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# News from District 7410



## Letter from the District Governor

**April 2017** starts the last quarter of the Rotary International Year. It is the month to focus on completing all the challenges that lead a club to a Presidential Citation. Focus on assuring each club meets its Foundation Goal. Support the push for Polio Eradication. And last but not least, in our District, it is time to join our fellow Rotarians for our Annual District Conference.

At the beginning of the year, I had to set our objectives for 2016 – 2017. I am one who believes in achievable goals, so they were modest and realistic and do-able. At the three quarter mark, I can say some are doing well, some okay, and some are disappointing.



Doing well? There are a number of clubs that are working hard on increasing membership. Several are bringing their club back from a very narrow ledge. Others have found a sweet spot in which they can enlist new members and grow their club. I would say there are a number of clubs in several clusters making gains on membership and enrolling very exuberant new members. During the course of my official visits, it was truly a pleasure to see young Presidents and Boards step up to the challenge of Rotary relevance for the foreseeable future.

Modestly, we are hovering around the same fluctuation in membership numbers as we have for the last three years. Quite frankly, I have to declare this 'disappointing.' Now more than ever, North Americans really need to reach out and engage others in the ethics and values of Rotary and the quest for service for mankind.

Over the 18 years I have been a Rotarian, I have heard, periodically, that some have not been enthusiastic about international projects. After all, "we should help our own!" True, true, I do understand the sentiment.

Let me ask you this. How would you feel if a club from another country contacted your club looking for a local club partner to help with *their* International service project to help Americans improve their infant mortality rate? Would you partner with that club to be *THEIR* international project?

*Did you know that the United States has the highest infant mortality rate in the*

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*top civilized and developed countries of the world? And that clubs from countries with better results might be looking to do a charitable project here in these United States?*

*It is a tough truism that we could be the recipient of an International Grant Project on Infant Mortality here at home. But we could participate in an International Project on our home turf.*

*In my travels around the District, while all the local efforts are terrific, we seem to bounce among all the fundable projects that were done in the past. Clubs that don't seek the challenge of the day will be behind in solving the challenges of the near future.*

I set a goal for attendance at Atlanta of 100 Rotarians. We have 38 Rotarians going. This is disappointing only in as much as it speaks to a vital need for clubs, members and our District to rally and connect with our International Service and worldwide membership. We are 1.2 million like-minded members. If you have never attended an international convention, and cannot go to Atlanta, I hope you will seriously consider next year in Toronto which is a drivable accessible distance. The international convention is such an experience and truly gives an individual Rotarian an opportunity to see what a massive humanitarian organization Rotary is.

I set a goal for \$90,000 to be raised for Foundation. The books are not closed, however, I believe

that we are only 40% there. The Annual fund is critical. For those of us nearing retirement, we can contribute so that there is a living legacy from which future Rotarians can draw to fund projects. It is one of the top ten most responsible charities in the world, and it's ours. Won't you join me in providing for the Foundation and future Rotarian projects?

April is a very active month. It's time to get your Polio contribution, your foundation contribution and your Presidential citation information together. It is also the time to look after Student Exchange candidates and RYLA candidates. Remember there is now also summer short term International Exchanges. Presidents will be receiving a separate information flyer on making these applications.

**Our District Conference is coming up at the end of April.** No time like the present to go to the District website or Eventbrite link to register! The Inn at Pocono Manor is an historic

**STUDENT EXCHANGE - SHORT TERM EXCHANGE:** Presidents and secretaries have received flyers on the application process to be accomplished by the first week in May. See the District website or call Irene Carey or Melissa Saxon for more information.

**RYLA** - Don't forget that RYLA applications are due in. Contact Karen DeMatteo with questions.

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site and has been refurbished beautifully. The speakers and events are meant to reach every Rotarian.

If you are staying overnight, you should book your room through the hotel. The \$165 rate, double occupancy, is inclusive of taxes, activity fee and continental breakfast. The registration fees, which mainly cover the meals and entertainment, are the lowest rates in several years. The Committee has worked very hard to keep the rate for the whole conference under \$200, and also to provide an incentive for new members to attend with an even greater incentive of a deep discount.

Friday is a buffet with our "Shoe That Grows" speaker Kenton Lee. This is followed by a dance, with AM Radio playing and s'mores out by the fire pit. All included in the price. Saturday is featuring Ryan of Ryan's Wells will speak at lunch followed by an adult session with our own Jon Naugle on well maintenance and repair projects and a separate youth session with Ryan and Kenton on youth action .

We have a great project running during conference; collecting funds to order "The Shoe That Grows" in two sizes. By the time we get to the conference, we are hoping to have a recipient project identified as well. A special thank you to the Towanda Club for sug-

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**District 7410**

**District Conference**

**April 28 – 30, 2017**



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<https://district-7410-conference-2017.eventbrite.com>

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**District 7410**  
**District Conference**  
**April 28 – 30, 2017**



The 2017 District Conference will be held on April 28 -30, 2017 at the historic Inn at Pocono Manor. Many changes in the event have occurred from years past. We promise you more fun, less talk.

