

News from the District

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[A Message from the District Governor](#)

Happy New Year to all Rotarians and their families in District 7410!

We are making great headway with membership. We are so close to 1100 members in our District. Presidents, please check your members at the Rotary International website. If you need help, call me at (570) 499-7656 or our membership chair, Karin Breitlauch, and we will help you. We only need 15 more members to make our short-term goal.



I am so impressed with the members of our District and how much you do to serve your clubs, your communities and humanity. Please review the requirements I gave you for the Presidential Citation. Input is due in March, and time seems to be flying by. If you have more members in the wings, now is the time to add them to our ranks. Although I look forward to my Rotary club's weekly meetings, attendance is no longer stressed as it once was. Also, our District E Club is another option for those unable to make weekly meetings.

I want to ask you all to hold the weekend of April 24-26, 2015, for our District Conference at Skytop Lodge in the Poconos. You'll be hearing more about the incredible program and speakers our conference committee is working on.

The beginning of a new year often conjures up resolutions. Up to now, I have avoided making resolutions. But this year I've decided to set some goals instead. The most important thing about a goal is to write it down and to review your progress along the way. This might be a good time for our clubs and ourselves individually to check where we are heading and where we want to be. Whatever you do, write it down so the commitment is made. One of my goals is to have each member of our District contribute something to the Rotary Foundation this year. No set amount, just something.

January is also Rotary Awareness Month, so how about some local coverage and photos of Rotarians in action for local media. We can illuminate Rotary as we *Light Up Rotary* this month. Thank you for all you do and again, Happy New Year.

DG Carol

District Events

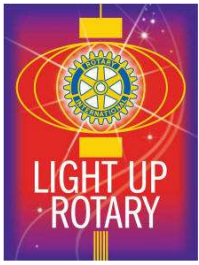
March 20-21 - (PETS) President Elect Training Seminar - save the date

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5. Shane East (Mountain Top) Freeland, Hazleton, Jim Thorp, Lehighton, Mountaintop, Weatherly.
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.

PUBLIC IMAGE CORNER

The calendar year has quickly come to a close, but we still have half of our Rotary year to go. So now is a good time to evaluate what publicity you have done in the second half of 2014, and what publicity you could do for the first half of 2015.

Take a look at your club's budget to see which groups or organizations you are donating money to in the next six months. This review should spark a list of guest speakers. Check presentations to charities in your area are great photo opportunities. Let the public see you giving money away as well as raising it to complete the circle.

Don't forget. Guest speakers are also a great source of potential new members. Invite them to your meeting and let them see what we do. Have them do a 15 to 20 minute talk about what their organization does. Take their picture with a few members of your club as they receive a donation check, and send it in to your club bulletin editor, the district newsletter and your local newspapers. Don't be shy. Spread the Rotary word about the good work that we do.

Best wishes in the new year.

Sandy Peoples

District Public Image Chair

Foundation Grant Re-Certification

DGE Barbara de Belon and DRFC PDG Paul Muczynski will be conducting Grants Management Seminars (GMS) for 2015-16 Rotary Year. Each club is required to send at least two members to a seminar to be eligible for a Foundation Grant, it is highly recommended the club President-elect and Foundation chair attend a seminar in their area. For the convenience of the participants, the seminars will be held at three locations on the dates indicated. All seminars will start at 10 am and should be completed by 12:00 pm.

December 6 at Riverstone Grill in Towanda (Cluster 1)

January 10 at Ramada in Clark's Summit (Cluster 2, 3, 6, & 7)

January 31 at Gennetti's Best Western in Hazleton (Cluster 4 & 5)

Attendance at a 2015-16 Grants Management seminar is required for club re-certification. To be eligible for a 2015-16 District Grant, at least two Rotarians (President-elect and Club Foundation Chair) must attend. The current Club President and President-elect have to sign the Club Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), and 2015-16 Allocation Procedure for District Designated Funds (see attached) to be handed in at the seminar. The MOU and Allocation procedure are required for Club certification. In addition, each President-elect is requested to complete the Annual Fund and Membership goals section of Rotary Club Central on rotary.org.

