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### Letter from the District Governor

Dear Rotarians and Friends,  
Before the ball drops on December 31, there is some work to be done. Most of it consists of planning for your club and district future:

1. Select President-Elect and register for PETS
2. Select District Governor Nominee Designate
3. Promote District Essay Contest to High School Students
4. Develop your club's strategic plan

The development of leadership skills is one of the most important benefits of Rotary membership. In this month, each club is required to choose their club's President-Elect. The district is beginning the process to select the District Governor for 2020-21. This time of year presents a real opportunity to grow as an individual and to expand the impact of Rotary on the lives of the people of our communities.

The person selected for President-Elect will be given the responsibility to receive training through the President-Elect Training Seminar {PETS}. This will be held on March 23-24, 2018 at the Hanover Marriott in Whippany, NJ. We have over 400 clubs represented at this event with world class speakers and unbeatable personal interactions. Each club has been assessed a PETS fee. Last year, we were able to offer a special waiver to each club, and I am happy to report that will be repeated. The requirements are:

**FIRST** – The club selects its President-Elect and REPORTS it on the district website

**SECOND** – The President-Elect registers for PETS by December 31, 2017.

[www.petsmidnortheast.org](http://www.petsmidnortheast.org)

This will entitle the club to a waiver of the \$137.50 January PETS assessment on their district bill. Then, if the person attends the meeting, the club

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# Rotary



**ROTARY:  
MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE**

DISTRICT GOVERNOR CONTINUES....

will receive a waiver for the second assessment in July, 2018. If the President-elect is not available for our Multi-District PETS, then registration at another PETS is acceptable. That must be approved by either DGE Roger Mattes or me.

Another duty is the selection of the District Governor Nominee Designate. I ask that each club consider if they have an individual who would like to get more involved in the district. I would be happy to speak to anyone with an interest. The Nominating committee will consist of three PDG representatives (PDG Kerry Nix, PDG Warren Watkins, and PDG Marcia Loughman) and one representative from each of the following clubs: Troy, Trail, Honesdale, Blakeslee, Mountaintop, Dunmore, and Plymouth.

As for me, I have continued to enjoy my trips around the district. I will be happy to visit your club again, if you wish. I had the pleasure of delivering a Classification talk to Newfoundland and Troy. (The last time I did was over 10 years ago!) I am looking forward to the many holiday events in the wings. I usually attend events, if invited. I will also support events with advertising or an auction item.

The district Essay Contest details can be found on the District Website under the Youth Menu item. The deadline to the district is January 15, 2018. Please consider promoting this to our young people. The district will accept one essay from each high school.

The prize will be awarded at the Youth Conference on April 22.

Membership continues to be an issue in the district. We are currently at 1,110 active members. Please see the article on the Passport Club now forming. Also, I have included an article about the Peace Gala. I have also included a note about the district

conference. Early registration rates will end on December 31.

I hope that you and your family have a happy, healthy holiday season.

Peace is possible. We can make it happen. We are Rotarians, which means that anything is possible.

DG Karin

## Rotary Gala for Peace

On November 18, 2017, over 90 Rotarians gathered at the Ka-lahari Pocono Resort for an evening of fun and fundraising. Guests were treated to hot hors d'oeuvres with coconut shrimp, mango chicken spoons, and brie-filled pastry dough. Guests were also given a wide variety of

cheeses, vegetables and fruits. During the cocktail hour, the Touring Choir of the Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts, directed by David Macbeth, gave a lovely 30 minute performance. Guests were then escorted to the main dining room, and received a

*SEE, "GALA," PAGE 14.*

### Informational Seminar on Liability Coverage Topic of Dec 5 Webinar

On **5 December 2017, at 1:00PM CST** Rotary International's Risk Management Team will be hosting a live informational webinar that will inform interested Rotarians about the U.S. Rotary Clubs & Districts Liability Insurance Program ("Program") and how it relates to events your club is planning.

