

News from the District

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A Message from the District Governor

This past weekend we celebrated at our annual District Conference. I cannot tell you how much I enjoyed the events, and also how especially indebted I am to PDG Kerry Nix and PDG Art and Sandy Peoples for putting together a weekend we will long remember. Many other people contributed to the success of the conference, and I thank them all. We were also fortunate to have PDG Kerry, with her positive attitude and depth of experience, so involved this year as our Vice Governor.



The Rotary International President's Representative, Jayaram Kumar, and his wife, Geetha, were a wonderful addition to the conference as were all of our speakers and presenters. Director Julia Phelps helped us celebrate our success with membership, and PDG Ann Lee Hussey, of Maine, reminded us how important our fight against polio is. PDG John Capps was a great motivator in true Rotary spirit.

Jane Martini Kraynak and PDG Ted Silver found many sources of financial support, and Mark Reese and Margaret McCormick supported our House of Friendship and Basket Raffle to benefit our Foundation. Rotarians Laurie Hazzard and Andy Chapman put on a Kentucky Derby event that rivaled the real thing.

We celebrated our youth with awards for the essay and poster contests, and our exchange students both incoming and outgoing. We remembered our fellow Rotarians who have passed this year with dignity and affection thanks to Art Ridley, Bob Chavez and PDG Paul O'Malia. And thanks to DGND Karin Breitlauch and Rotarian Ed Gallagher the highlights of our conference will be available on our District E-Club site shortly.

Our Assistant Governors presided over our plenary sessions and our annual awards were announced. The Rotarian of the Year Award went to AG Jerry Reisch from the Rotary Club of Dallas, the Distinguished Rotarian Award went to PDG Art Peoples from the Rotary Club of Dallas, and the Bob Hemphill Humanitarian Award went to Joseph Paglianite from the Rotary Club of Plymouth. The Membership Award went to President Norm Kelly and the Tunkhannock Club, and Al Noble was recognized for his leadership in chartering the new Wyalusing Club.

The bottom line is, this District has so much talent, and all of our clubs and members have worked hard to increase our membership which is now at 1,145 members with more being added as you read this. Our next challenge is to continue attracting new members while we retain the members we have.

Everyone should attend the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) where new members and seasoned Rotarians learn about Rotary. My own President, John Boos, attended after 19 years in Rotary. His enthusiasm was so great after attending RLI that he came back to our club to serve as president, and his service has been exceptional. Make sure your club warmly welcomes everyone to meetings, sends members to RLI, and gets everyone involved in worthwhile projects.

I can't tell you how proud I am of this District and how hard you have all worked this year. I look forward to seeing all of you at our Baseball Game on Sunday, May 24th.

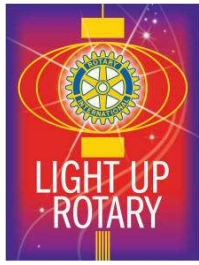
Keep on Lighting Up Rotary!
DG Carol

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6. Jeff McLaughlin (Scranton) Dunmore, North Pocono, North Scranton, Scranton, The Abingtons.
7. Jerry Reisch (Dallas) Dallas, Kingston, Pittston, Plains, Plymouth, The Greater Nanticoke Area, Wilkes-Barre, Wyoming.

The weather looks promising for some sunny and warmer days ahead. We've waited a long time for the snow to melt. Now it's time to get out there and participate in the outdoor events in your hometown. But before you go to the festival, fair, flea market or auction, take an inventory of what you have on hand to show the Rotary colors.

Does everyone in your club have a Rotary shirt?

How about a Rotary hat?

What shape is your club banner in?

Do you have a brochure that tells your story and the projects you support?

We all know that membership is key to our continued success. Let people know who we are and what we do. Invite friends and neighbors to help you out at your events. Cooks and servers are always needed for food events, and ticket sellers are always needed for any event.

Don't be shy. Hand out your brochure everywhere you go.

Ask people to join in this worthy endeavor to help people in our communities and around the world.

*Warm Rotary Regards,
Sandy Peoples
Public Relations Chair*

**To view and order photos
from the District Conference,
please go to:**

www.vipstudiosinc.com

Click on "Galleries."

Click on our event.

Follow viewing instructions.

If you need assistance,
please call VIP Studios
at [570-839-2020](tel:570-839-2020).

Highlights from the District Conference



Rotarian of the Year award winner AG Jerry Reisch and DG Carol Hemphill.



District Governor Carol Hemphill.



Bob Hemphill Humanitarian Award winner Joseph Paglianite, Plymouth Club President John (JK) Karavis, DG Carol Hemphill.



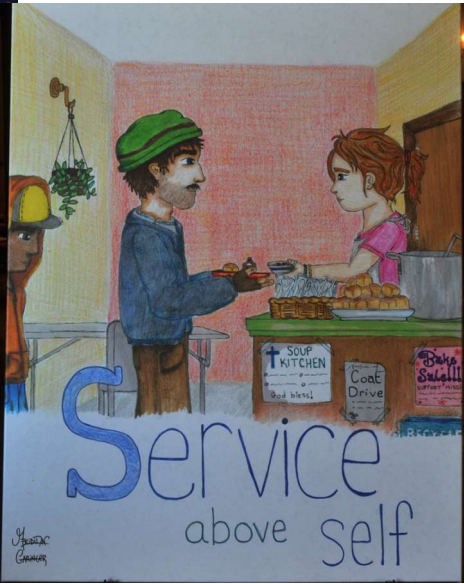
DG Carol Hemphill, PDG and Distinguished Rotarian award winner Art Peoples, PDG Tom Visgilio.



From left: Rotary International President's Representative Jayaram Kumar, Dr. Geetha Jayaram, Polio Survivor Ann Lee Hussey, PDG Ted Silver.