Skytop Lodge in the Poconos April 24-26, 2015



District Conference - 2015
Save The Dates!
District Governor Carol Hemphill
would like to invite everyone
to the beautiful, elegant and
affordable Skytop Lodge
in the Pocono Mountains
for another great
District Conference
on April 24, 25 and 26, 2015.
More information to follow.
Visit Skytop at: www.skytop.com



District 7410 2015

IS IN THE PLANNING STAGES!!!!

June 21st to the 25th

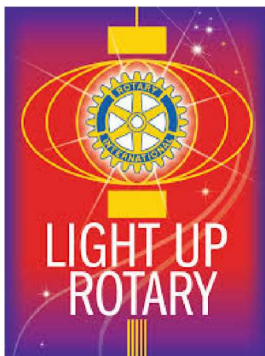
at Keystone College

Watch for an announcement that application forms
are ready to be distributed

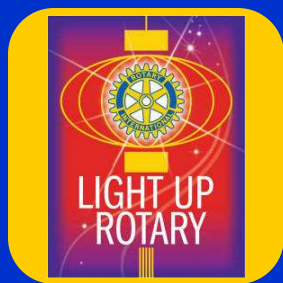
Deadline for all applications is April 31st.

We plan to

Light Up RYLA!!!



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Our Clubs in Action

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THE ROTARY CLUB OF PLAINS

Plains Rotary Donates Coats

The Plains Rotary Club held its annual coats for kids program on November 21, 2014. The Rotary Club working with Saint Peter and Paul Food Pantry identified families with children needing winter coats. This year the Plains Rotary donated 56 coats to needy children. The money to buy the new coats was raised at the two Plains Rotary fundraisers, Pasta-in-the-Park in June and the Annual Golf Tournament in August. Shown with the coats are Pauline Makowski of the Saint Peter and Paul Food pantry, Rotarians Ben Berrini and Allan Bartoli.



Plains Rotary Christmas Party for Special Needs Children

The Plains Rotary Club, at its annual Christmas party for Children with special needs on December 17, 2014 at the Woodlands Inn, the club presented a check for \$500 to the Kathleen Williams, Executive Director Wyoming Valley Children Association. At the Children's party, the Plains Rotary provided dinner and entertainment for the children and their families. The highlight of the party was a visit from Santa Claus who gave each child a special gift



THE ROTARY CLUB OF KINGSTON

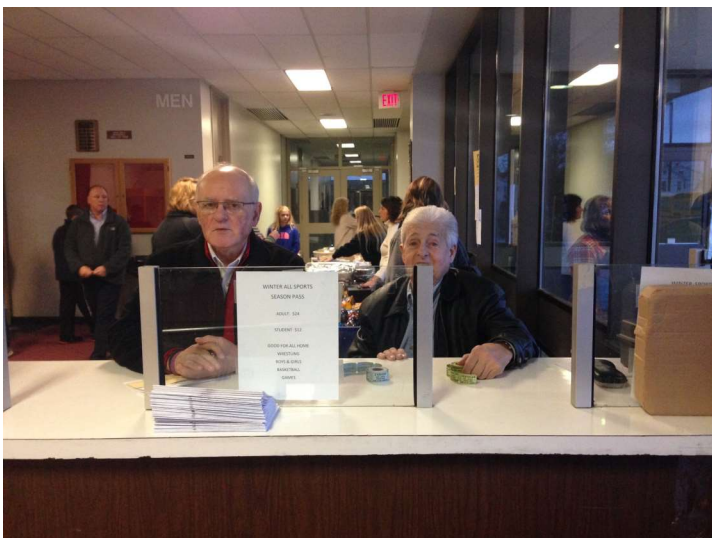
The Rotary Club of Kingston recently made a donation of dictionaries to all third grade students in the Wyoming Valley West School District. More than 400 dictionaries were distributed to the students in this annual project of the Club.



