



News from District 7410



Letter from the District Governor

Fellow Rotarians of District 7410,

As we begin the 2015-16 Rotary year, each one of us has been given a directive by our incoming Rotary International President, K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran, to *"Be a Gift to the World"*. This is a very personal theme because it makes us consider what skills and talents we possess that could be used within our clubs and in our collective efforts to make positive changes in our communities and world.

For this year, I'll be using my own talents to utilize the technological assets that Rotary has available to us to benefit our clubs. Specifically, I plan to work with our clubs in a thoughtful process of looking at the match between our members' skill sets and whether or not the clubs are making the best use of them.

One of our continuing challenges this year will be membership. On the strength of last year's performance, I have set the 2015-16 membership goal to reach and exceed 1200. This we can do! Last year, Membership Chair, and now DGN Karin Breitlauch told us all at the annual Membership Seminar that engaging our members was the secret ingredient in retaining members. Clearly, someone who is engaged in doing good in the world benefits from that service in multiple ways. So, it should come as no surprise that the clubs with the higher numbers of service projects, fundraisers, and fellowship activities have the higher member retention rates.

Also last year, our District had a huge task to undertake in the form of bringing our net membership number above 1100. That was accomplished, and as of June 30th, RI recorded our District as having 1159 members — a 10.45% net gain, or 108 new members. Of the 20 districts in Zone 32, we were one of only three districts to report positive membership gains. **HOWEVER**, we're still not out of the woods completely.

By July 1st, our membership numbers had dropped back down to 1115. Because June and December are now the months where our membership rolls are scrubbed and those who have moved, died, or resigned their memberships are deleted, this drop was expected. The good news is that several clubs have already reported that new member inductions are scheduled in the initial months of the 2015-16 Rotary year. *Cont. on page 2*

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Be a gift to the world

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In order to give all our clubs the knowledge and ideas on how to continue to both build and retain our members, another hands-on seminar is planned for **Saturday, October 17th** at King's College, Wilkes-Barre. Please make plans now to send multiple members of your club to this free event — code name "**Movies and a Makeover**". Check the District website and monthly Governor's newsletter for registration details. If you want to see your club roster increase, then come to this seminar and walk out with actionable items that will help energize your club and make it attractive to perspective members.

If you're looking for an example of what can happen with good will, honest marketing, and effort, then look no further than our newly chartered Rotary Club of Wyalusing. This was a huge strategic "win" for our District. Our Tunkhannock Rotarians stepped up to the challenge, believing that a sustainable club could be grown in the Wyalusing area, and they were right.

The question for you and your club remains: What are you planning to do this year to let your community know that Rotary is no longer the best-kept secret among service organizations, but *the premiere service organization in the world*? With more willing hands and hearts, just think of what we could accomplish in our communities!

Yours in Rotary,
Barbara B.

Availability of District Directory.PDF

District Directories for 2015-16 now available.

Along with the printed copies of our District Directory that Governor Barbara will hand out at each of her official club visits, this year, every Rotarian can download their own copy for self-printing. The PDF document is posted on our District Website under the "District Files" tab. This is an access-controlled area, so please be prepared to log on to the site.

New Look for Newsletter...

Thanks to Amanda Kuhn and Kelly Slinger of Smart Blonde Creative, LLC (www.smartblondecreative.net), our monthly newsletter has had a facelift. Amanda is also serving as the president of the Rotary Club of Pocono Mountain. Major thanks to "the blonde duo" for gifting our district with their talents.

A Simple Way to make a Legacy Gift

Life insurance can be a great way to make a generous gift to charity. Many people have policies that are no longer needed to provide for loved ones. They may not think of these policies as assets available for charitable giving. What could be simpler than naming The Rotary Foundation as the beneficiary of an insurance policy? Encourage Rotarians you know to consider turning an unneeded policy into a gift that helps secure the future of The Rotary Foundation.

The ABCs of Insurance Gifts to Rotary

Like most charities, Rotary has a Gift Acceptance Policy that covers insurance gifts. Here is a summary for your quick and easy reference:

- Anyone can name The Rotary Foundation as the beneficiary of any life insurance policy, at any age, for any amount. The gift might not qualify for recognition or tax benefits, but the proceeds will ultimately support the many important activities of the Foundation, such as clean water or peace studies.
- To be recognized as a **Benefactor** or **Bequest Society** membership a person can name The Rotary Foundation as a primary beneficiary of an insurance policy other than a term life policy. Due to the short-term nature of term policies and the uncertainty of contingencies, Rotary does not provide Benefactor or Bequest Society recognition for term or contingent policies.
- Rotary can accept ownership of an insurance policy if The Rotary Foundation is named as sole beneficiary and the insured is within 15 years of actuarially calculated life expectancy. The Trustees set this policy based upon a cost-benefit analysis, taking into account the cost of administration and other reporting requirements. If approved and otherwise qualified, the donor is recognized with **Major Donor** recognition and may receive some tax benefits.

TRF does not actively promote the purchase of new insurance policies for the purpose of making a gift to Rotary, however, TRF staff are available anytime to discuss the donor's objectives.