Conference Chair PDG Kerry Nix and her husband District Board of Director Bob Chavey.



This award winning poster says it all. The Tunkhannock Club was proud of Meridian Garinger who designed it.



Youth Exchange Program Chair Melissa Saxon and Paul Saxon.

2015-16 District Grants

The deadline for submitting 2015-16 District Grant application is May 30, 2015. Please send the completed application to Mary Ellen Bentler, Grants Committee Chair.

All clubs requesting at Grant must have contributed at least \$100 to the Annual Fund Shared in the 2012-13 Rotary year. In 2013-14, the Annual Fund Shared contribution must be at least \$50 per capita. In 2014-15, contributions to the Annual Fund Shared must be at least \$50 per capita. The Grants committee will use the 1 June 2015 Rotary Foundation Club contribution report to verify the club has met the \$50 per capita requirement. We advise Clubs to make all contributions to the Annual Fund Shared no later than 15 May to ensure the funds will appear on the 1 June club contribution report.

PDG Paul F. Muczynski, Chair
District Rotary Foundation Committee

Notice to District 7410 Rotarians:

At the March 21st meeting of incoming presidents for 2015-16, the proposed District Budget for Rotary year 2015-16 was presented to all authorized club personnel present. After discussion, the budget was voted on by private paper ballot. PDGs present counted the vote and the results were announced by PDG Budd O'Malia. The District Budget for 2015-16, which has been submitted for posting on our District website on the page which houses budgets from previous years, was approved by a vote of 25 "YES" votes, and no submitted "No" votes from the represented clubs.

During the discussions, the request was made to District Governor-Elect Barbara to send out quarterly financial statements on the status of our District's operating budget. She agreed to direct the District Treasurer to do so, in order that all clubs can be better informed regarding our district finances and in support of the practice of fiscal transparency.

For those who are interested in becoming more involved with 7410's finances, please speak with either DG Carol, DGE Barbara, DGN Marcia or Jeff Gilbert who is currently serving as the Chair of the District Finance Committee. Additionally, for those interested in comparing the proposed budget with operating budgets from the past 6 years, all documents are available on our **District Website**. Once a member logs in, they will need to click on the "**Members Only**" tab. On the following page, they would select the link for "**District Operating Budgets**". The webpage that follows contains the links to the coming, present, and previous year's budgets.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Belón, DGE

Rotary District 7410 - Proposed Budget - July 1, 2015- June 30, 2016

Revenue:	Budget	Actual	Comments
District Member Dues	\$55,000 *		1100 * \$50
i/o Grant income	\$25,000		DDF
i/o Multi District PETS Assessment	\$11,550		42 clubs * \$225 registration + (42 * 50) club assessment
i/o Youth Exchange Services	\$12,300		Outbound students
i/o RYLA income	\$24,000		80 attendees * \$300
District Conference revenue	\$52,500 *		150 * \$350
i/o Foundation Event revenue	\$2,000		100 attendees * \$20
Other income	\$1,500 *		Fundraising, additional PETS registrations
Interest income	\$150 *		
TOTAL Revenue:	\$184,000		
Expenses:			
- Program Expenses:			
i/o Grant distributions	\$25,000		
i/o Youth Exchange Program	\$12,300		Includes jackets, conference, activities, UN day
i/o RYLA	\$24,000		Includes summer RYLA, reunions, etc.
Youth Services	\$1,000 *		Interact/Rotract/RYLA reunions/seminars/materials
District Short Story Contest	\$2,000 *		School awards: \$500, \$250, \$100; - gift certs for students
Foundation Committee Meetings	\$750 *		
Foundation "Change the World" program	\$100 *		Collection vehicles for Foundation donations
District "Rotary Reads" summer program	\$420 *		District-wide service project \$10 * 42 clubs
TOTAL Program Services:	\$65,570		
- Support Services:			
District Conference			April 29-30, 2016: Mohegan Sun
i/o - Meals, program, AV, program, speakers	\$62,500 *		(Offset by \$52,500 revenue)
District Training Assembly	\$1,100 *		(Planned by DGE Marcia L.)
District Directory	\$1,000 *		
Zone Institute	\$8,000 *		DG, DGE, DGN Dist. Trainer '16-'17 @ \$2000 ea.
Zone Institute	\$4,000 *		2 District Zone reps (McAndrew/Peoples) \$2000 ea
Zone Institute - PDG * Foundation Chair support	\$600 *		Funds to offset Zone registration costs - 4 @ \$150
i/o Foundation Seminar/Luncheon	\$2,000		October 25th - Genetti's, Hazleton
Foundation Grants Management Seminars	\$900 *		3 seminars
Membership Seminars	\$3,000 *		2 or more seminars scheduled, with meals
Website (ClubRunner)	\$2,600 *		Annual fee
Website - eClub & Vimeo	\$2,000 *		Annual fee for eClub site and support product Vimeo
Join.Me online meeting tool	\$175 *		Annual fee
i/o Multi District PETS - Club Presidents	\$11,550		42 * \$275 (does not include satellites)
Multi District PETS - G-team/AGs	\$3,900 *		DG/DGE/DGN, Trainer/7 AGs/ Registrar (12)
Multi District PETS - facilitators	\$600 *		April, 2016 - Six (6) facilitators at \$100/ea
Rotary International Convention, June 2016	\$1,000 *		In support of DG attendance at International Conv.
District Executive Administrator	\$8,000 *		Brenda Allen
Annual Accounting Fee	\$1,600 *		(Paid to outside agency)
Assistant Governor -Travel Stipend	\$2,800 *		\$100/quarter * 4 quarters * 7 Ags
District events: Marketing / Publicity	\$4,000 *		Used for radio & print marketing of District events
Annual RLI Dues	\$500		Membership dues in RLI Consortia
Miscellaneous	\$2,000 *		Club major anniversaries, honorees, Zone donation
TOTAL Support Services:	\$123,825		
TOTAL Expenses:	\$189,395		
TOTAL Revenue minus TOTAL Expenses:	-\$5,395		Shortfall
Withdrawal from Reserve Funds:	\$5,395		Used to balance annual budget
Revenue to Expenses:	\$0		

Start time has been changed for this event



District 7410
2015 Training Assembly
 Lackawanna College, Scranton, PA
 Saturday May 9, 2015, 10:00 AM to 4 PM

Want your 2015-16 Rotary year to be a success?