Pictured from left are Lou Marcin, Rotarian Project Leader, Charles Suppon, Wyoming Valley West Superintendent and Ed Stanks, Rotarian Treasurer.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF PLYMOUTH

The Rotary Club of Plymouth recently conducted it's 19th Annual Mike Duda Lady Spartans Tip-Off Classic. It is the first of games for the Wyoming Valley West Lady Spartans Basketball Team



Pictured from left are Past District Governor Budd O'Malia and Rotarian George Meeker.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF THE SMITHFIELDS

Rotary Club of The Smithfields and Pocono Medical Center hold their annual Christmas Tree Lighting on December 3, 2014

The Rotary Club of The Smithfields, in conjunction with Pocono Medical Center and the Pocono Health Foundation, held the annual Christmas Tree Lighting at Pocono Medical Center on December 3, 2014.

Hundreds joined the festive occasion, highlighted by performances from the JM Hill Elementary School Choir, the Stroudsburg Middle School Sixth Grade Chorus and the Choir from the East Stroudsburg North Senior High School.

The funds raised from this event by Rotary Club and Pocono Health Foundation, resulted in the awarding of \$6,500.00 in charitable grants at the event. The grants provided support child based community programs. This year's grants went to the following recipients:

Deverau for its resource library

Kan-dou Kids and Dogs Unite, for anti-bullying programs

Pocono Area Transitional Housing (PATH), for children's winter boots

Pocono Services for Families and Children, for senior buddy programs

Pregnancy Resource Center, for its Life Steps program
Youth Infusion, Inc., for Shape Up After School Learning

The Rotary Club of the Smithfields wants to thank the many volunteers who helped make this event an enormous success.



THE ROTARY CLUB OF SAYRE



The Rotary Club of Sayre is pleased to welcome their newest member, Ed Brittain. Ed has lived in the Valley his entire life and recently retired after 39 years at E. I. DuPont in Towanda, PA. Ed is no stranger to Rotary, having attended numerous District meetings and events with his wife, Nancy who is a member of the Rotary Club of Sayre as well as the District Assistant Governor. He also attended a Rotary International Convention in Montreal, Canada and looks forward to attending more district and international events but mostly he looks forward to getting involved with the projects of his new club.

Shown from left to right is District Membership Chair Karin Breitlauch and her husband Ed from the Rotary Club of West End, Ed Brittain, Sayre Rotary President Elizabeth Hibbard and District Governor Carol Hemphill from the Rotary Club of North Pocono.

Sayre Rotary, Sayre VFW and the Robert Packer Hospital Sterile Processing Dept. join forces to ensure a Happy Thanksgiving

Each year the Sayre Rotary club puts together Thanksgiving baskets to be donated to Sayre families that may not have otherwise enjoyed “turkey with all the trimmings”. Each club member donated items to include in the baskets, including potatoes, milk, stuffing, vegetables, pumpkin pie and cool whip just to name some of the many items necessary to make Thanksgiving dinner complete. The club generally pays for the turkeys, but this year the Sayre VFW joined in with donations that helped pay for the turkeys as well as add a fourth Thanksgiving basket for a Sayre family in need. In addition, a fifth basket was donated by the employees of the Robert Packer Hospital Sterile Processing Department. The person responsible for organizing the Department effort was Mary Jane Bloss who is the daughter of Sayre Rotarian Charlie Hammond. The members of the Sayre Rotary club would like to thank the Sayre VFW as well as the employees of the RPH Sterile Processing Department for their generous donations.

Preparing Thanksgiving baskets is one of many activities that the members enjoy each year to support our community.



Shown from right to left are some of the members of the Rotary Club of Sayre, including Elizabeth Hibbard, Bob Crocker, Charlie Hammond, John Savelli, Nancy Brittain, Dayton Handrick and Ed Brittain, with special visitors (far left) including District Governor Carol Hemphill from Rotary Club of North Pocono as well as Junior Rotarians from Sayre High School, Jacob Wheeler and Dan Nash.