Youth Exchange

An Outbound Orientation for our 2015-16 students and their parents was held at the Saxon's home in Dallas. In attendance were our 9 Outbound students and parents for a final day of training, in addition to our Inbound Exchange students for 2014-15. Pictured with their Host Country Flag for this coming year are Stefan Sehne, Tunkhannock to Brazil; Maggie Poost, Towanda to Thailand; Karolina Berg, New Milford to Spain; Emily Dunning, Tunkhannock to Denmark; Emily Shevchuk, New Milford to Finland; Meghan Kelly, Milford-Matamoras to Norway; Julia Cuevas, Milford-Matamoras to Argentina, Faith Jaeger, Milford-Matamoras to France; Riley Crouthamel, Newfoundland to France and DG Barbara Belón.

Photo credit to Richard Black, Wellsboro Rotary Club.



Rotary Reads – District program

Looking for a small service project for your club for this summer? Then check out the flyer in this issue on the “**Rotary Reads**” program. Purchase a children’s book for your local library or school - - have a Rotarian read the book at a community function or your local pool or other children’s gathering spot - - and send a copy of the invoice for the book to DG Barbara for a \$10 discount off your club’s January dues. Simple as that! Your club ends up supporting youth, literacy, and visibly living Rotary’s mission to do good in the world. As PDG Budd says, “that’s what we do.”

P.S. – Need a suggestion on what book to buy? Check with your local librarian, or look at the following two links to a piece of Revolutionary War history that you just might have missed:

<http://www.amightygirl.com/sybil-s-night-ride>
<http://www.amightygirl.com/sybil-ludington-s-midnight-ride>

Rotary Fellowships

The Board of Rotary International, at its June 2015 meeting in Brazil, has expanded membership eligibility in **Rotary Fellowships** to include family members of Rotarians (not just spouses) as well as anyone who has ever participated in a Rotary or Foundation program. This broader category includes Rotaractors as well as participants and alumni of all other Rotary and Foundation programs, past and present, including (but not limited to): Interact, Rotaract, Rotary Youth Exchange, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), Rotary Peace Fellowships, Global Grant Scholarships, Vocational training teams (members and leaders), District Grant scholarships, New Generations Service Exchange, Rotary Foundation awards to individuals in former TRF programs, such as: Ambassadorial Scholarships, Grants for University Teachers, Group Study Exchange, Rotary Volunteers.

Meet Your New Newsletter Editor

This is the first issue under District Governor Barbara Huffman de Belon and technically my first as Newsletter Editor. However, I am more of an observer from the sidelines for this inaugural issue. Credit Brenda Allen, who does so much on all fronts, for putting this together until I get access to the software I’ll need to perform that job. I expect to be more hands-on for the September issue.

In the meantime, let me introduce myself as not only a new editor but as a new Rotarian with the Wyalusing Area Rotary Club, which held its Charter Night on July 10. Coverage of that event is in this issue.

I’m Wes Skillings and most of my adult working life has been as a newspaper editor/reporter with three publications, including the last on my résumé, my hometown newspaper, *The Rocket-Courier*. I was honored with numerous reporting and writing awards with the Pennsylvania Newspaper Association (Keystone Press Awards) over the years before retiring from duties there in 2011. You might say I am in semi-retirement as a freelance copywriter, which keeps me fairly busy as a writer-for-hire providing web content, blogs and news releases for a variety of businesses and individuals. I recently published a book entitled “[A Matter of Recovery](#),” which you should find informative if you know someone coping with traumatic brain injury (TBI).

So feel free to direct articles, photos and information to wes@skillunlimited.com or to the District Rotary website, which will forward content to me.



District 7410
July-September, 2015

“Rotary Reads” Project

Rotarians know how important basic literacy is to the world's children. That's why Basic Education and Literacy is one of Rotary's six areas of focus.

This summer, District 7410 will sponsor a “Rotary Reads” event throughout our service area. In conjunction with public and/or private libraries, Rotary clubs are asked to plan a simple service event, targeting pre-school through 4th graders. The idea is to set up a “reading spot”, where on a designated day and time, a Rotarian will read a story to the children who attend.

For those clubs who purchase a new book for the library (i.e., the story that is read), the January district dues invoice (SAR) will reflect a \$10 credit. All your club has to do is submit a copy of the purchase invoice and a photo of the event to District Governor-Elect Barbara at bjbelon@gmail.com and the credit will be processed.

This service project not only qualifies for the 2015-16 Presidential Citation (i.e. entering of goals on Rotary Club Central), but if a description of your club's plan for this event is entered on RI's “Rotary Showcase”, then it also qualifies as one of the required goals under “Online Tool Adoption” in the Presidential Citation requirements.

There is plenty of opportunity for crafting this into a service project that your club can get behind and support. Whether you opt for a 1-day event or an extended, once-a-week reading session is entirely up to your club. Want to include some snacks for the kids? Great idea! Want to hold this not at the library but at the town pool? Even better! Get your club members involved in planning this event, and don't forget to include pre-publicity, and photos during the event. Event photos and short write-ups of your project will make great entries for our District's monthly e-zine.

Need additional information or have questions? Contact your Cluster's Assistant Governor or DG Barbara Belón at bjbelon@gmail.com



BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY

Rotary Foundation and the District's "Change the World" project for 2015-16

Changing the world...one penny at a time...

Daily, Rotarians are engaged in carrying out projects around the world that change lives and give people hope. But for many of us, the massive and very life-crushing, real poverty in the world is just not in our personal reality. In fact, it can be downright difficult to think globally when so much is needed in our own communities. But, that's what we're called to do as Rotarians: to assist both locally and globally.