If you've wondered what a certificate of insurance is, this is a webinar for you! We will discuss the importance of contracts for Rotary events while also providing a walk-through of our new Insurance Broker's dedicated Rotary insurance website, Gallagher Insight, to make sure you can find all of the necessary information easily:

This webinar is open to **ALL Rotarians** at any level. Please share the registration link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2020509132718856961> or direct Rotarians to go to [rotary.org](http://rotary.org) to Webinars.

Sincerely,  
Rotary Risk Management





Rotary District 7410

# Youth Conference

Sunday, April 22, 2018 ~~Kalahari Resort Pocono

This conference is an opportunity for youth around our district to have a day of team-building, group discussions, meeting new people, and to learn how to make a difference. The program includes presentations from young entrepreneurs, a top motivational speaker, and a US Congressman.



## Agenda



- 9:30- 10:00 a.m. - Gathering and Welcome
- 10:00 - 10:30 a.m. - Team Building and Ice Breakers
- 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Breakout Sessions, Group Discussion, Club Project Presentations
- 11:30 a.m. - Bethany Kuster and Color For Kids
- 12:00p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Pizza Lunch
- 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. - Speaker Jeff Abella and project
- 2:30-4:00 - BREAK -
- 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. - Youth Exchange Jacket Presentations Congressman Matt Cartwright



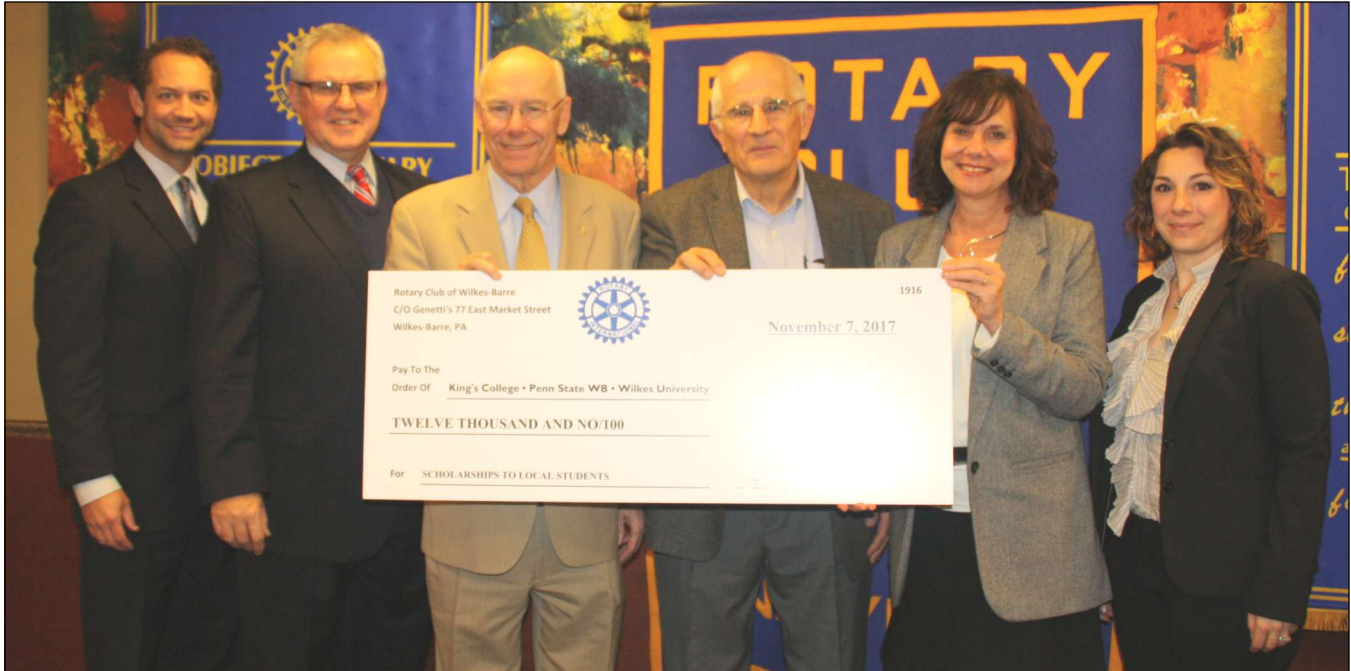
*There will be an optional Escape Room Activity on Saturday, April 21 in the evening. Attendees are eligible to stay at the Kalahari Resort for a reduced rate of \$199/night, which includes up to four water park passes per room. There must be at least one attendee per room. Attendees will be asked to bring art supplies to be donated to Color For Kids.*