Sayre Rotary Club members and family recently spent a day ringing the bells for the Salvation Army Kettle Campaign. Shown are Rotary Club members Bob Crocker and his wife Val with the Club's current president, Elizabeth Hibbard. This is one of many community service projects the club enjoys each year.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF MONTROSE

PDG Ray Wilmarth had the pleasure of presenting the next level Paul Harris pin to Joan Kamansky, wife of Rotarian Rick Kamansky at the club's annual Christmas Party.



Left to right: DG Carol, Mrs. Kamansky, PDG Ray and club president Steve.

District Governor Carol welcomed two Satellite Club of Montrose Rotary members into Rotary. DG Carol was attending the Annual Family Christmas Party sponsoring by Montrose Rotary.



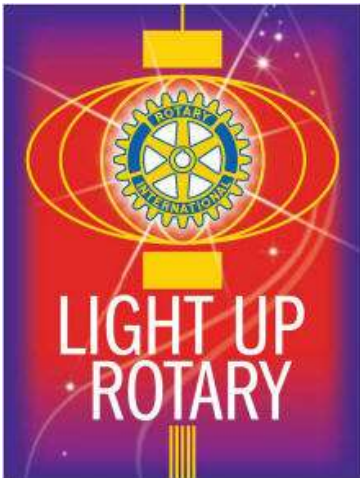
DG Carol is shown with current club president Steve Spero and Satellite Club members Laura Holbrook and Kim Henry.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF THE ABINGTONS

Nancy Thompson, representative of the Dalton Food Pantry, recently attended a Rotary Club of the Abingtons meeting, to thank Rotary for their generous food donations to the Pantry. The Club also presented her with a check for \$250 to purchase additional items as needed.



Pictured are Deb Kennedy, Club President, Nancy Thompson, and Dom Scott, Rotarian.



The North Scranton Rotary Club



On December 10th, we made our annual donations to various groups in the Scranton area. Representatives from Little Sisters of the Poor, Cathrine McAuley Center, Friends of the Poor, and Women's Resource Center are pictured above.



The Santa hat was placed on the coal of the traffic circle!

On December 17th, we held our annual Christmas party at Sidel's Restaurant. We had great food and a lot of fun. We would like to wish all fellow Rotarians a Happy and Healthy New Year!



THE ROTARY CLUB OF TUNKHANNOCK

Election of Officers and Directors for 2015-2016

Please congratulate our new officers and directors for 2015-2016 elected at the Dec 4 Tunkhannock Rotary Club Luncheon. Ron Furman, President-elect for 2015-2016 will begin his term as Club President on July 1, 2015.

President-Elect (2016-2017) – Ann Way
 Vice President – Don Streby
 Secretary – Carol Ziomek
 Treasurer - Sandra Lane
 Directors (8) - Nicole Brillhart, Karen Fuller, George Gay, Stephanie Holdt, Tom Kukuchka, Michael Markovitz, Bill Milligan and Matt Pompey.

Tunkhannock Rotary Welcomes Its Newest Member

Thomas Daniels was inducted into Rotary by President Norm Kelly at the Dec 18 Tunkhannock Rotary club luncheon at Purkey's Pink Apple. Thomas was sponsored and pinned by Jon Buxton. He has been an attorney with Lenahan & Dempsey for more than 15 years and will be managing the Tunkhannock Office in Wyoming County.



Left to right: Jon Buxton, Tom Daniels and President Norm Kelly

Rotarians Recognized

At the Dec 18 Holiday Luncheon, President Norm Kelly presented Samantha Maruzzelli with a Paul Harris +2 pin in recognition of her contributions to the Rotary Foundation.

President Norm then distributed sponsor pins with blue backers to Samantha and to Al Noble for their sponsorship of a new member each (Anne Sehne and Stephanie Holdt) during the last Quarter.