This year's Friday night festivities will begin with a Cocktail party followed by a Dinner/Dance featuring the dance band am Radio. After the music stops, join us for an outdoor campfire with our various Youth Groups and gourmet s'mores.

Our Saturday schedule will include several opportunities to meet with, and network with Rotarians from all over Northeastern Pennsylvania. Our agenda includes topics from End Polio Now updates and Membership to International Service Projects.



Our featured speakers include Rotary International President's Representative and Past District Governor John Stairs from Burlington Ontario, Canada.



Our Keynote Speaker will be Kenton Lee of *The Shoe That Grows Organization*. Kenton had a vision, while living in Nairobi, of providing shoes, for thousands of barefooted children that could grow with the child. Out of this vision came a unique design which has saved thousands of children from a childhood of soil transmitted diseases and parasites.



***More District Conference highlights on following page. Registration form on Page Six.***

*The Shoe That Grows* has been selected by District Governor, Marcia Loughman, to be our main charity for the District Conference. All clubs and members are encouraged to give generously to this worthy cause.



Also featured will be Ryan Hreljac, Founder of the Ryan's Wells Foundation, who at age six started an international charitable organization dedicated to providing clean running water in third world countries.



We will also have our District's own Jon Naugle of Access Development, a group dedicated to promoting sustainable agro-processing and aqua-technologies in Africa, Asia, and the Caribbean.



Saturday evening's festivities will include a Rotary Cocktail Hour followed by a Dinner Gala with a dinner theater Murder Mystery! Guests are encouraged to come dressed as their favorite sleuths to try and figure out "Who done it."

Cap off your evening with our Desserts & Cordials Banquet. This elegant candlelit affair will include delectable fancy sweet desserts and smooth top shelf liquors.

On Sunday we will honor District Rotarians who have passed away in the past year with a befitting ecumenical memorial service. Please come to help us respectfully celebrate many lifetimes of community service



**Registration**

The Registration fees have been slashed! Be sure to register early for the 2017 District Conference online at <https://district-7410-conference-2017.eventbrite.com> or mail this registration form in to:

Registrar Jerry Reisch  
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 Luzerne, Pa. 18709

|   |           | # Attending | Total |
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| Full Event .....  | \$175.00  | _____       | _____ |
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| Friday Night Dinner/Dance Only<br>(with cash bar cocktail hour and s'more campfire).....                      | \$ 75.00  | _____       | _____ |
| Saturday Sessions and Lunch Only .....  | \$ 40.00  | _____       | _____ |
| Saturday Night Murder Mystery Banquet (with cash bar cocktail<br>hour and dessert & Cordial Banquet) .....    | \$ 95.00  | _____       | _____ |
| Saturday Sessions, Lunch & Dinner Banquet (with cash bar cocktail<br>Hour and dessert & Cordial Banquet)..... | \$125.00  | _____       | _____ |
|   |           | Total Cost  | _____ |

Saturday Night Banquet Meal Choice (check one)

- Chicken Portofino
- Sliced Stuff Pork Loin
- Baked Salmon
- Vegetarian
- Gluten Free

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# Lessons from PETS about Wooing Members

BY WES SKILLINGS

If there was an ongoing topic at the Presidents-Elect Training Seminar (PETS) in Whippany, NJ, on Friday and Saturday, March 24-25, it was about members. How do we bring in new members, especially younger ones, while main-

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gesting we do some type of project during conference. We are asking each club to donate \$150, which equals 10 pair of shoes. Send checks made payable to Rotary District 7410, with a footnote, the Shoe that Grows Project, to Karen DeMatteo.

While dress is business casual throughout the conference, our dinner and Murder Mystery Saturday night (following a cash bar with hosted Hors d'oeuvres) is inclusive of the Gourmet desserts later in the evening served with cordials.

Sunday, of course we will pay tribute to those Rotarians who have passed away during our Rotary year. We hope you will be with us to acknowledge their contributions.

Despite being a small Rotary district, we are working to bring Awards 4 U in as a vendor with their wonderful Rotary shirts, hats, pins and memorabilia and such. We will also have RI President's Rep. John Stairs with us for all three days.

Golfers, PDG Budd O'Malia will be organizing the golf tournament for Friday, and this year we have added a special District Hosted President's Forum with the RI President's Rep to discuss what we outgoing officers can do to support the growth and resilience of Rotary in the future.

So, let's get April going! We have much to do and accomplish.