Then, register right now for this year's District Training Assembly. You'll get information that will help you plan and carry out an absolutely phenomenal year. Meet your colleagues and increase your Rotary network. Get hands-on training in both the RI and our District ClubRunner applications. Meet your District Officers - - great resources for club programs and sources of ideas and connections. Get resources to help identify potential members. Time to shake up your club so that you can be a gift to the world! This event has been designed especially for incoming club officers, but is open to all Rotary members in District 7410. **Are you ready for the new 2015-16 Rotary year?**

Register by May 4 at: <http://district-training-assembly-7410.splashthat.com>

This is a no-charge event. Gathering time with coffee/tea: 9:45 am. Lunch served at 12:30 pm. Off-street parking will be available.
 Opening session and all main sessions will be held in the 3rd floor cafeteria.

Don't miss this event that will not only provide you with ideas, contacts, and knowledge regarding the year ahead, but also the hands-on skills to navigate Rotary's websites.

Your Action Items:

1. **Prior to this May 9th event**, if you do not currently have a logon ID for www.rotary.org, then visit that webpage and create it. **WRITE DOWN** your userid and password since you will need it for the hands-on training.
2. If you do not currently have a logon ID for our **district website**, then repeat Step 1 at the following: <http://portal.clubrunner.ca/50202>

Increase the chances of a successful Rotary year - - [register now!](#)





**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 7410
Baseball Day at PNC Field (Moosic)
May 24, 2015**

**District Governor Carol and the SWB RailRiders invite
all Rotarians to join in the fun at the
District 7410 Baseball Day.**

Date/Time: May 24, 2015 - Game Starts at: 1:05pm

Location: PNC Field — Kost Party Pavilion

Food available at 12:00 pm for about 1 1/2 hours.

**Cost: \$29.00 per person (Includes: admission to ballpark, free parking,
and all you can eat buffet)**

Opponent: Durham Bulls (Rays)

Food Includes: Jumbo Hot Dogs, Grilled Hamburgers, sides dishes and desserts

Beverages: Fountain Pepsi Products, Ice Tea, Water - CASH BAR Available

ALL Reservations MUST be made by May 10 -- NO WALK-INS
_____ (cut here) _____

Baseball Day Registration Form

Name _____ Club Name _____

Number Attending _____ Amount of Check _____

**Please send this Registration Form along with your check made payable to: Rotary
District 7410.**

**Jerry Reisch
District 7410 Registrar
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Luzerne, PA 18709**

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District 7410
June 28, 2015

District Banner Exchange

June 28th, 2015 2:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort
River Road, Shawnee-on-Delaware, PA



All **District 7410 Rotarians** and their spouse/partner/significant-other are invited to spend an afternoon at this beautiful and historic Delaware River property to celebrate the successful conclusion of the 2014-15 Rotary year and welcome in the 2015-16 year. Assistant Governors will be installed, outgoing District Governor Hemphill will be welcomed into the PDG Council, and the presidents of the North Pocono and Lehighton clubs will exchange the District Banner.

Come enjoy the fellowship in this beautiful setting, both in the lower level Delaware Room and it's adjoining outside patio.

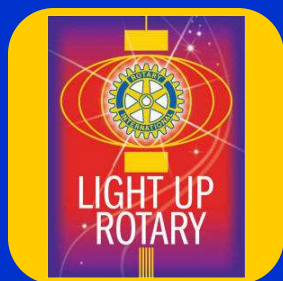
Light food and beverages provided, with cash bar available upstairs.

Live music supplied by guitarists "**Just So**"



ACTION ITEM: RSVP by June 24th

Online Reservations at: <http://district7410bannerexchange.splashed.com>



Our Clubs in Action

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THE ROTARY CLUB OF THE ABINGTONS

Little Library Takes Shape

Mayor Lawler of Clarks Summit is having a brunch and everyone is invited. At this very special occasion, the Pocket Library of Clarks Summit, still under construction by the Rotary Club of the Abingtons, will be on display. On the morning of Saturday, April 18, from 10 to noon, the Ramada Inn will open its doors for the first ever Mayor's Brunch and guests will have a look at the Pocket Library.

The development of our tiny library got a boost from a new source just this week. Steve Young, owner of Young's Funeral Home, is known by most people in town as an honorable business man. What is not known or celebrated is that Steve is also an artist, a unique artist. He works with lasers to create images in various media. Although Steve is not currently a Rotarian, he heard about the Pocket Library and offered his artistic talent to the project. He will laser the Rotary logo on the triangular section beneath the roof of the Pocket Library, front and back. The logo will look like this:



Final construction for the Pocket Library will soon take place on the site where it will rest, in the Pocket Park on Depot Street. Mayor Lawler will inform Rotary when the park construction has been completed. Then members of the Rotary Club of the Abingtons will hammer the post into the ground, fasten the cedar box into place and set the triangular peak on top. When all of that happens the #17,238 Little Free Library will be open for sharing books.