Left to right: Al Noble, Samantha Maruzzelli with President Norm Kelly



THE ROTARY CLUB OF TUNKHANNOCK

Jeannie Brady Presents Taipei Banner to Club

Tunkhannock Rotarian Jeannie Brady recently returned from a visit to the Republic of China. While in Taiwan, she visited the Rotary Club of Taipei, which is the home club for 2014-2015 Rotary International President Gary K.C. Huang. At the Taipei club meetings, they auction off items at each meeting to raise money. Rotarian Henry Wu bought a special bottle of Green Label spirits at the auction as a present for Jeannie.

The President of the Taipei Club (District 3480) and Jeannie took part in a club banner exchange. She also gave a brief presentation on the Tunkhannock Club, describing some of the club's fund-raising and community programs. She indicated they were particularly impressed with the breadth of the service and youth programs, as well as, the Harvest & Wine Festival Fund-raiser that makes many of the club programs possible.



Jeannie presented the Rotary Club of Taipei Banner to Tunkhannock President Norm Kelly at the December 18 Holiday Luncheon at Purkey's Pink Apple.



Banner exchange at Rotary Club of Taipei

Tunkhannock Rotary Presents \$1,000 Checks for Toys for Children

On a frigid Candy Cane Day (Black Friday - Nov 28), 22 Tunkhannock Rotarians, their families, friends and members of the Tunkhannock High School Interact Club were stationed in shifts at entrances to several shopping centers in town. They were collecting money to buy Christmas gifts for deserving Wyoming County children. Shoppers were offered candy canes as a thank you for their donations.



Candy Cane Day Chairman Matt Pompey, related that it was so cold, "we nearly froze to death, but it was worth it in the end."

All the volunteers were very grateful for the hot coffee, cocoa and donuts provided by Dunkin Donuts that helped warm them during their cold collection shifts.

The Tunkhannock Rotary was also very thankful that so many shopping plazas allowed collection stations to be set up at their parking lot entrances.

Thanks to the generosity of the Black Friday shoppers, approximately \$2,000 was collected. This fund-raising event has been undertaken annually by the Tunkhannock Rotary Club for more than 25 years.

As a result of the success of this year's Candy Cane Day, Tunkhannock Rotary Club President Norm Kelly presented checks for \$1,000 each to Mary Foley, Executive Director for Interfaith Friends, and to Pat Skrynski, Executive Director of Wyoming County Children & Youth. The money will be used by these organizations to buy Christmas toys/gifts for children in need or in foster care in Wyoming County, making Christmas a little happier for a group of deserving children.



Left to right: Pat Skrynski (Wyoming County Children & Youth), President Norm Kelly and Mary Foley (Interfaith Friends)

THE ROTARY CLUB OF TUNKHANNOCK

Liberation Tour 70

Francis Turner, aged 95 and a Rotarian for 64 years, gave a riveting presentation at the Dec 11 Tunkhannock Rotary Luncheon at Purkey's Pink Apple on his Sept trip to Europe to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the liberation of Europe during World War II. Fran was 1 of a 3 WW II veterans, all of whom served in the European theater, who attended commemorative ceremonies in France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Germany. In several locations, international groups of re-enactors lovingly restored tanks and equipment from the war and put on mock battles and parades to commemorate the events leading to the liberation of their towns or countries.

Fran enlisted in early 1941, went to officer candidate school and became a combat engineer lieutenant. Although he was first in North Africa, he was re-assigned to England to prepare for what turned out to be the D-Day invasion. His unit was part of the second wave that landed to establish a beachhead before heavy armor such as tanks could be sent over. 2nd Lieutenant Turner commanded a platoon of 40 soldiers in the 17th Engineers in the European theater in support of the 6th Armored Regiment. They were the first army combat unit to enter Belgium and then into Germany but waited outside Berlin until the Russian could enter first.

A large commemorative ceremony was held in Rumes, Belgium, a town first liberated by the Americans. The ceremony was attended by 3 American vets (Fran Turner, Charles Grunert and Bob Connerton), 1 British vet (Ernie Turner) and by Prince Laurent of Belgium. The ceremonies were featured on Belgium TV, including a segment on Fran laying a wreath at one of the memorials.