**Yours in Rotary,  
Marcia Loughman  
DG 2016-2017**

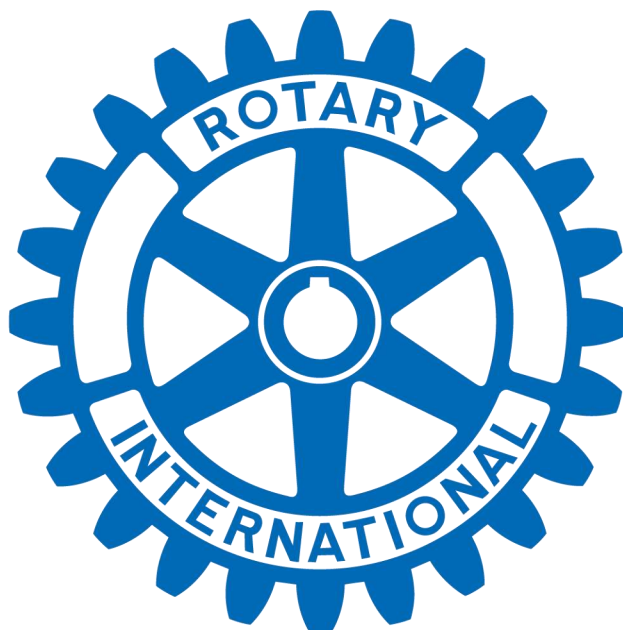
taining the interest of the members we have?

We were told that American Rotary Clubs, as a group, bring in at least 100,000 new members every year. Sounds quite impressive until you consider that we lose about the same number over that span— and only about seven percent, according to one speaker, to death. And, yes, like most community, civic and fraternal organizations who survive through the generosity and energy of volunteers, we are getting a little long at the tooth.

That's because a lot of people like me, recently retired or on the threshold of retirement, want to do something productive in their so-called golden years and, at the same time, give back to their community, state and country. In the case of the Rotary, we also enjoy the benefit of giving back globally.

For me, perhaps the most productive part of PETS 2017, held at the Hanover Marriott, was a three-hour optional session held on Thursday, the 23<sup>rd</sup>. I am rather new to the fold, as is my club, the Wyalusing Area Rotary, which is only in the second half of its second year of existence.

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Rotary Club of the Abingtons**Court Gives Veterans a Second Chance**

BY EILEEN CHRISTIAN

ABINGTON JOURNAL COLUMNIST

The Rotary Club of the Abingtons and the Abington Lions Club recently joined forces for fun and good cheer at dinner at the Ramada Inn. The purpose of gathering both service organizations together was to get to know one another better. The event was put together by Rotarian Steven Selige who made the arrangements and was master of ceremonies.

At the event, Magistrate District Court Judge and Rotarian Paul Keeler presented slides on the newly formed Veterans' Court. He explained how veterans often are suffering from issues that happened when they served our country. These traumatic events shaped their lives and caused psychological illnesses. Often the veteran feels there is no way out of his or her problems and falls back on drugs, alcohol and the crimes that are encouraged by these vices. Judge Paul Keeler says that no one wants to see the veteran in any court at all, but Veterans Court gives the vet a second chance through treatment and perhaps recovery. Paul spoke in a quiet voice to a hushed room as information on the terrible plight of our local veterans was told through slides and words. This topic is one not often heard and the audience listened and learned.

These two service clubs of Lions and Rotarians have worked together on many projects through the years. You have seen them at



Shown from left are Clarks Summit Borough Councilman Roy Williams; Clarks Summit Mayor Herman Johnson; Abington Lion's Club President Tyler Kusma; Rotary Club of the Abington's President Bruce Valentine, and Magisterial District Court Judge Paul Keeler.

almost every Fourth of July Fireworks working in nearby booths for our community celebration, so the night that brought us together for information on how to help veterans was especially meaningful.

Not only are Rotarians working with other service clubs but also we are reaching within to encourage community goodness. As Rotarians we sponsor a high school service club in the Abington Heights High School, called the Interact Club. Any high school student is free to join and the purpose of the club is the same as our own Rotary Club, to do good. When the Interact Club meets under the

direction of their teacher, Mr. Baker, it is not unusual for 70 to 80 kids to show up. Here is what they did in the past few weeks. They sent letters to every single person who works in the high school, maintenance people, bus drivers, nurses, teachers and administrators, telling each one how much their work was appreciated. As if that was not enough, they had "Pay It Forward Week!" Good things were done for each other or for just anyone, for example, money was collected for a family who recently had a fire in their house. When the good deed was done and it was "thank you" time, the person