*Registration fee: \$25.00 plus \$19.00 for the Optional Escape Room Activity*

Contact Andy Lane Chapman at [lanesix@hotmail.com](mailto:lanesix@hotmail.com) or 570-470-9042 for Reservations or Questions



## The Rotary Club of Wilkes-Barre



A check representing the \$12,000 impact made by the Rotary Club of Wilkes-Barre in support of scholarships at local colleges was presented to representatives from King's College, PennState Wilkes-Barre and Wilkes University on November 7, 2017. *Pictured from left to right:* Frederick Pettit, VP for Institutional Advancement at King's College; Anthony Shipula II, Director of Campus Development and Alumni Relations, Penn State Wilkes-Barre; Rotarian Geoffrey Dent, VP/Investments for Stifel Financial Corp.; Rotarian Robert Lawrence, Partner, Lawrence, Cable and Company, LLP; Margaret Steele, Executive Director of Advancement, Wilkes University; and Luciana Musto, Director of Prospect Management, Wilkes University.

## Wilkes-Barre Rotarians Help Fund Area College Scholarships

The Rotary Club of Wilkes-Barre presented \$12,000 in scholarship funding to King's College, Penn State Wilkes-Barre and Wilkes University. Each school received \$4,000 in scholarship support to benefit students from the Wilkes-Barre area attending their institutions.

The Rotary Club of Wilkes-Barre started in 1916 and is one of the longest running clubs in the Wyoming Valley.

The Wilkes-Barre Club meets Tuesdays at noon at Best Western Genetti's in Downtown Wilkes-Barre and follows the Rotary motto "Service Above Self." The

Club has supported our college students since 1962 and continues to be involved in supporting children's program projects.

### Thank you and Happy Holidays from the Rotary Club of the Pocono Mountains!

As we approach the end of the year, we look back at all that we have worked on and achieved in 2017. One strain common to everything that we've done is the amazing community support we've been privileged to enjoy. So, we want to thank you, our sponsors, our members, the many businesses of all sizes within our community that gives back and supports the multitude of community events and most of all, the people of our community that attended our many events, making them a success!

Sincerely, thank you! Wish you all a marvelous holiday season!



**Rotary**  
of Pittston



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# Penn State

## BOWL/PLAYOFF PACKAGE RAFFLE

**All inclusive package includes:**

### Two Penn State Game Tickets

Airfare for two from Avoca

Hotel Accommodations

Hotel Transfers to and from game

Game and Location TBA

\$20.00 per ticket

**Drawing Date: December 12, 2017**

*Minor need not be present to win. Winner will be notified by phone.*

Winner will be offered \$3,000 Cash payment in lieu of Bowl Package

#### Ticket Locations:

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133 N. Main St., Wilkes-Barre  
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Penn State Bowl/Playoff Package provided by: Thompson Tours, Eileen Miner Travel Inc.  
Proceeds go to community service projects sponsored by the Rotary of Pittston.



## The Rotary Club of Dallas



### **Dallas Rotarians Raise Money to Help Food Pantry**

On Thursday, November 9th, the Dallas Rotary Club held our annual auction and raffle to raise food and funds for the Back Mountain Food Pantry. Through the generosity of our club members, we raised \$1,157.00 and 300 pounds of food. Committee members (from left) are Eric Martin, Kerry Freeman, Jerry Reisch, Kim Reynolds, Ted Horn, Kate Pitkat, Paul Saxon, Chairperson Sandy Peoples. Ann Marie Konek was not available for the photo.

## **Seventy Years of Playing for Old Shoe**

The proud tradition of the Old Shoe Game began in 1948. This year we celebrate almost 70 years of Back Mountain Champions taking the "Old Shoe" home. This back yard rivalry is one of the oldest in our area.

Red Ambrose, who was both president of the Dallas Rotary Club and the Dallas School Board, stopped to see Dallas teacher and principal Robert Dolbear, who was coaching at Dallas Twp. at the time. He was in search of an old shoe.