The group then went on to Peronne France and Arromanches France, where further re-enactments were done as part of the commemorations. They also visited Omaha Beach and the encampment at Bray-Sur_Somme France.

Fran then visited Margraten Cemetery in the Netherlands where American troops were buried, including PFC Albert Clark, one of the men in Fran's platoon. Fran laid flowers and lead a salute at the grave of PFC Clark.

The group next traveled on to ceremonies and re-enactments in Mons Belgium, Noorbeek the Netherlands, the Elbe River in Germany and Berlin, Germany. Fran and his family enjoyed this amazing trip to Europe, although not Fran's brief stay in a Berlin hospital due to dehydration at the end of their trip.

Fran is an active member of Tunkhannock Rotary and the Tunkhannock Chapter of the American Legion. He participates in honor guards at various civic and club events, as well as, the funerals of veterans. He still looks quite impressive in his uniform.



Fran in restored US Army jeep with a re-enactor.

Left: Fran (middle) signing commemorative book in Rumes, Belgium. Right: Fran (sitting on chair with back to camera), regaling the re-enactors with stories from the War.



Fran at grave of Albert Clark



Fran Turner talking to the Tunkhannock Rotary Club about the Liberation Tour 70

THE ROTARY CLUB OF TUNKHANNOCK

Tunkhannock Rotary Donates \$10,000 to Seven Loaves Soup Kitchen Capital Fund

The Tunkhannock Rotary recently presented a check for \$10,000.00 to Mary Lu Shaffer, President of the Executive Board for the Seven Loaves Soup Kitchen and Ken Price, a volunteer for the community campaign, for their Capital Campaign for 51 Warren Street. Club President, Norm Kelly said “the members of the Tunkhannock Rotary Club work tirelessly to make meaningful contributions to our community. The unprecedented success of the Tunkhannock Rotary Harvest & Wine Festival this year has enabled us to offer support to the Seven Loaves Soup Kitchen and many other worthy organizations that enhance the quality of life for everyone.”

Rotary’s gift brings the Campaign for 51 Warren Street totals to more than \$370,000, or more than 63% of the \$580,000 goal. Mary Lu Shaffer said, “Our executive committee searched for years to find a more suitable place to fulfill our charitable mission, and our search produced the perfect building. Now, all we have to do is pay for it.”

The Seven Loaves Soup Kitchen is entirely manned and operated by volunteers with no salaried employees. Local businesses, organizations and individuals provide the funding, food, supplies and labor. Volunteers provide regular hot, hardy, nutritious, well-balanced meals five days a week at no charge to their guests. The operation currently takes place in a rented, 1,100 square foot building, with only three designated parking places. The Seven Loaves Soup Kitchen recently acquired a 4,000 square foot building with significant parking, which was formerly occupied by the Williams Pipeline Company. It will allow volunteers to serve meals for many more guests, including an increasing number of families who have begun to utilize the charity’s largess. Shaffer said that just as important is that renovation of the new property will include a much larger kitchen for volunteers.



(l to r) Ken Price, Mary Lu Shaffer, Rotary Club President Norm Kelly and Club Treasurer Sandra Lane

THE ROTARY CLUB OF HAZLETON

Rotary Club of Hazleton Distributes Christmas Plants

For the 12th consecutive year, the Rotary Club of Hazleton is here to help brighten holidays with poinsettias, amaryllis and Christmas cactus. Orders were taken by Rotary Club members earlier in November.

Proceeds from the sale are used to fund a number of the club’s community service projects.

“We want to thank everyone who purchased Christmas plants from the Rotary Club” comments Mark Imbriaco. “Your support is sincerely appreciated” adds co-chair Paul Brenner.

For more updated information on Rotary Club of Hazleton activities, visit the website www.hazletonrotary.org or the Rotary Club of Hazleton facebook page.