This year, **District 7410** Rotary clubs are being asked to participate in a project where only their small change - - that annoying rattle in their pants pockets, or the coin that is found on the ground in the parking lot - - can be donated weekly at their club meetings. By themselves, these tiny coins are nearly meaningless, incapable of doing much. BUT, cumulatively, the effect can be world-changing! The results of this year-long project will be totaled and celebrated at the April 29-30, 2016 District Conference. See the accompanying flyer in this issue for complete details.

Rotary District 7410



With just your unwanted coins, you can make the difference between hope and despair...

2015-16 District Grants Approved

The Rotary Foundation has approved the district spending plan for our 2015-16 District Grants. The following clubs will receive District Designate Funds as indicated.

Club/ District	Description	Amount
Stroudsburgs, The	Bridge Out of Poverty is transformative approach that connects families in poverty with resources & relationships to develop self sufficiency	\$5000
Hamlin	Club will have a safe kids day with many health and safety programs. Club will provide new car seats to low income families after being inspected	\$3000
Newfoundland	Club will provide backpacks with school supplies to grammar school students who are of low or moderate income families.	\$2000
West End (Monroe County)	Distribution of new winter coats to under privileged children in the slate belt area	\$2000
Trail (Factoryville)	Help reduce the shortfall of classroom Smart boards in Lackawanna Trail School. Provide 1 smart boards to each school in the district which	\$3400
Lehighton	Exploratory trip to Honduras to determine the feasibility of a global grant for the Sula Area. Also participate assisting on a scheduled construction	\$1900
Hawley	Provide education on watershed and water source management practices. Teach scientific methods in ecosystem management and watershed	\$1200
Jim Thorpe	Penn Kidder Ministerium After School program supplies affordable pre and after school care for the working poor of the Penn Kidder Area.	\$5000
District 7410	District recommendations on Disaster Relief	\$1765
TRF Approved Spending plan total		\$25,265



District 7410



“Change the World” Project

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This year, District 7410 Rotary clubs are being asked to participate in a project where only their small change -- that annoying rattle in your pocket, or the coin you find on the ground this week -- can be donated weekly at their club meetings. By themselves, these tiny coins are nearly meaningless -- incapable of doing much. BUT, cumulatively, the effect can be world-changing! This year-long project will probably amaze some and encourage others to make similar donations to our Rotary Foundation. At the 2016 District Conference, the total amount of change collected by our clubs will be reported, totaled and celebrated.

Directions: Clubs are asked to pass the jar weekly, collecting only small change. In mid-April, 2016, clubs will be asked to inform District Governor Barbara of the total amount collected up to that point. The total for all District clubs will be celebrated at the Friday night conference dinner.

No later than **May 30th, 2016** clubs should send a check to The Rotary Foundation, representing the total amount of change collected. It is completely up to the clubs whether to have the donation credited in the club’s name, or to submit the “long form”, listing all club members, so that each member can receive credit for a portion of the donation.

If your club president didn’t pick up a “*Change the World*” jar at PETS or the spring District Training Assembly, DG Barbara Belón will have some with her on her official club visits. Need additional information or have questions? Contact DG Barbara at bibelon@gmail.com.





District 7410
August 22nd, 2015

Rotary Family Picnic

Who wouldn't want to spend a summer day at the lake, swimming, hiking, canoeing, enjoying nature and the friendship of fellow Rotarians and their families? Well, here's your opportunity!

Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 22nd and join us at the **Mauch Chunk Lake Park's Ginder Pavillion**, 625 Lentz Trail, Jim Thorpe, from noon to 6:00 pm.

Arrive any time after noon. When you reach the park guard gate, identify yourself as a District 7410 Rotarian. Proceed on the main park road (see map below) and park in the open lot at the Ginder Pavillion.

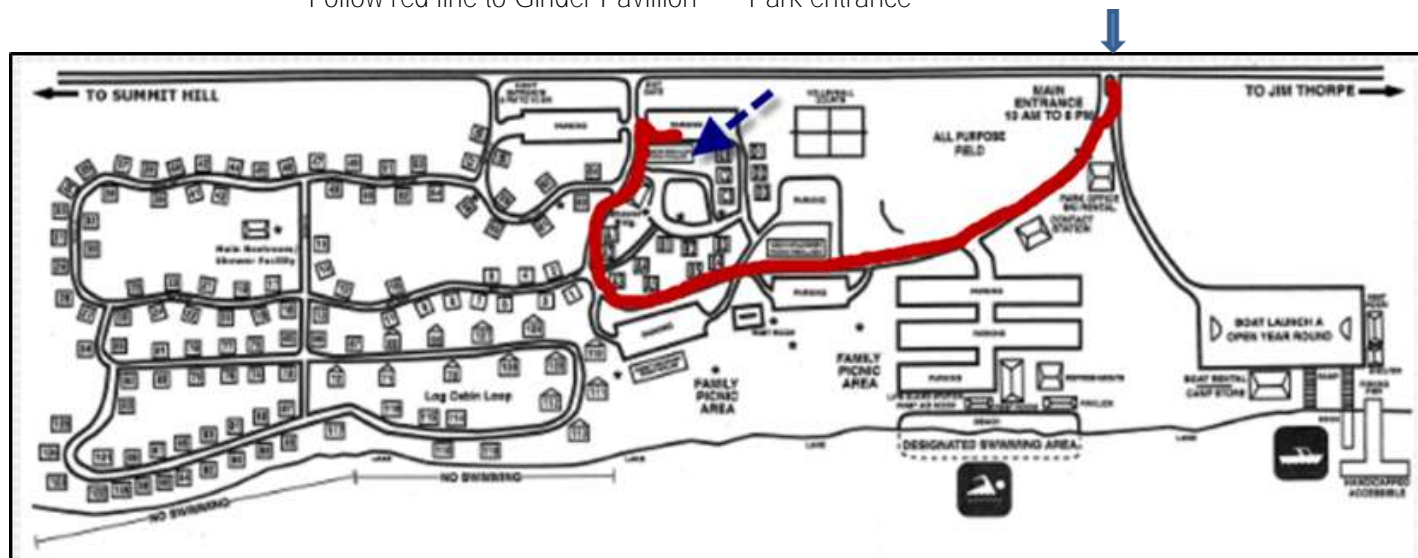
Water, beverages, and the makings for s'mores will be supplied by District. For our dinner meal, you are requested to bring a covered dish to share. Dinner time: 5:00 pm.