One of Rotary's goals is to promote literacy. In the world, approximately one billion people are not able to read. Safely driving a car, voting in an election, reading a newspaper, applying for a job or even reading a bed time story, are all things impossible to those who cannot read.

Rotary is all about sharing, seeing a problem and caring enough to work for a solution. Our hope is that the #17,238 tiny library, soon to be settled in the Pocket Park in Clarks Summit, will encourage people to read and foster literacy in those who struggle with reading.

At the Mayor's Brunch on April 18, two of our Rotarians will be honored for extending service to the community. Ned Connell, architect of the Pocket Park, will be acclaimed and Harry Mumford, the builder of the Pocket Library, will also be honored. These men show Rotary at its finest. They worked quietly to solve a problem, contributing their talents for a solution. The most important people in Rotary are not the trustees of our Rotary Foundation nor the directors on our boards, but ordinary Rotarians lighting up the world.

The Mayor's Brunch is a fund raiser for the Pocket Park. Mayor Lawler has managed to have lovely food, entertainment, and a social atmosphere available for only \$20.00. Tickets are available at the Borough Office. Do come.

Rob Glycenfer works at Mass Mutual Financial Services, lives in West Pittston, and was sponsored into Rotary Club of the Abingtons by Rotarian Lori Stephens. He was inducted by Warren Watkins and Gus Vlassis.



Lori, Rob, Warren, and Gus.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF LEIGHTON

Supporting Local Veterans



The Rotary Club of Leighton has joined forces with the VALOR Clinic Foundation to support local veterans. On April 6th 2015, members of the club travelled to Paul's House, formerly known as the Jonas Hotel, to assist Valor volunteers with the daunting task of cataloguing, sorting and packing hundreds of items donated each week.



VALOR is the acronym for Veterans Assisted Living Outreach. The main charter of this non-profit volunteer organization is to provide benefits and shelter to those veterans who, for health or economic reasons, find themselves homeless. Under the strong leadership of Mark Bayliss, many individuals and organizations donated their time, talents and economic resources to purchase and recondition the once famous Jonas Hotel located on route 534 and Jonas Road in Leighton, PA. The site is now called Paul's House short for Major Paul Syverson Veteran's Sanctuary VALOR Clinic.

DGE Barbara, Rotarians Renee, Sue, Connie, Becky, Rocky and Edwin participated in the event. Service and fellowship — the perfect combination.



THE ROTARY CLUB OF LEIGHTON

Member Induction Rotary Club of Lehighton

On April 13th 2015, club President Michael Heery welcomed Chris Nelson as the newest member of the Rotary Club in Lehighton, PA. A small induction ceremony was conducted by District Governor Elect Barbara Huffman, de Belon who talked about what it means to be a Rotarian as well as the responsibilities and privileges that come with joining the Rotary family. Chris was given a welcome kit and a Rotary pin which was affixed to her attire.

Chris Nelson is a native of Pennsylvania. She moved to Lehighton in 1984 with her husband Richard. They have a 14 year old daughter named Annie. Chris holds a bachelor’s degree in Social Work which prepared her for a job in children and youth services at an agency in Pottsville. Presently, Chris and her husband Richard, own and operate the Beacon 443 Restaurant in Lehighton, one of two family restaurants started by Chris’ grandfather in 1941. The other restaurant is the Beacon Diner in Hometown.

There were two guests in attendance to the induction ceremony. Karen O’Toole, a radio personality from WMGH/WLSH, who was also the guest speaker for the evening, and Attorney Adam R. Weaver who is currently running for the District Attorney’s position in Carbon County.



New member Chris



DGE Barbara, Chris and Pres. Michael



Guest speaker Karen next to Chris

THE ROTARY CLUB OF PLAINS

Plains Rotarians Clean up River Street.

Members of the Plains Rotary Club celebrated Earth day by picking up trash on a three mile section of River Street in Plains. Pictured are Rotarians Gino Bartoli and Mike Quin. Rotarians Allan Bartoli, Ben Berrini, and Paul Muczynski also participated in the clean-up effort.



THE ROTARY CLUB OF HAWLEY

Hawley Rotary Builds an Indoor Golf Course

Actually, it was a **mini-golf** course built inside the Hawley Library.

The winter was a long and bitter one with little to do except stay indoors. When the Hawley Library reduced its hours due to funding issues, Hawley Rotary stepped in with the idea to lure people out of their homes and into a fun afternoon of mini-golf while raising funds for the library.

Nine Rotarians (with a little student help) constructed an 18-hole course complete with roughs, doglegs and raised greens on three levels inside the library. Three Rotarian “teams” designed six holes each and placed them throughout the library stacks, up ramps, down stairs and around the new Rotary Room, repainted and furnished by Hawley Rotary in July 2014.

Holes one through six were built by Roy Chesseri and Tom Visgilio. Dave Thorne, Roy Kropp and club President Melanie Tek-Visgilio designed the second six holes while Sue Rowe, Jerry O’Connor, Jill Hessling, Juan Espino and student helpers built the final six holes. “Building the course was an exercise in engineering skills and Rotary fellowship,” Dave Thorne commented. The club consensus was that, in doing this fundraiser, more than a mini golf course was built.



Team 2: Hawley President Melanie Tek-Visgilio, Roy Kropp and Dave Thorne built holes 7-12 among the stacks.



Team 1: Roy Chesseri and Tom Visgilio, PDG spent hours in the shop building holes 1 - 6.



Team 3: Wearing authentic golfing kilts are Rotarians Jerry O’Connor and Sue Rowe who, with Jill Hessling and Juan Espino, were responsible for the final six holes.



Seasoned golfer Tom Cully putts for his only bogie of the day.



Our mini-golf course was even made for the younger set.