President-Elect Ron Avellino; club member Gene Acri; project co-chair Mark Imbriaco; President Tim Genetti; and club member John Schwear prepared flower orders for distribution by Rotary Club members at the recent weekly club meeting.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF HAZLETON

Hazleton Rotary Club Hosts Children’s Shopping Spree

It was a morning filled with the Christmas spirit for some lucky area youngsters and Hazleton Rotary Club members and their families/friends who got together on Sunday, December 7, at Boscovs for a special holiday shopping spree.

A co-operative effort of the Rotary Foundation, the Rotary Club of Hazleton, the United Way of Greater Hazleton and Boscov’s, more than 30 children whose names were provided by The Salvation Army, Catholic Social Services, Commission on Economic Opportunity and United Charities were given an hour to purchase gifts for themselves and/or family members.

“It was up to each child to decide what they wanted to purchase and for whom” explains Rotary President Tim Genetti, “Rotary club members and their family/friends were chaperones just to help the children if they needed it.”

“This was the third time this project has occurred for the club and I hope it continues.”, Genetti adds. “It was a pleasure for the adults who were present to watch as their “shoppers” very carefully selected items, not just for themselves, but for family members as well. It showed us these children really understood the “giving” spirit of the season.”

“The club membership is proud to be able to support the United Way of Greater Hazleton and its member agencies who do so much to help the Greater Hazleton community” comments Genetti. Monies for community donations are raised by the Hazleton Rotary Club through a variety of fundraisers held during the course of the year. For more information on club activities go to www.hazletonrotary.org and/or the Hazleton Rotary Club facebook page.



Pat Ward, President and CEO-United Way of Greater Hazleton received a



THE ROTARY CLUB OF HAZLETON

Hazleton Rotary Club Assists Salvation Army

Hazleton Rotary Club Members Ken Trippett and Fred (Santa) Attick and a number of Hazleton Rotary Club Members and their families took part in the Greater Hazleton Salvation Army Kettle Drive at Wal-Mart on Saturday, December 20th. Beginning in 1956, Hazleton Rotarians have been active participants in this annual project emphasizing the Rotary Club motto of "Service Above Self". This year's project co-chairs were Alan Whitaker and Joe Cammisa. Store entrances were manned on behalf of the Salvation Army from 8AM-5PM.



THE ROTARY CLUB OF DALLAS

Dallas Rotary Club rings the bells for the Salvation Army

Members, spouses and friends of the Rotary Club of Dallas volunteered for two days in December to help the Salvation Army assist others during the holiday season.

The members of the Rotary Club of Dallas have rung the bells for the Salvation Army for many years. This year their kettle drive on Rt. 309 in Dallas brought in \$1,500.00, thanks in part, to a very generous donation of \$400 from J&J Deli, Rt. 415 in Dallas. The funds came from their management, employees and tips from their customers.



From left: John Wertman, owner of J&J Deli; Rotary President Randy Loyd; Ryan Wertman, employee of J&J Deli.



Rotarians who rang the bells outside in the cold weather, from left: Jerry Reisch and Nick Stredney.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF DALLAS

Honor Society students help Dallas Rotary bring joy to children

The Rotary Club of Dallas recently hosted its 50th annual Christmas shopping spree for 45 Back Mountain children from the school districts of Dallas, Lake Lehman and Northwest.

McDonald's in Shavertown provided a complimentary breakfast for the children. Then they were off to the Bon Ton at the Midway Shopping Center where they were treated to coats, boots, hats, mittens and outfits for school.

The children were paired with a chaperone, appointed by the Dallas Rotary Club, to help them with their selections on their wishes-come-true shopping day. Several students from the Dallas High School Honor Society helped the children find the perfect items to take home. Each child had his or her picture taken with the Rotary Santa.

The Dallas Rotary Club provided a generous shopping allowance for each child, and a discount coupon from the Bon Ton stretched their shopping dollars even further. The Rotarians raised the money through their annual fall charity golf tournament, their wine festival last summer, and generous donations from foundations at a local church.