But wait, there's more!

A Ghost Walk of Jim Thorpe is being offered at no charge to the first 25 people who sign up. The walk will start at 7:00 pm outside the Train Station in Jim Thorpe (look for the big block of anthracite coal!), and will be led by one of our own Rotarians. The walk is approximately 90 minutes in length at a distance of one mile. (Wear sensible shoes!) Reservations for this special walk must be made in advance, no later than August 15th by calling Jim Thorpe Rotarian Bob Stevenson at (570) 325-2346.

Make your RSVP for picnic online at <http://rotaryfamilypicnic-2015.splashthat.com> or contact District Registrar, Carol Ziomek at 570-996-6005 or e-mail: cziomek@ptd.net

Follow red line to Ginder Pavillion Park entrance



See more information about Mauch Chunk Lake Park at <http://www.mclpark.com/>



Upcoming Club **Events**

Join the Blakeslee Rotary Club
for a *FREE*

Supper for Seniors

Wednesday, August 12 • 6:30 p.m.

Blakeslee Community Center

Are you a Senior Citizen?

You are invited to a free Meatloaf Dinner with the Blakeslee Rotary Club.

Enjoy home-made meatloaf, mashed potatoes, salad, vegetable, dessert, coffee or tea.

Program:

How To Avoid Fraud

presented by PNC Bank

Space is limited. Call Chris at 570-646-7337



THE ROTARY CLUB OF HAZLETON

The Hazleton Rotary Club is pleased to announce that DBi Services has once again agreed to be the Festival Master Level sponsor for its 4th annual Wine and Craft Beer Festival. Additional sponsors are First General Services and Karchner Companies-gold sponsors; Amie's Auto Upholstering and At Your Service, P.A. & E.S. LLC-Silver sponsor; Waste Cost Reduction Strategists LLC, Famous Salon & Spa, and Arc Electric-Bronze Sponsors. The Beer Stop is the Koozie sponsor. In Kind Media Sponsors are Citizens Printing, Gould's Supermarkets, Mt View Orthopedics, John Diana Insurance Agency, WYLN, Panorama, Standard Speaker, SamSon Productions and Lex Sloom.

The 4th annual Hazleton Wine and Craft Beer Festival will take place on Saturday, August 15, 2015, 4:00 PM-8:00 PM at Genetti's Catering, 1341 North Church Street, Hazleton. Proceeds will benefit the Hazleton Rotary Club Community Service Projects.

Wine vendors are to include Boyd's Cardinal Hollow Winery, Broad Mountain Vineyard, Capro Colina Winery, Ferrone Winery, MM Micro Winery, The Vineyard of Hershey and Vintner's Circle.

Beer vendors are to include Verrastro's Beer Distributors, Conyngham Brewing Co., Turkey Hill Brewery, Berwick Brewery, Banko North, Resort Distributors, Northeast Eagle, Ace and The Beer Stop.

There will be no charge for the beer or wine tasting-it is part of the entry fee. The first 500 entrants will receive a free beer koozie.

A variety of food items will be available throughout the afternoon for purchase from Genetti's Catering. Take a few minutes to stop in and visit with the craft vendors and purchase some tickets to try to win any of the variety of tricky trays that will be available. Entertainment will be provided by Ostrich Hat.

Tickets are \$20.00 in advance, \$25.00 at the gate that day and designated drivers (non drinking) are \$10.00. You must be 21 years of age to attend.

Tickets can be purchased from hazletonrotary.ticketleap.com, any Hazleton Rotary Club Member, Genetti's Catering, Verrastros Beer Distributor or PQ Express Beer Stop. Further information can be obtained by calling 570-401-5492. Proceeds will benefit the Hazleton Rotary Club Community Service Projects.