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# NIGHT AT THE Races

SUNDAY, APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup> 2017

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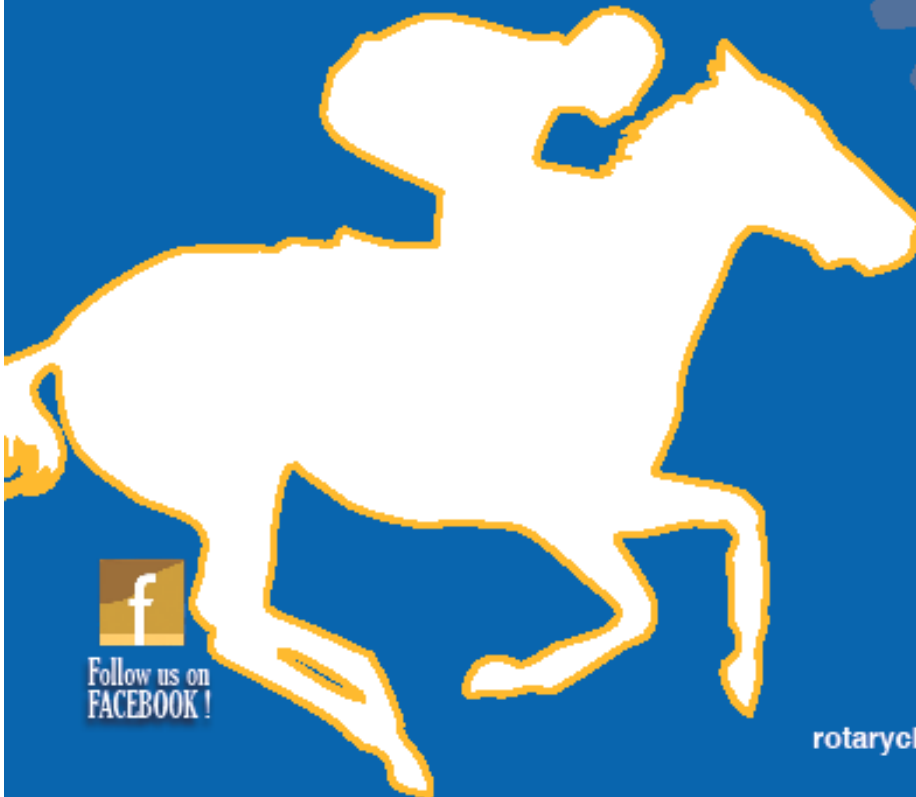
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[The Rotary Club of New Milford](#)

## ***Protecting Children of Abuse and Victimization***

Attending to one Rotary focus area of ***Maternal and Child Health***, the New Milford Rotary Club enjoyed a presentation by Diane Hardy and Thommie Carlson of the Children's Center of Susquehanna and Wyoming Counties,

A Child Advocacy Center (CAC). In Susquehanna County the CAC Children's Center is located at 498 South Main St. Suite G, Montrose,. The mission of CAC is to provide a safe, comfortable environment for children and their families as they endure the interviewing and examination processes after some type of traumatic experience. Support and services at the CAC are free to all children of abuse or victimization.

A multi-disciplinary team including mental health providers, medical providers, victim services, child protective services and law enforcement work together to provide necessary services to the children and families. Diane and Thommie reported, that this year to date, 15 cases have been initiated in Susquehanna County following input from concerned professionals, as well as families and their children.

A Child Line Hotline is available to call at 1-800-923-0313. For more information contact 570-823-5144, ext 370; [www.fsanepa.org](http://www.fsanepa.org) or email at [jfortney@fsanepa.org](mailto:jfortney@fsanepa.org).



**Diane Hardy and Club Member Thommie Carlson speak to the New Milford Area Rotary Club on March 16,.**

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receiving the gift is asked to pass it along to another in need. It is an example of gifting in the purest form.

If you read stories in the newspapers about the bad things that teen agers do, it is wise to remember that in our own high school kids show up for meetings before school begins, tackle a mission that is difficult but worthwhile and do their

best. Two girls from the Interact Club recently spoke at our Rotary meeting. They were smart, well dressed, spoke with personality and conviction about doing good in their Club.

You just can not help yourself! When you go to a Rotary Club meeting whether it is combined with the Lions Club or just at our own Thursday lunches, you can be inspired.



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# Our Clubs in Action

## The Rotary Club of the Stroudsburgs

### *“Not Just Another Auction” Boasts St. Pat’s Theme*

The Rotary Club of the Stroudsburgs hosted its seventh annual “Not Just Another Auction” on Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at beautiful Shawnee Inn. The auction’s theme was “The Luck of the Rotary,” celebrating St. Patrick’s Day with bagpipers and Irish dancers. In addition there was an Irish inspired buffet and silent and live auction.

The third annual Alex “Buzz” Bensingher Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Charles and Virginia Kirkwood for their dedication to the community and unwavering support of the principles of Rotary and the Rotary Club of the Stroudsburgs. The Kirkwoods presented their long time General Manager at Shawnee Inn, Rob Howell, with a Paul Harris Fellow during the event. Rob is president-elect of the club.

Proceeds from the event benefit Valor Clinic Foundation’s Veterans’ Unstoppable PTSD program, as well as Women’s Resources and the club’s other non-profit and charitable causes.

Special thanks to Holley Kearns and her committee for a truly enjoyable evening.