Dallas High School Honor Society students who helped Santa: first row, from left - Emma Doran, Haley Haddle, Lia Ruggerio, Jill Kwak. Second row: Kaitlyn Yakus, Alexa Dosiak, Caylee Irvin, Caroline Thomas, Richard Burkhardt as Santa, Brielle Brace, Milan Novak.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF DALLAS

Dallas Rotary Sponsors Luncheon for Senior Center Members

On Friday, December 12th, several members of the Rotary Club of Dallas welcomed 50 members of the Dallas Senior Center to the Appletree Terrace at Newberry Estate. The Christmas Luncheon featured a feast of traditional holiday foods with all the trimmings and a fabulous assortment of desserts, all made and served by Rotarian Fred DiMaria, owner of the Appletree Terrace, and his staff.

The event was made possible by the support of the members of our community who faithfully participate in Dallas Rotary's fundraisers such as the annual charity golf tournament in September and the wine and dine festival in June.

Rotarian Eric Martin led the group in singing many old favorite Christmas songs. Richard Burkhardt, who played Santa, and Rotarian John Doerfler also entertained the group with several more Christmas songs, and invited everyone to sing along. The Senior Center members enjoyed the meal and the music and each left with a happy heart and a bag full of gifts and treats.



More than 50 people enjoyed the Christmas party including from left: Marjorie Barnes Mottern, Grace Sutton, Shirley McDonald, Joe McDonald and Rotarians Ken and Carole Chapple.



The Rotary Santa, played by Dallas resident Richard Burkhardt, was joined by Rotarian John Doerfler for more Christmas songs and comedy for everyone to enjoy.



Dallas Rotarian Eric Martin led the group in singing some old favorite Christmas songs, and performed a solo as well.



Three sisters enjoyed the meal, the entertainment and the festivities, from left: Ada Petroski, Elva Wheelwright, Reva Eck.

District 7410 November, 2014 Club Attendance

New Rotarians

Dallas	Thomas Botzman Vanessa Botzman
Hamlin	Tyler Simons
Mountaintop	Michael Pinko
North Scranton	Thomas Staples
Tunkhannock	Thomas Daniels
Wellsboro	Dave Sullens
West End	James Dickson

Club	Total Mem.	New Mem.	Nov. Attend.
Abingtons	0	0	0.00%
Athens	0	0	0.00%
Blakeslee	0	0	0.00%
Dallas	42	2	62.00%
Dunmore	17	0	94.00%
Forest City Area	12	0	85.40%
Freeland	0	0	0.00%
Greater Nanticoke Area	0	0	0.00%
Hamlin	0	0	0.00%
Hawley	21	0	54.00%
Hazleton	83	0	45.22%
Honesdale	36	0	58.00%
Jim Thorpe	0	0	0.00%
Kingston	23	0	68.00%
Lehighton	0	0	0.00%
Mid-Valley	6	0	50.00%
Milford-Matamoras	0	0	0.00%
Montrose	26	0	69.00%
Mountaintop	15	1	63.00%
Mt. Pocono	0	0	0.00%
New Milford	0	0	0.00%
Newfoundland	40	0	67.88%
North Pocono	0	0	0.00%
North Scranton	20	1	83.00%
Pittston	0	0	0.00%
Plains	24	0	50.00%
Plymouth	0	0	0.00%
Pocono Mountains	21	0	62.00%
Sayre	12	1	57.00%
Scranton	0	0	0.00%
Smithfields	17	0	57.00%
Stroudsburgs, The	95	0	65.89%
Towanda	0	0	0.00%
Trail	13	0	70.00%
Troy	24	0	75.00%
Tunkhannock	0	0	0.00%
Weatherly	0	0	0.00%
Wellsboro	0	0	0.00%
West End	0	0	0.00%
Wilkes-Barre	0	0	0.00%
Winola	14	0	57.00%
Wyoming	0	0	0.00%