Photo Caption: Neal DeAngelo-CEO, DBi Services and Ron Avellino-President, Hazleton Rotary Club



Members of the 4th Annual Wine and Craft Beer Festival Committee are L to R: Ron Avellino; Tracy Karchner, Lani Drobnock, Pat Korb, Chairperson-Dorothy Anderson, Toni Frumkin, Tim Genetti, Dominic DeSpirito and Pat Ward. Unavailable for photo were Donna Delehanty, Sharon Farver, Patrick Genetti, Lisa Marie Halecky, Desiree Hertzog, Jane Krouse, Paul Malone and Mary Pat Stroia.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF POCONO MTN

The Rotary Club of the Pocono Mountains invites you to attend their



17th Annual Fashion Show

**Gypsies Lounge
at Mount Airy Casino Resort**

Thursday, August 20, 2015 • 6 pm



*Featuring fashions from The Apple Tree
& Dunkelberger's for Men & Women.*

*\$40 Donation in Advance
\$45 at the door*

6 pm • Doors Open

6 - 7:30 pm • Delicious Buffet & Cocktails

(Cash Bar Only)

7:30 pm • Fashion Show

- Food • Raffles
- Valet Parking • Cash Bar

**For more information contact
Annie Messina - 570.590.6494**

**Sponsorship opportunities contact
Amanda Kuhn - 570.807.6810**

Tickets may be purchased at the following locations:

- First Keystone Community Bank (Mountainhome) - 570.595.9700
- ESSA Bank and Trust (Cresco) - 570.595.5010
- NBT Bank (Mountainhome) - 570.595.6400
- The Apple Tree - 570.421.2798
- Dunkelberger's - 570.421.7950

Gambling Problem? Call 1-800-GAMBLER

Participating Local Proprietors:

- The Apple Tree, Stroudsburg
- Dunkelberger's for Women, Stroudsburg
- Dunkelberger's for Men, Stroudsburg



All proceeds from the Rotary Club of the Pocono Mountains fundraisers stay in our community. The Rotary Club of the Pocono Mountains is a not-for-profit civic organization supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians, friends, and event participants like you who share our vision of a better world. Support is provided for, but not limited to, the following community organizations: The Barrett Paradise Friendly Library, Boy Scouts of America and Cub Scouts Troop 89, CAME (food shelter), American Cancer Society, Pocono Mountain Student of the Month, Women's Resources of Monroe County, and the Barrett Fire Company.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF HAZLETON

Save the Date

SATURDAY
Aug. 15th
4:00-8:00 pm

Hazleton Wine & Beer Festival

MUST BE 21 TO ENTER

Sponsored by
DBI SERVICES

Genetti
1341 N. Church St.
Hazleton, PA

Tickets:
\$20 In advance
\$25 at the door
\$10 Designated Driver

hazletonrotary.ticketleap.com

THE ROTARY CLUB OF JIM THORPE

Jim Thorpe Victorian Home and Garden Tour

The Rotary Club of Jim Thorpe is supporting the Mauch Chunk Museum and Cultural Center for the Jim Thorpe Victorian Home and Garden Tour on Sunday, September 27 from noon to 5 p.m. This semi-self-guided walk through will be of twenty properties on Packer Hill, Broadway, and Race Street. Included will be the Harry Packer Mansion, five restored homes in the Millionaire's Row District, three B&Bs, and an artist's home or two, several of which have not been open to the public in the past. These properties all capture the essence of the grand Victorian Era, when old Mauch Chunk was young!

Pre-purchase tickets for \$16 until September 20 at www.MauchChunkVictorians.com, at the Dimmick Memorial Library, 54 Broadway, the Mauch Chunk Museum, 41 West Broadway during their normal business hours. Entrance wristbands and descriptive guidebooks will be available starting at 11:30 on tour day at the Train Station (parking available), library, or museum for \$20 (just \$1.00 per address!). Children are always half price as well as everyone after 3 p.m. on tour day, but to see the most, you must come early. Make a full day of it by staying for a special GhostWalk in Old Mauch Chunk (the club's signature fund raiser) starting at 6:45 at the Inn at Jim Thorpe. Details at www.jimthorperotary.org/GhostWalks.cfm. For more information on the home tour, call 570 325-9190.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF DALLAS

Dallas Rotary Club's 32nd Annual Charity Golf Classic set for September 21

The 32nd Annual Dallas Rotary Club Golf Classic to support Dallas Rotary Charities will be held at the Irem Country Club, Dallas on Monday, September 21 beginning with a shotgun start at 12:30.

Chairman, Kevin Smith, co-chair Kerry Freeman, and all club members are looking for hole sponsors and players. The sponsorship donation is \$100 and the players' entry fee is \$110.00. The format is captain and crew. Individuals are welcome and will be teamed up with others in a group.

Call Kevin Smith at [570-696-5420](tel:570-696-5420) for more information and an entry form. Sponsors are asked to respond by September 10 to allow enough time for proper sign printing. Players are also urged to respond by September 10 for the Rotary Club to determine how many will be in attendance at a delicious seafood and steak dinner with all the trimmings following the tournament. An awards ceremony and raffle will take place at the end of the day.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF PLYMOUTH

End of the Summer Extravaganza



**August 27th, 2015
7:00 p.m.**

Grotto Pizza, Harveys Lake

Meal Options

- \$21.50/person Includes: Pizza Buffet w/mixed toppings, salad, stromboli, 200 wings, blue cheese/celery, soft drinks
 - \$14.00/person Includes: Cheeseburger, fries, soft drinks
 - \$ 11.75/person Includes: Grilled Chicken Salad, soft drinks
- All reservations need to be made before August 20th. Any attendees after August 20th will defer to the pizza buffet option. Tax and tip are included in the above prices. Soft drinks include fountain soda, iced tea, coffee, and/or hot tea.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF JIM THORPE

Ghost Walks

In Much Chalk

Enjoy intriguing tales of lore of reported ghoulish encounters and stories of historic properties and people along Broadway in Jim Thorpe.