In photos from above clockwise:

1. Bagpipers kick off the auction.
2. Irish dancers entertain.
3. Charles and Virginia Kirkwood with (at left) State Rep. Rosemary Brown, club President Ruthann Rocchio, and (far right) State Sen. Mario Scavello after receiving their Lifetime Achievement Award.
4. Rob Howell with his Paul Harris Fellow.
5. President Rocchio, and Auction Committee Chair, Holley Kearns, welcome Rotarians and guests to the auction.





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Pat Ward, President of the Rotary Club of Hazleton, presents a \$3,000 "Service Above Self" Grant to Rev. Brian Clarke (left), pastor of Holy Rosary Parish for the Church's monthly community feeding program. Also participating were Rocco Formica and Carolyn Shemanski at right, front. In second row (from left) are Dorothy Podlesny, Ann McGill, Monica Barletta, Mary Anne Mitchell, Peggy Lockwood and Elaine Morgan. In back row are Sister Michele Weaver, Elder Weaver, Elder Swaze, Elder Naylor, Elder Matelau and Elder Hill of the Church of Jesus Christ for Latter Day Saints, volunteers at the program.

### [The Rotary Club of Hazleton](#)

## ***Grant Presented to Community Feeding Program***

Holy Rosary Parish received a \$3,000 "Service Above Self" Community Service Grant from The Rotary Club of Hazleton for a project that partners Holy Rosary Parish with Weinberg NE Regional Food Bank. They will be providing one healthy cooked meal once a month to those in need; including the elderly, the homeless, families, women and children. Last year, Holy Rosary Parish provided 1,922 meals for those in need in the Greater Hazleton Community.

"We are especially pleased with this project because it is the Rotary Club helping Holy Rosary Parish partnering with Weinberg NE Regional Food Bank" Rotary President Pat Ward says, "It is good to see a number of local organizations working together to achieve a common goal, in this case feeding the hungry. Teamwork like this is what makes a community strong. No one in Greater Hazleton should be hungry and we want to help achieve that ultimate goal."

"We are partnering with Weinberg NE Regional Food Bank to provide one healthy meal once/month to those in need which includes senior citizens, women and children). Our next meal at Holy Rosary Parish, 240 South Poplar Street, will be held on Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> from 11AM-12Noon." explains Father Brian Clarke, Pastor, Holy Rosary Parish. "Our job is to coordinate the meal to be served, purchase, prepare and serve

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## World Champion

Elina Nieminen, Rotary Youth Exchange student from Finland hosted by the Plains Rotary, is a member of the Blue Starz Cheer team of Wilkes Barre. The Blue Starz team traveled to Disney World in Orlando, Florida to compete in the International Cheer competition on March 17 & 18. Elina and her teammates received a perfect score and awarded First Place. Elina and the Blue Starz team members are World Champions. Congratulations and well done.

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We're already struggling to market our Rotary Club as the place to be without alienating other organizations and their good causes. Looking at them, I can see that they too are struggling to recruit and keep members.

The beauty of the recent seminar was that District 7410 was one of seven districts represented, with 260 presidents-elect in attendance. Our district was the only one from Pennsylvania, with the rest from various districts in New Jersey and New York. There were so many people with so many ideas and it turns out we all have the same concerns about members and how we go about getting more, whether it be through marketing strategies, inspiring projects or just making our meetings more interesting and, dare I say, fun.

That's right, there is nothing wrong with having fun at a Rotary meeting. There is nothing wrong with networking, either. After all, business interests and networking were among the motivations of Paul Harris and his band of brothers at the beginning of the Rotary story.

So I figure that in the next issue or two I might share some of the lessons I learned at PETS about the membership challenge we continue to face. I invite anyone else who was there to do the same. My email contact as Newsletter Editor is on the back page of this newsletter.

See you next month and happy member hunting.

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the food and clean up afterwards. We also have to order and pick up food from the Weinberg Food Bank, as well as, advertise the luncheon to the community.

"Both Holy Rosary Parish-the grant recipients and Weinberg NE Regional Food Bank-their partner, are very thankful to the Rotary for their support on this project," Father Clarke continued, "It is a good example of how collaboration is helping to respond to a community need".

For more information on the Holy Rosary Parish meals, or for the monthly meal schedule contact them at 570-454-6693.

An upcoming Hazleton Rotary Club fundraiser that helps provide for the club's community service projects, such as this one, is the annual "Night at the Races". This year's event will be on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, J.J. Ferrara Performing Arts Center, doors open 6:00PM. For more information and to buy tickets/horses contact any Hazleton Rotary Club member or Project Chair Jason Brenner, 570-454-8706.