Hawley President-Elect Jim Pierce taps one in for another birdie.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF HAWLEY

Hawley Rotary’s Spring Egg Hunt

For the past seven years, Hawley Rotary has held an Easter Egg Hunt for Hawley Head Start I students. Since no Easter candy could be given to the children this year, paint sets and glow balls were distributed as prizes instead. Laurie Frank, Dave Thorne, Steven Bauer, Jerry O’Connor and Bill Samford wrapped the balls beforehand and had way too much fun doing it.

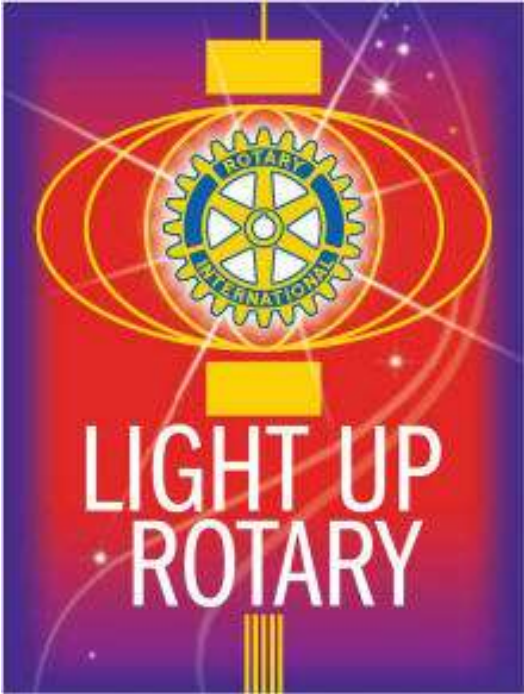
Because of a school late start on April 1st, the event was postponed for a week and became the “Spring Egg Hunt”. A story was read, collection bag colored and eggs hunted for a prize. Thirty-four students in both morning and afternoon classes took part.



Dave Thorne, Jerry O’Connor and Bill Samford play with the “glow” balls. Does this mean that they are used prizes?



Helping for the Hawley Rotary Spring Egg Hunt are new Rotarian Steven Bauer, Tom Visgilio, Roy Kropp, Jerry O’Connor, Roy Chesseri, Laurie Frank , Lin O’Connor and Hawley Rotary President Melanie Tek-Visgilio.



THE ROTARY CLUB OF SAYRE

Sayre Rotary Club honors the Sayre High School winners of this year's Rotary essay contest

The Sayre Rotary Club has announced the winners of this year's Rotary essay contest from Sayre High School and honored them recently at their weekly luncheon. The 1st place winner was Matthea Robbins, the 2nd place winner was Claire Johnston and the 3rd place winner was Brandon Hoose. Each of the winners read their essays to the Rotary Club members and were presented with their monetary prizes after enjoying lunch at the Rail House Restaurant in Waverly, NY.

This year's theme which was open to 11th grade students was "Describe what Service above Self Means to You". Service above Self is the motto of Rotary, which exemplifies the humanitarian spirit of the organization's more than 1.2 million members. Matthea Robbins's 1st place winning essay will be submitted to the Rotary International District 7410 Essay Contest for judging, where the prizes are \$500.00 for 1st place, \$400.00 for 2nd place and \$300.00 for 3rd place.

Mike Frantz of the Sayre High School has been instrumental in organizing this essay contest this year and for many years in the past and the Sayre Rotary Club would like to express their gratitude.

Anyone interesting in learning more about Rotary is welcome to attend the weekly luncheon held every Tuesday at 12:10 pm at the Rail House Restaurant in Waverly, NY.



The winners of this year's essay contest were honored at the Sayre Rotary Club's luncheon. Left to right are Claire Johnston, Brandon Hoose, Matthea Robbins, and Sayre Rotarian Charlie Hammond.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF TUNKHANNOCK

Club & District Essay Contest Winners

At the April 23 Tunkhannock Rotary Club Luncheon, the Club had the pleasure of hosting the winners of the Club Essay and Poster Contests. This year's topic was Service Above Self. The winner of the contest at the Club level was Tunkhannock Interact Club President Gabrielle Frigano, who read her winning essay and received a \$100 gift certificate from the Club.

Gabrielle's essay was submitted to the District 7410 competition and tied for 3rd place in that competition. She had the opportunity to read her essay on Saturday Apr 25 at District Conference at Skytop Lodge, where she received her District award for her essay.



Gabrielle Frigano

Second place in the Club Essay Contest went to Elliot Hammersley, who read his essay and also received a gift certificate as his award.



Elliott Hammersley

THE ROTARY CLUB OF TUNKHANNOCK

District Poster Contest Winner

The winner of the Club Poster Contest was Meridian Garinger, who received a \$100 gift certificate for her poster. Meridian was surprised by the unveiling of a reproduction of her poster enlarged and printed onto canvas, which she signed.

Meridian's poster was submitted to the District 7410 competition and won the District Poster Contest. The enlarged poster printed onto canvas was unveiled and displayed at District 7410 Conference at Skytop Lodge, where Meridian was presented with her award for winning the District Contest. Meridian's poster remained on prominent display throughout the remainder of the conference and was greatly admired by all, including Rotary International President's Representative Jayaram Kumar. The poster will hang in the Seven Loaves Soup Kitchen in Tunkhannock for a time and then circulate to other locations in Tunkhannock, including the Wyoming County Court House Art Gallery.

Rotary Club of Tunkhannock's Newest Members

President Norm Kelly inducted 2 new Tunkhannock Rotarians at the April 2 Club meeting: Stephen Colley sponsored by Samantha Maruzzelli and Francine Kanyok sponsored by Anne Sehne.