The one mile round trip walks start in the basement of the Inn at Jim Thorpe, 24 Broadway. Led by a costumed storyteller, the walks, all outside, last about an hour, unless the spirits have other ideas!

Walks are generally planned for Fridays at 8 p.m. and Saturdays at 7 & 8:30, September-December. See our website for a complete list of dates and times. Walks are subject to change if the spirits call for rain.

Although walk-ins are always welcome, space on each walk is limited, so call the number below to reserve your spot. Private walks may be available on certain dates and times. Call for more information.

Look for your GhostHost in the basement of the Inn at Jim Thorpe to purchase tickets 15 minutes before walk time. First come, first served, without reservations which are strongly suggested. Knowledgeable individuals are welcome to share their own experiences.

Adults: \$12

Children: 7-12: \$6

Not recommended for
children under 7 years old.

jimthorperotary.org/ghostwalks.cfm

570 325 2346



Our Clubs in Action

THE ROTARY CLUB OF BLAKESLEE

The Blakeslee Rotary Club has a new president, Karen Vales and a new president elect, Barbara Ehlmann. Both were installed at a ceremony held at Murphy's Loft in Blakeslee Pa, where we had the honor of welcoming DG Barbara Belon. DG Belon performed the ceremony and presented President Karen Vales with her President's pin. We thank Barbara for joining us on this special occasion.

Ruth Isenberg was also installed as the new Secretary and Chris Warriner retained her position as Treasurer.

We also say goodbye to Past President Joseph Warriner. While installing the new officers, we also inducted our newest member Mike Granahan, induction presented by DGN Karin Breitlauch who we also thank immensely.

We are so excited about the upcoming year and we have a lot of exciting projects going on.



DG Barbara installing new President Karen Vales



New member Mike Granahan



The new officers of the Rotary Club of Blakeslee

THE ROTARY CLUB OF HAZLETON

Ron Avellino was installed as the 95th President of the Rotary Club of Hazleton at the annual President's Party held at the Valley Country Club on June 24, 2015. Pat Ward was the Master of Ceremonies and additional remarks were made by Pat President Tim Genetti and President Avellino. New officers and Board Members officially took over the reins of the club on July 1, 2015.



Officers and Board members are Row 1, L to R: Toni Frumkin-Vice President; President Avellino; Pat Ward-President-Elect;

Row 2 L to R: Donna Barna-Board Member; Eugenio Sosa-Sergeant at Arms; Pat Owens, Jr.-Treasurer; Gary Lagana-Board Member; Mark Imbriaco-Board Member and District Governor Barbara J. Huffman de Belon. Missing from Photo: Bernie Rudegeair-Secretary; Lani Drobnock-Recording Secretary; Tim Genetti-Immediate Past President. Board Members Rev. Thomas Cvammen, Sharon Farver, Katherine Oh, Jim Reinmiller, Kenneth Trippett and Alan Whitaker.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WYALUSING

District Rotarians Celebrate Wyalusing's New Charter

The newly formed Wyalusing Area Rotary Club was officially chartered at a dinner meeting held at the Tuscarora-Wayne Community Room on Wyalusing's Main Street on Friday evening, July 10. Along with Wyalusing Area Rotary Club members and their guests, the meeting was also attended by Rotary officials and members from throughout Northeast PA.

Rotarian Norm Kelly, Assistant District Governor and a member of the Tunkhannock Rotary Club, which sponsored the Wyalusing Rotary, served as master of ceremonies.

Prior to a buffet dinner catered by the Wyalusing Hotel, Past District Governor Paul Dr Paul Mucyznski of the Plains, PA Rotary Club presented a "Rotary Moment." in which among other things, he quoted John Lennon. "For the younger people here, ask your parents or your grandparents who this guy was," Mucyznski said. "You may say I'm a dreamer," Mucyznski continued quoting from Lennon's song Imagine "But I'm not the only one. I hope someday you join us and the world will live as one."

Following dinner, entertainment was provided by the Wyalusing Swing Choir and their performance drew repeated compliments by speakers throughout the evening.

In her remarks, Rotarian Carol Hemphill, Past District Governor and member of the North Pocono Rotary Club, said that seeing a new Rotary club formed had been a goal of hers over the past year. "I want to congratulate all of you for coming tonight and being a part of this celebration," Hemphill said. She mentioned how while driving through Wyalusing she pulled over near the town's "Welcome Sign" and noticed that of all the local civic clubs with banners on the sign, there wasn't one for Rotary. "So we are very happy in District 7410 to have a Rotary Club Wyalusing."

Hemphill noted that on May 22, Rotary International officially chartered the Wyalusing Club with 29 members. Hemphill next called each charter member of the Wyalusing Rotary to the front of the room where they were presented with a certificate of their charter membership.

Kelly also introduced a long list of current and former Rotary officials from throughout Northeast, PA.