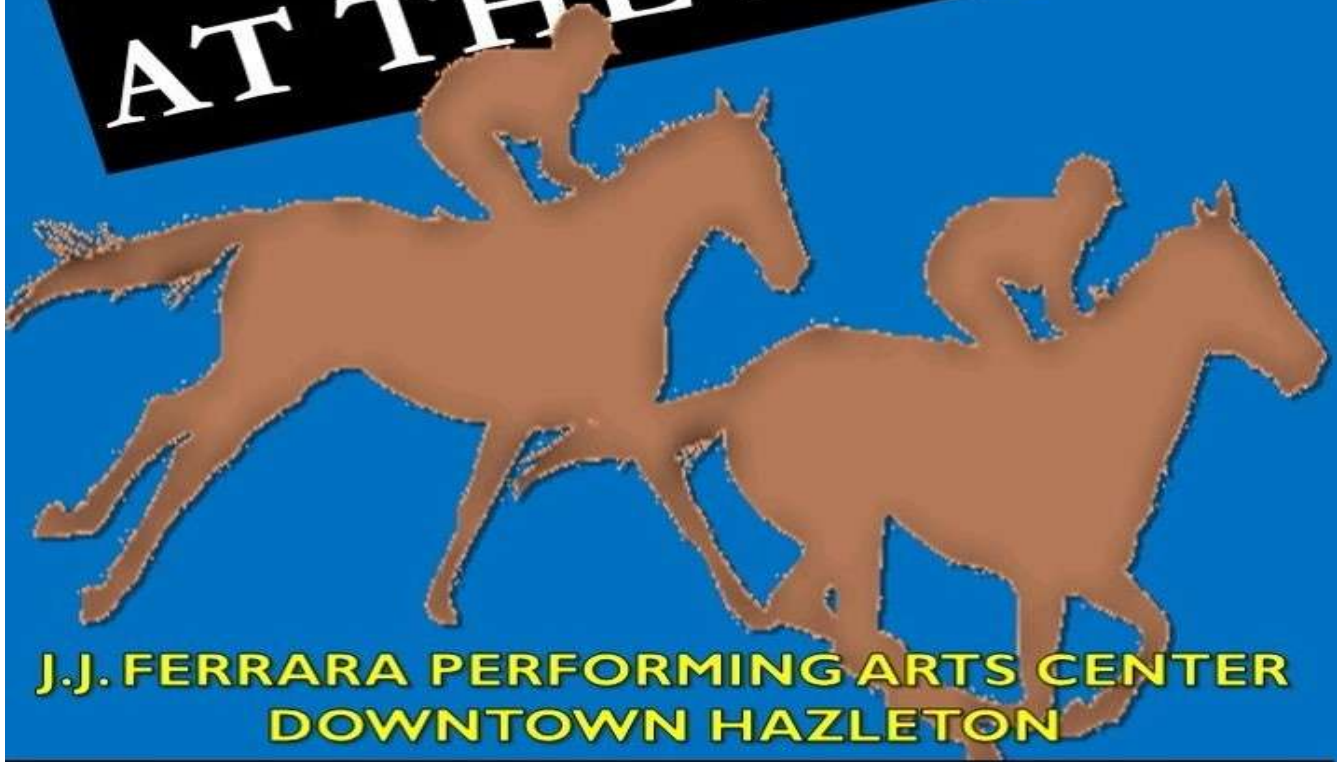
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The Rotary Club of Hazleton presents



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## Celebrating 67 Years of Service in Newfoundland

On Monday March 27<sup>th</sup> 2017, The Rotary Club of Newfoundland celebrated 67 years of service. The club was chartered in 1950, with 24 members. Currently the club has 39 active members. The meeting and dinner took place at the Newfoundland Hotel, which was the original meeting place when the club was chartered.

Rotarian of the year was awarded to Bill Leishear, for all of his hard work and involvement with the club. Bill has been a member of this club for the past 16 years, and most recently worked on a joint project with other local rotary clubs at the Lacawac sanctuary.

Several Paul Harris awards were also given out. Nicole Santelli received a Paul Harris from her mother Laura Santelli. Nicole has been with the club for two years. Stephen and Wesley Hearn each received a Paul Harris from the club. Stephen has been with the club for nine years, and Wesley has also been with the club for nine years. John Otway received a Paul Harris +2. John has been with the club for 27 years. Roger Altemier received a Paul Harris +3. Roger has been with the club for 25 years. David Hazzard received a Paul Harris +2. David has been with the club for eight years.



Rotarian of the Year Bill Leishear is flanked by Ann O'Reilly (left) and Newfoundland President Amy Colwell.



President Colwell with new Paul Harris Fellows John Otway (above) and Roger Altemier (below).

[Rotary Club of Pittston](#)



### Three Join Paul Harris Ranks

Dr. Robert Bishop is shown presenting Paul Harris Fellows to Rotary Club of Pittston members, Assistant Governor John Joseph and Jim Champi. The Past President also dedicated one to his daughter, Devon Bishop. From left are Dr. Bishop, AG John, and Champi.