L to R: Stephen Colley, Samantha Maruzzelli, Francine Kanyok, Anne Sehne and President Norm Kelly

Paul Harris +3 Recognition

President Norm presented Club Secretary Carol Ziomek with a Paul Harris +3 pin with 3 sapphires set in the pin at the April 16 Club Luncheon. Carol is one of 3 Tunkhannock Rotarians, who are members of the Paul Harris Society, which is for Rotarians who donate \$1,000 per year to the Rotary Foundation.



Winning Service Above Self Poster with Artist Meridian Garinger



Carol Ziomek and President Norm Kelly

THE ROTARY CLUB OF TUNKHANNOCK

Dietrich Theater

At the April 16 Tunkhannock Rotary Club Luncheon at Purkey's Pink Apple, President Norm Kelly reported that the Dietrich Theater is using the \$5,000 that the Club donated to them, to fund a program called Warrior Writers on the 2nd Monday of the Month (beginning May 11) from 6-8 PM at the Dietrich. It is a writing workshop that will encourage the sharing of stories, opinions and ideas about various military issues and experiences. These welcoming and casual workshops empower veterans and military families to release bottled up thoughts and emotions through writing and art. The workshops are open to all veterans, service members, military families and members of the community.

Spring Road-Side Clean-up

On Saturday April 18 instead of sleeping in, a group of Tunkhannock Rotarians, Interactors and our exchange student Shiv Naik joined together to clean up a section of Route 6, west of the Fireplace Restaurant in Tunkhannock. The Tunkhannock Rotary performs this activity every Spring and Fall.



The Tunkhannock Rotary Road Side Clean up Crew with Students and Friends Lending a Hand. Kneeling in Front are President Norm Kelly and Exchange Student Shiv Naik.

Exchange Program

Indian exchange student, Shiv Naik, continues to add to his first-time experiences during his time in Tunkhannock. During Ron Furman's presentation on "Making Maple Syrup" at the Apr 9 Rotary Luncheon at Purkey's Pink Apple, Ron revealed that Shiv did a great job in helping in the making of maple syrup during a visit to Ron's sugar shack. Although the weather was cold and the steam from the boiling sap made it hard to see, Shiv, Stefan and Anika Sehne got a chance to see first-hand the sap reduction process.



Shiv in green hoodie at left with Stefan (middle) and Anika Sehne.



THE ROTARY CLUB OF TUNKHANNOCK

Tunkhannock Interact Club's Kentucky Derby Hat

At the April 23 Tunkhannock Rotary Club Luncheon, the Tunkhannock Interact club's Kentucky Derby Hat was delivered to Club President Norm Kelly so he could take it to the District 7410 Conference. The hat was modeled at the meeting by exchange student Shiv Naik. At District Conference, the hat was auctioned for \$100 that will go to the Tunkhannock Interact Club.



L to R: Elliott Hammersley, Shiv Naik wearing Tunkhannock Interact Kentucky Derby Hat, Gabrielle Frigano and Meridian Garinger plus a close up view of the hat.

Tunkhannock 2015-2016 Outbound Exchange Students

On Saturday April 25, the District 7410 outbound exchange students for 2015-2016 were presented at District Conference at Skytop Lodge. Tunkhannock has 2 outbound short-term exchange students: Mitchell Fowler and Anika Sehne. Their families will be hosting 2 inbound short-term exchange students.



Mitchell Fowler



Anika Sehne

THE ROTARY CLUB OF TUNKHANNOCK

The Tunkhannock Rotary is also sponsoring 2 outbound full-term exchange students: Emily Dunning and Stefan Sehne. Emily will be going to Denmark and Stefan will be going to Brazil. The students were accompanied to District Conference by their parents and the full-term outbound students received: their country flags from current inbound Tunkhannock exchange student Shiv Naik, their jackets from their parents and their pins from District Governor Carol Hemphill and District Governor Elect Barbara Belon.



L to R: Inbound exchange student Shiv Naik, outbound student Emily Dunning with her parents.



L to R: DGE Barbara Belon, DG Carol Hemphill pinning outbound student Stefan Sehne with his parents.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF THE HAZLETON

The Rotary Club of Hazleton held its annual “A Night at the Races” on Saturday, March 28, 2015, J.J. Ferrara Performing Arts Center, 212 West Broad Street, Hazleton. Doors opened at 6:00P.M. and festivities began at 6:30PM. DBi Services was the “Master Sponsor”. Free food and refreshments-had to be 21 years old to attend. Proceeds benefit Hazleton Rotary Club Community Service Projects.



Members of the committee were Row 1, L to R: Co-Chair Donna Barna, Lisa Marie Halecky. Row 2 L to R: Sharon Farver, De Ann Miller, Gary Lagana, Jerry Panisak, Rotary President Tim Genetti, John Beltrami, Bill Waschko and Toni Frumkin. Missing from Photo: Co-Chair Mark Finkelstein, Lisa Finkelstein, Mark Imbriaco, Pat Korb, Lani Drobnock, Mary Malone, Joe Lettiere and Jim Kelshaw.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF THE STROUDSBURGS

Stroudsburgs Rotary Club Honors Riley

John J. Riley, the first recipient of the Alex “Buzz” Bensinger Lifetime Achievement Award, was honored at the Rotary Club of the Stroudsburgs’ Annual Auction on March 5 at the Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort. Auction Chairman Holley Kearns and Rotary Club President Karen DeMatteo presented the award and thanked John and the 150 guests who helped make the evening a success. Through the Auction, the Rotary Club of the Stroudsburgs raised more than \$15,000 to help homeless and disabled veterans in Monroe County and other local charitable efforts.



