
I am expected to:

- 1) CONSIDER my vocation to be another opportunity to serve;
- 2) BE FAITHFUL to the letter and to the spirit of the ethical codes of my vocation, to the laws of my country, and to the moral standards of my community;
- 3) DO ALL in my power to dignify my vocation and to promote the highest ethical standards in my chosen vocation;
- 4) BE FAIR to my employer, employees, associates, competitors, customers, the public, and all those with whom I have a business or professional relationship;
- 5) RECOGNIZE the honor and respect due to all occupations which are useful to society;
- 6) OFFER my vocational talents: to provide opportunities for young people, to work for the relief of the special needs of others, and to improve the quality of life in my community;
- 7) ADHERE to honesty in my advertising and in all representations to the public concerning my business or profession.
- 8) NEITHER SEEK from nor grant to a fellow Rotarian a privilege or advantage not normally accorded others in a business or professional relationship.



October Programs

October 6—Marisa McKnight, our RYLA sponsored student and corresponding secretary of this year's Interact group came to tell us about her experiences with RYLA.

October 13—Our own Paul Owens, one of the founding members of the club, gave a presentation on his battle with cancer and how the members of the club helped him through his ordeal. Paul gives a lot of credit for his survival and recovery to the help and support that his fellow Rotarians provided to help his family and his business through that difficult time.



October 20—In lieu of our regular Thursday meeting, our club met with members of the Canonsburg Houston Club including PDG Walt Olshanski and PDG Stephanie Urchick at Palazzo



1837 Ristorante for an inter club happy hour gathering. Matt Sager, the owner of the restaurant is the newest member of the Canonsburg-Houston Club.



October 27—Local author Regis Schilken shared with us how he came up with the story for his latest novel **Tears of Deceit**. He generously raffled off two of his books and donated more to use as prizes for the Charity Gala.