# Got Drugs?



Turn in your unused  
or expired medication  
for safe disposal.

**Saturday April 29 • 10:00 am - 2:00 pm**  
**at the following locations:**

## **Wayne/Pike Counties**

Hawley Senior Center

## **Wyoming County**

CVS Pharmacy, Tunkhannock

RITE AID Pharmacy, Tunkhannock

Lech's Pharmacy, Laceyville & Nicholson

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**ROTARY DISTRICT 7410 CONFERENCE  
 GOLF TOURNEY  
 POCONO MANOR IN THE POCONOS  
 FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2017 – 9 A.M.**

**CAPTAIN 'N CREW FORMAT – SHOTGUN START  
 GOLF - \$35 PERSON – GOLF CARTS INCLUDED**

Don't have a foursome? We'll match you up w/ others

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 (CAPTAIN) \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CELL: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ROTARY CLUB OF: \_\_\_\_\_

NAMES OF OTHER PLAYERS IN YOUR GROUP

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
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**SEND THIS FORM WITH YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO DISTRICT 7410 TO PDG BUDD O'MALIA  
 133 GREENWAVE BLVD., LARKSVILLE, PA 18704 – CELL 570-814-3918**

**PLEASE REGISTER BY APRIL 12, 2017 – SPACE IS LIMITED**

## The Rotary Club of the Pocono Mountains



### Rotarians “Match” Volunteer Firefighters with Ten Grand

On Wednesday, January 18th at The PourHouse, officials and members of the Rotary Club of the Pocono Mountains, presented the Barrett Township Volunteer Fire Company with a \$10,000 check. The Rotary Club of the Pocono Mountains announced a donation match program up to \$10,000 to support the Bar-

rett Township Volunteer Fire Company at the 2016 Concert in the Park community event. The funds were to support efforts to replace and equip a decommissioned fire engine. The community exceeded the goal of \$10,000 and the fire company has purchased their new vehicle.

## Rotary Club of North Scranton



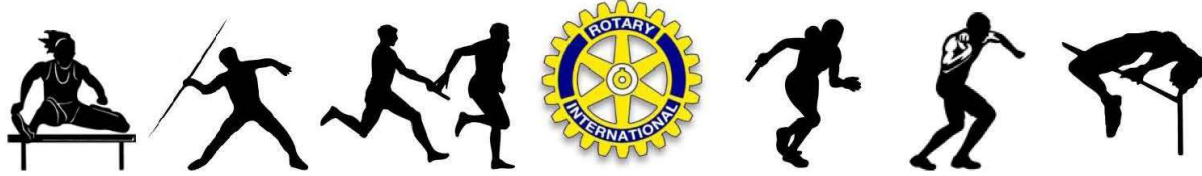
North Scranton Rotarians in the kitchen (above) getting ready to serve a delicious ham dinner. At right, great turnout at the Apartments at North for what should be the first Ham Dinner.

### Serving Up Ham Dinners

On Sunday March 12th, the North Scranton Rotary held their 1st Annual Ham Dinner at the Apartments at North. We served ham, potatoes, carrots, coleslaw, and dessert. We had a great turnout and had a lot of fun serving the public. Stay tuned for our next fundraiser!



**Saturday, May 13th, 2017**  
**10:00am**



**33<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL ROTARY RELAYS INVITATIONAL**  
**JUNIOR HIGH TRACK & FIELD**  
**TUNKHANNOCK MEMORIAL STADIUM**

*Organized by the Tunkhannock Rotary Club*

| TRACK RELAYS |                                       |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1.           | 4 x 100/110m Shuttle Hurdles          |
| 2.           | 4 x 800m Relay                        |
| 3.           | 4 x 200m Relay                        |
| 4.           | 4 x 1600m Relay (simultaneously run)  |
| 5.           | 4 x 100m Relay                        |
| 6.           | Mid-Distance Medley (800-400-400-800) |
| 7.           | 4 x 400 Relay                         |

| FIELD RELAYS |                       |
|--------------|-----------------------|
| 1.           | 3 x Shotput Relay     |
| 2.           | 3 x Discus Relay      |
| 3.           | 3 x Javelin Relay     |
| 4.           | 3 x Long Jump Relay   |
| 5.           | 3 x Triple Jump Relay |
| 6.           | 3 x High Jump Relay   |
| 7.           | 2 x Pole Vault Relay  |