The evening's featured speaker was Past District Governor, Toni McAndrew, who has an impressive record of service she has provided through Rotary, and also has served as President of the Pennsylvania State Nurse's Association. Explaining that she had nothing to do with the formation of the Wyalusing Rotary Club, McAndrew said "The only reason that I'm here tonight is because I'm a club Rotarian, just like you, sharing in the success of my fellow Rotarians." She also shared some historical observations about Wyalusing and tied that in to the history awaiting the newly chartered club.

McAndrew said the composition of Wyalusing's Rotary Club would change over the coming years and noted changes that have occurred since she became a Rotarian 26 years ago. "There were very few people then who had computers or smart phones, she said. "And there were very few women Rotarians when I joined," she said.

McAndrew went on to say that future projects involving the Wyalusing Rotary would expand and grow. "Your club may start with many local projects that will evolve into larger projects, involving and piggybacking with other clubs," she said. "Your membership will change, it will evolve and should evolve. Your charter members will become the 'oldies' in your club, and you should continually add new members who will bring new ideas and new resources to your club."

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In conclusion, McAndrew urged her fellow Rotarians to have a sense of commitment to their club and to its goals. To serve as a role models in their community and to join with other Rotarians throughout the world in promoting world peace and understanding. "It is not why a person joins Rotary that is so important, it is why they stay that's important," McAndrew said.

McAndrew ended her remarks by asking all Rotarians to touch the Rotary pin on their lapels and turn it one full circle to remind them that they needed to be active participants in Rotary and not just spectators.

Wyalusing Rotary Club President Benjamin Sheldon extended thanks on behalf of Wyalusing Rotarians as well as personal thanks to Norm Kelly for his efforts in forming the club. — Courtesy of Wyalusing Rotarian David Keeler



Past District Governor Toni McAndrew was the featured speaker at Wyalusing's Charter Night. (Photo by David Keeler)



Ron Furman, right, president of the Tunkhannock Rotary Club, presented the banner he's holding to the Wyalusing Area Rotary Club during its Charter Night dinner. Others pictured include Benjamin Sheldon, left, President of the Wyalusing Rotary Club, and Norm Kelly, a Tunkhannock Rotarian and Assistant District Governor, who served as Master of Ceremonies at the dinner. (Photo by David Keeler)



Members of the newly-formed Wyalusing Area Rotary Club are pictured with some of their guests at a gathering last Friday, July 10 when the club was officially chartered. Those pictured include (front, left to right, all of whom are charter members of the Wyalusing Rotary) Wes Skillings, vice president elect; Mary Skillings, secretary; Ann Burgess, president elect; Benjamin Sheldon, president; Gregory Culver, treasurer, and Gerald Burke, board of directors.

Second row, all charter members unless otherwise noted: Kay Miller, board of directors; Susan Berkley; Philip Brewer; Donald Burgess; Gail Burke; Carol Hemphill, immediate past district governor, and Barbara Belon, current Rotary district governor.

Back row, all charter members: Caleb Sheldon; Gabriel Sheldon; Ken Wahlers, board of directors; Daryl Miller; Todd Salsman, board of directors; Brian Crosby and David Keeler. (Photo by Nancy Keeler)

ROTARY CLUB OF NEWFOUNDLAND

On Monday July 13th 2015, The Newfoundland Rotary Club recognized three talented and intelligent young adults by presenting them each with a scholarship. This scholarship program was started by fellow Rotarian Jack Donaghy in 1975 in memory of his son.

This year, the Thomas Hettes Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Melissa Dietsch. Melissa is the daughter of Howard and Lisa Dietsch, and plans on studying at West Chester University. She was not able to attend the presentation.

The Cedric Haser Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Gretchen Hiller. Gretchen is the daughter of Thomas and Karen Hiller, and will be studying at Penn State University.

The Willis Gilpin Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Katlyn Carr. Katlyn is the daughter of Eric and Kathleen Carr, and she will be studying at Quinipiac University. Since it began, the program has given out over \$173,000 in scholarships. All three recipients are local residents and are members of the Wallenpaupack Area High School class of 2015.



Scholarship committee chair Roger Altemier, recipient Katlyn Carr, and Ruth Altemier.



President Sam Alecci, Scholarship committee chair Roger Altemier, and recipient Gretchen Hiller.

ROTARY CLUB OF WELLSBORO

Wellsboro Rotary Club salute to our Rotary Exchange student Thibaut Brioux from Belgium after a successful year.(seated center stage) We enjoyed the dinner at Timeless Restaurant and fun filled presentations about 2015 Rotary Exchange. Thibaut will be missed when he returns to Belgium and we were all invited to visit his home Rotary Club in Belgium.

The dinner presentation was organized by inbound chairman Richard Black. Photo credit to Kate Black



ROTARY CLUB OF TUNKHANNOCK

Tunkhannock Rotary Reads

On Wednesday, July 8, President Ron Furman read to 16 children at the Tunkhannock Public Library (TPL) as part of the new Rotary District 7410 Rotary Reads Initiative for 2015-2016. President Ron read two books with help from his granddaughter Katie, who helped turn the pages of the big book. There was a Farm theme for the event, so after the reading, they all sang Old MacDonald Had a Farm. Ron then got to help the children make a cow out of a paper bag and cut-outs.