Rotarian Holley Kearns, Honoree John J. Riley, and President Karen DeMatteo

Stroudsburgs Rotary Club Raises Funds for Local Benefit

Two local veteran programs, VALOR and Project Healing Waters, will also benefit. Eight hundred dollars was raised through the sale of red lanterns, personalized with the names of veterans, past and present. The lanterns lit up the evening at the Shawnee Inn, which provided an Asian buffet; the Asian-themed décor included items from the private collection of Virginia Kirkwood.



Auction Committee-President Karen DeMatteo, Auction Chair Holley Kearns; Margie Becker, John Hoback, Leslie Underhill, Jessica C. Peetz, Pat Sayler, Ray J Starner, Rob Howell and Ruth Longo.



Rotarian Jessica C. Peetz covered her eyes because she thought the LIVE Auction was getting a little out of hand. HAHA!



Lanterns and Auction Items- Lanterns showed tribute to those that have served. 100% of the proceeds from the lanterns went to VALOR and Project Healing Waters.



President Karen and new Satellite Club member Lucy Shunk volunteer at VALOR's event where disabled and homeless veterans can come out of the woods to receive services such as healthcare, clothes, food and supplies.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF DALLAS

At a recent meeting of the Rotary Club of Dallas, the group welcomed returning member Jason Moran.



From left: Past President Paul Saxon, Jason Moran, President Randy Loyd, Assistant Governor Jerry Reisch

The Rotary Club of Dallas is very proud of two of our members who received awards at District Conference.



From left: PDG Art Peoples received the Distinguished Rotarian Award and AG Jerry Reisch received the Rotarian of the Year Award.

Child Advocacy Center receives donation from Dallas Rotary Club

Shannon Peduto, Executive Director of the Luzerne County Child Advocacy Center, and Shannon Joyce, a forensic interviewer for the center, recently gave a presentation at the Dallas Rotary Club to inform the group about their work to benefit children and to ask for their support to continue this vital endeavor. In recognition of April being Child Abuse Awareness Month, the Dallas Rotary Club presented their check for \$1,000 to help enable the center to continue their important work to help children at risk in our county. The Dallas Rotary Club has two major events each year to raise the funds necessary to support many charitable organizations in our community. They are a golf tournament in September at the Irem Country Club and a Wine and Dine Festival in June at the Luzerne County Fairgrounds, Rt. 118, Dallas, Pa. This year's wine and dine event will take place on Saturday, June 27th from noon until 6:00 p.m.



From left: Rotary President Randy Loyd, Executive Director Shannon Peduto, Shannon Joyce, Rotary President Elect Jason Jolley.

Dallas Rotary Club supports Habitat for Humanity

The Dallas Rotary Club recently made a donation of \$250 to support the seventh annual, 33 mile Spencer Martin Memorial Bike Ride for Habitat 2015. Spencer was a Rotarian for almost 50 years and a two-time recipient of the coveted *Rotary Service Above Self* Award. For several decades, he was also dedicated to doing hands on work for Habitat for Humanity, building homes for those in need. This year the bike ride will be on Sunday, May 3. For more information call [570-820-8002](tel:570-820-8002) or go on line: bikeforhabitat.org.



From left: Rotarian Eric Martin, Bob Borwick from Habitat, Rotary President Randy Loyd, Rotarian Consuelo Gogates-Martin.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF TRAIL

The Lackawanna Trail High School INTERACT CLUB held its annual All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast Buffet. In addition to the tasty food there were over 25 raffle baskets and numerous gift certificates from local businesses.



Omelets made-to-order - This was Don's 12th breakfast buffet at Gin's cooking omelets throughout the 3-hour event. That's lots of eggs!



Mary Zbegner, the LTHS Interact Club Advisor with her husband, Paul.



L-R: Don Demarest, past president of Trail Rotary, and Paul Zbegner (the Interact Advisor's husband).

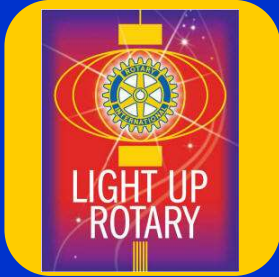
Tied for 3rd Place District Essay Contest Morgan Zotta accepted her award at the District Conference on Saturday. Morgan attends the Lackawanna Trail High School.



The North Scranton Rotary Club



On April 25th, The North Scranton Rotary had a great turnout for our highway cleanup! We clean the four on and off ramps for the Keyser Avenue Exits on the Scranton Expressway.



Future Club Events and Fundraisers

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THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH SCRANTON

Join us on May 9th at 11:00AM
for our annual Fishing Derby!



Meet the North Scranton Rotary Club at South Abington Park for our Fishing Derby. There will be hot dogs, fishing, and prizes for our fishermen! This is a free family event. We hope to see you there!





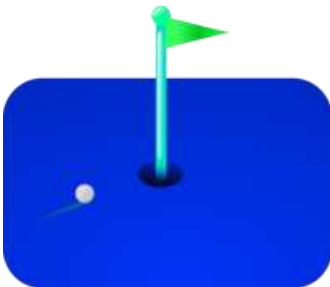
**The Rotary Club of Plymouth's 15th Annual
Golf Tournament
Sunday May 17, 2015
Rolling Pines Golf Course, Berwick**

\$90.00 per player/\$360 per team

Complimentary Breakfast, Ice Cold Beverages served on the course,
Clean Motor Cart, post-golf dinner with plenty of food,
Prizes, Prizes, Prizes!!!!!!!!!!

	Name	Phone
Captain	_____	_____
Crew	_____	_____
Crew	_____	_____
Crew	_____	_____

Make checks payable to the Rotary Club of Plymouth. Tournament limited to the first 100 golfers. Deadline to register is May 10, 2015. Any questions, please contact PDG Budd O'Malia at 570-814-3918 or President JK Karavis at 570-574-4246.