**Important Event Notes:**

- Junior high athletes (grades 7-9); Varsity 9<sup>th</sup> graders are ineligible; All PIAA eligibility & rules apply
- JH Girls Division & JH Boys Division (separate scoring & awards)
- Entry fee = \$50 per school for 1 Division, or \$100 per school for both Divisions (Boys & Girls)
- Schools may enter only 1 relay team per event per Division; Athletes may enter up to 4 events maximum
- All 7 track events occur in seeded heats; Scores based on best times, regardless of heat
- 5 of the field events (Shotput; Discus; Javelin; Long Jump; Triple Jump) will be open pit / open sector; Athletes permitted to throw/jump if returning from conflicting track or other field event, but must arrive and compete before that particular field event ends
- 2 of the field events (High Jump & Pole Vault) will run under normal meet conditions; Athletes may enter at any height, but must be present for their desired height attempts
- Team scoring system (points): 10 - 8 - 6 - 5 - 4 - 3 - 2 - 1
- A brief coaches meeting will take place 30 minutes before the meet near the finish line

**Team Trophies**

Best in the Field (Girls & Boys)  
Invitational Champion (Girls & Boys)

**Medals**

Top 3 Relay Teams in all 7 track events  
Top 3 Relay Teams in all 7 field events

*All track events professionally timed by:*



*All registrations completed online via:*



***If your school plans to participate, please contact Rod Azar for an entry form:***

**cell/text: 570-606-5475    email: rodmanazar@mac.com**

*... there's no "I" in RELAY*

# Save The Date!

**The North Scranton Rotary's  
5<sup>th</sup> Annual Wine and Cigar Tasting  
Saturday May 20th 4:30-7:30**

**Held at**



**More information to follow in next month's  
newsletter.**



New Rotarians

Hazleton                      Mark Ondishin  
 Mountaintop                Joseph Aquilina  
 Newfoundland              Nancy Gencarelli  
 Tunkhannock                Elaine Walker

## District 7410 — 2017 Club Data

| Club              | Total Mem. | New Mem. | Attend. % |
|-------------------|------------|----------|-----------|
| Abingtons         | 57         |          | 41.23%    |
| Athens            | 22         |          |           |
| Blakeslee         | 11         |          | 50.00%    |
| Dallas            | 43         |          | 49.00%    |
| Dunmore           | 14         |          |           |
| Forest City Area  | 14         |          | 60.70%    |
| Freeland          | 10         |          |           |
| Hamlin            | 32         |          |           |
| Hawley            | 22         |          | 55.00%    |
| Hazleton          | 77         | 1        | 33.11%    |
| Honesdale         | 39         |          | 38.00%    |
| Jim Thorpe        | 25         |          | 44.00%    |
| Kingston          | 20         |          | 71.00%    |
| Lehighton         | 9          |          |           |
| Mid-Valley        | 2          |          | 75.00%    |
| Milford-          |            |          |           |
| Matamoras         | 25         |          | 65.00%    |
| Montrose          | 21         |          |           |
| Mountaintop       | 22         | 1        | 60.00%    |
| Mt. Pocono        | 19         |          |           |
| New Milford       | 16         |          |           |
| Newfoundland      | 39         | 1        | 76.03%    |
| North Pocono      | 18         |          |           |
| North Scranton    | 22         |          | 77.00%    |
| Pittston          | 17         |          |           |
| Plains            | 19         |          |           |
| Plymouth          | 22         |          |           |
| Pocono Moun-      |            |          |           |
| tains             | 21         |          |           |
| Sayre             | 18         |          | 63.00%    |
| Scranton          | 38         |          | 0.00%     |
| Slate Belt Rotary | 21         |          | 50.00%    |
| Smithfields       | 22         |          | 43.18%    |
| Stroudsburgs,     |            |          |           |
| The               | 108        |          | 66.67%    |
| Towanda           | 14         |          |           |
| Trail             |            |          |           |
| (Factoryville)    | 17         |          |           |
| Troy              | 22         |          |           |
| Tunkhannock       | 64         | 1        |           |
| Weatherly         | 10         |          |           |
| Wellsboro         | 44         |          | 0.00%     |
| West End          | 16         |          |           |
| Wilkes-Barre      | 30         |          |           |
| Winola            | 15         |          |           |
| Wyalusing Area    | 26         |          | 27.00%    |
| Wyoming Rotary    | 19         |          | 55.00%    |

Dear Club Presidents,

I want to give a big THANK YOU to the clubs that have already sent in their donation to the Shoe That Grows project. Hopefully by now you have all heard of it and made a decision to participate, please know this is completely voluntary and up to each club if they wish to donate.

I hope the shoes themselves have had a visit to your club, if not please contact your AG who has the shoes to share. I am attaching the flyer with all the details in case you missed it.

I hope you will join Plains, Pittston, Mt. Pocono, West End, Weatherly, Weatherly I nteract and Stroudsburg I nteract Clubs with some contribution. I think it would be incredible to donate over 500 pairs of shoes to those in need and to be able to actually take some of those shoes and give them out ourselves!

Let's make DG Marcia's project "walk away" to success. Please attend the District Conference in April to hear Kanton Lee, the man behind the shoe, as he shares in his keynote address Friday April 28th.

Registration is open on the District Website.

Many thanks  
 I n Rotary Service,

**Karen DeMatteo**





# District 7410

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