ROTARY CLUB OF TRAIL



Lackawanna Trail High School Interact Club Induction Ceremony – May 2015



LTHS Principal Dr. Mark Murphy Addresses the Interact Club



LTHS Senior Students of the Month 2014-2015 Pizza Lunch at the Lackawanna Trail High School



Pictured (L-R) Ray Petty, Lisa Logan Clough, Nick Miller, Ross Fauquier, Evan Sandercock, Nathaniel Barbolish and Martin Reynolds (not pictured – Grace Wetzel)



LTHS Interact Club Advisor, Mary Zbegner, Retires



Bill Speare Inducted as Trail Rotary's New President

Barbara Petty and Lisa Logan Clough Thank Mary Zbegner For her many years of service as the Interact Club Advisor

L-R Guest Speaker Youth Exchange Officer Anne Sehne with Shiv Naik from India and



3rd Place Essay Contest Winner, Morgan Zotta from Lackawanna Trail High School L-R her mom, Melissa Edwards, Morgan and club president, Bill Speare



RYLA Participants sent by The Trail Rotary Club: Grace Gallagher, Darien Petty, Ashleigh Clarke, Cassie Brown and Katie Grega



ROTARY CLUB OF TRAIL



The Rotary Clubs of Trail, Forest City and Winola held their annual NE Rotary Golf Tournament. Stone Hedge Golf Course MORNING CHECK- IN TABLE with Eileen Lynch and Ellen Kanton.

ROTARY CLUB OF DALLAS

Dallas Rotary Club welcomes new member

At a recent meeting of the Dallas Rotary Club, the group was pleased to welcome into membership Dallas resident Ashley Wagner. Mrs. Wagner joins the more than 40 other members whose mission is to serve our Back Mountain Community and help make it a better place to live.



From left: Rotarian Ted Horn, President Elect Kimberlie Reisch, Ashley Wagner, President Jason Jolley

Dallas Rotary Club awards book scholarships

Six area high school students, who will be college bound this fall, were recently presented with checks for \$500 each to help offset their expenses for books during their first semester on campus. The Rotary Club of Dallas has awarded more than \$85,000 in scholarships since the inception of the program more than 50 years ago.

The scholarship recipients are Phil Hettes and Staci Stine from Lake-Lehman, Jesteen Adams and Michael Shutlock from Dallas, and Mary Evanusa and Matthew Boyes from Northwest Area.

These scholarships were made possible by two major annual fundraisers conducted by the Rotary Club of Dallas. The next annual charity golf tournament will be held on September 21, 2015 at the Irem Country Club in Dallas, and the next annual Wine and Dine Festival will be held on June 25, 2016 at the Luzerne County Fairgrounds, Rt. 118, Dallas.



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New Rotarians

District 7410 — 2015 Club Data

The Abingtons	Charles Pinches
Blakeslee	Michael Granahan
Dallas	Ashley Wagner
Milford-Matamoras	Juliette McKerrell
Mountaintop	Donna McLaughlin
North Scranton	William Brown
Pittston	Nadine Howe
Plains	Eugene Stavitzski
The Stroudsburgs	Michael Albert
Troy	Christopher O'Connor
	Patricia Rogerts
Tunkhannock	Tommasina Fiorillo
West End	Luanne Linares
Wyalusing	Susan Berkley
	Phillip Brewer
	Ann Burgess
	Donald Burgess
	Gail Burke
	Gerald Burke
	William Clark
	Brian Crosby
	Gregory Culver
	Ashley Hunsinger
	W. Keeler
	Daryl Miller
	Kay Miller
	Shelby Napoli
	Elaine Poost
	Todd Salsman
	Benjamin Sheldon
	Caleb Sheldon
	Gabriel Sheldon
	Richard Sherman
	Mary Skillings
	Wesley Skillings
	Ken Wahlers
	Dave Whetsell
	Richard Williams

Club	Total Mem.	New Mem. June/July	Attend
Abingtons	63	1	28.63%
Athens	15	0	0.00%
Blakeslee	13	1	71.43%
Dallas	44	1	61.00%
Dunmore	16	0	0.00%
Forest City Area	11	0	87.90%
Freeland	6	0	0.00%
Hamlin	25	0	92.39%
Hawley	19	0	67.00%
Hazleton	85	0	0.00%
Honesdale	37	0	49.00%
Jim Thorpe	22	0	0.00%
Kingston	22	0	60.00%
Lehighton	10	0	67.00%
Mid-Valley	6	0	67.00%
Milford-Matamoras	26	1	0.00%
Montrose	22	0	68.00%
Mountaintop	16	1	72.00%
Mt. Pocono	15	0	0.00%
New Milford	11	0	0.00%
Newfoundland	42	0	70.21%
North Pocono	18	0	0.00%
North Scranton	25	1	90.00%
Pittston	12	1	0.00%
Plains	21	1	60.00%
Plymouth	19	0	0.00%
Pocono Mountains	20	0	43.00%
Sayre	13	0	65.00%
Scranton	36	0	0.00%
Smithfields	22	0	63.00%
Stroudsburgs	103	1	72.12%
Towanda	13	0	72.00%
Trail	12	0	90.00%
Troy	23	2	42.00%
Tunkhannock	70	1	45.74%
Weatherly	9	0	0.00%
Wellsboro	51	0	0.00%
West End	30	1	0.00%
Wilkes-Barre	28	0	65.00%
Winola	20	0	0.00%
Wyalusing	25	25	0.00%
Wyoming	21	0	0.00%



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