Mail Checks to: Rotary Club of Plymouth
P.O. Box 122
Plymouth, Pa. 18651



THE ROTARY CLUB OF PLYMOUTH

Rotary Club of Plymouth 15th Annual Golf Tournament

Dear Friend,

The Rotary Club of Plymouth will be conducting it's 15th Annual Golf Tournament on May 17th, 2015, at Rolling Pines Golf Course in Berwick. Much of the proceeds from last year's tournament supported our holiday efforts throughout the local community. From Santa Claus coming to town, to our Kids @ Kristmas shopping spree, to our holiday food pantry, our community has certainly prospered from your generosity in supporting our efforts. Chaperones escorted the children through the aisles for their favorite prizes and put a little "magic" into their holiday season. This year we are asking for your support again. All we do is impossible without the support of the local community and YOU!! It is because of your contributions that our projects succeed. You can sponsor a hole or donate a gift certificate or prize. Either way, your donations help to make our tournament successful and keeps people coming back year after year. Thanks for making our tourney a success

Hole Sponsorship: Platinum \$250 Gold \$100 Silver \$50

Sponsor should read:

Gift Certificate _____

Prize _____

Thanks for making our tourney a success

 **The North Scranton Rotary's** 

3rd Annual

Wine Tasting and Cigar Sampling
Saturday May 23 5:30pm-8:30pm

held at



Cigars Provided by Altadis U.S.A. Inc

Tickets: \$30.00 in advance, \$35.00 at door

Includes two glasses of wine, two cigars, and appetizers supplied by Kelly's Pub and Eatery,
Schiff's, and Sidel's Restaurant.
Door Prize and Basket Raffles

Tickets are available for purchase at Sidel's Restaurant in Scranton,
1202 N. Main Ave, by email through northscrantonrotary@gmail.com,
or call 570-346-4695



200 Greenridge St
Scranton



1129 Main Street
Peckville

El Humidor

1116 Rt315
Plains



200 North State St
Clarks Summit



11 Gateway Shopping Ctr
Edwardsville

A portion of the proceeds will go towards the Dictionary Project

DALLAS ROTARY CLUB

WINE & DINE FESTIVAL

WHEN:
JUNE 27TH, 2015

TIME:
12 - 6:00PM

WHERE:
LUZERNE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

\$5
Designated Driver

\$15
Pre-Purchased

\$25
At the Gate

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT:

- Gay's True Value Hardware, Tunkhannock
- Hilbert's, The Tractor Store, Dallas
- J & J Deli, Dallas
- Marianacci's Restaurant, Wyoming
- Pierce Drugs, Kingston
- Valentine's Fine Jewelry, Dallas
- Amelia's Diner, Shavertown
- Rodano's, Wilkes-Barre
- Gerrity's Supermarkets, Hanover, Luzerne, West Pittston, Wyoming

For More Info: DallasRotaryWineandDine.com

New Rotarians

Hazleton	Mary Pat	Stroia
Lehighton	Christine	Nelson
Milford-Matamoras	Kyle	Clark
	William	Dauer
Newfoundland	Bronson	Cass
	Melissa	Cass
	Danny	Hymowitz
Sayre	Adam	Bennett
Stroudsburgs	Lucy	Shunk
Tunkhannock	Susan	Berkley
	Phillip	Brewer
	Ann	Burgess
	Donald	Burgess
	Gail	Burke
	Gerald	Burke
	William	Clark
	Stephen	Colley
	Brian	Crosby
	Gregory	Culver
	Michael	Epler
	Lou	Jasikoff
	Francine	Kanyok
	Travis	King
	Shelby	Napoli
	Gary	Otis
	Todd	Salsman
	Benjamin	Sheldon
	Caleb	Sheldon
	Gabriel	Sheldon
	Richard	Sherman
	Linda	Thompson
	Ken	Wahlers
	Richard	Williams
Wellsboro	Natalie	Kennedy
Wilkes-Barre	Frank	Maher

District 7410 March, 2015 Club Attendance

Club	Total Mem.	New Mem.	March Attend
Abingtons	62	0	0.00%
Athens	15	0	0.00%
Blakeslee	13	0	85.00%
Dallas	42	0	67.00%
Dunmore	16	0	94.00%
Forest City Area	11	0	70.90%
Freeland	6	0	0.00%
Greater Nanticoke Area	10	0	0.00%
Hamlin	24	0	53.33%
Hawley	18	0	49.00%
Hazleton	87	1	48.06%
Honesdale	36	0	41.00%
Jim Thorpe	22	0	0.00%
Kingston	22	0	56.00%
Lehighton	11	1	74.00%
Mid-Valley	6	0	0.00%
Milford-Matamoras	28	2	0.00%
Montrose	25	0	63.00%
Mountaintop	15	0	58.00%
Mt. Pocono	14	0	0.00%
New Milford	11	0	0.00%
Newfoundland	45	3	58.03%
North Pocono	18	0	0.00%
North Scranton	21	0	0.00%
Pittston	10	0	0.00%
Plains	24	0	0.00%
Plymouth	18	0	68.00%
Pocono Mountains	21	0	55.00%
Sayre	13	1	64.00%
Scranton	36	0	0.00%
Smithfields	20	0	65.00%
Stroudsburgs	103	1	70.61%
Towanda	16	0	0.00%
Trail	12	0	56.00%
Troy	25	0	72.00%
Tunkhannock	87	24	50.00%
Weatherly	12	0	75.00%
Wellsboro	51	1	0.00%
West End	32	0	0.00%
Wilkes-Barre	28	1	0.00%
Winola	17	0	0.00%
Wyoming	17	0	0.00%