They threw all the shoes in the middle of the floor and Ambrose picked one. That's where the shoe came from, and he had it bronzed and mounted on a plaque.

*SEE, "OLD SHOE," PAGE 7.)*



Several members of the Rotary Club of Dallas hold the Old Shoe trophy and the MVP trophy as they await the presentations to the Dallas players.

From left: Art Peoples, Ken Chapple, Jason Jolley, Jerry Reisch, President Kim Reynolds, JoAnn Prohaska.

## Honduras Water and Sanitation Global Grant Awarded

BY PDG BARBARA BELON

Nearly two years ago this coming February, Rotarian Edwin Belón was approached by a gentleman that had just received glasses through Operation Honduras' "Gift of Sight". The team of US and Honduran Rotarians were in Tocoa, Honduras to distribute the glasses to some of the poorest of the poor in that area. The question asked by the gentleman was a simple one: "Do

you think Rotary could help us? We have no water or well in our community."

How many of us can even imagine living in a house with no running water? What followed was a discussion with the Tocoa Rotarians, exploring whether they were open to being the international partner on a water grant. When Edwin and PDG Barbara returned from the trip, the wheels were set in motion for their Le-

ughton Rotary club to submit a Global Grant to the Rotary Foundation that would supply a well, water tower, and piping and outside sinks to each house in Colonia Primavera. The Tocoa Rotary club and principals, Sergio Martinez and Sindy Perodomo, took the responsibility of meeting with the residents of Colonia Primavera, getting their commitment for supporting a sustainable water system, sketching out the requirements, and preparing a budget for the grant. Back stateside, clubs in District 7410 were given the opportunity to support this global grant. With early commitments, the following clubs donated a total of \$6,650: Hazleton, Lehigh, North Pocono, Jim Thorpe, Wilkes-Barre, Hamlin, Mid-Valley. This was augmented by a grant of \$1,000 from Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lehigh. With those funds and commitments from our District Designated Funds for global grants, the \$85,000 application for the proposed water project was filed.

Completing all the requirements of the Rotary Foundation was definitely a major learning experience. Halfway through the grant process, we found out that all Foundation water projects must now be paired with a sanitation com-

SEE, "GLOBAL GRANT," P. 9.

### The Rotary Club of Plains



### Keeping Kids Warm

The Plains Rotary Club held its annual coats for kids program in on November 17, 2017. The Rotary Club working with Saint Peter and Paul Food Pantry identified families with children needing winter coats. This year the Plains Rotary donated 90 new winter coats to needy children. The money to buy the new coats was raised by the club's fundraisers. Shown with the coats Rotarians Ben Berrini and Allan Bartoli.





## Abington Heights High Interactors Rise and Shine

BY EILEEN CHRISTIAN

Every other Wednesday morning in the Abington Heights High School auditorium at 7:30 a.m., you will find about 60 students taking an active part in an Interact meeting. These teenagers have to get out of bed earlier on that day and find a way to get to school because the bus schedule would not get them to that meeting on time. They belong to the Interact, a Rotary international service club for young people ages 12 to 18. Our high school group is sponsored by the Rotary Club of the Abingtons. The purpose of the club is to develop leadership skills in young adults and help them discover the power of Service Above Self.

### Community Service Projects

Each year, Interact clubs complete at least two community service projects, one of which furthers international understanding and goodwill. Through these efforts, Interactors develop a network of friendships with local and overseas clubs and learn the importance of: developing leadership skills and advancing international, understanding and goodwill.

The Abington Interact Club is student run. Officers and class representatives from each class meet on Wednesday mornings on the off weeks to coordinate events. Officers team up with a representative to coordinate a project of their choosing. The Pay It Forward campaign takes an act of kindness and keeps it going by giving new kind acts to others. This program has



been brought by the club members to the elementary schools and Kindness week in February has been the result. Students actually go into the community and look for ways to help others. Adopt an Angel is another way where students reach out to others in need and provide a happier Christmas through giving. The students have worked as volunteers for the Trolley Museum on the holiday trains and helped with projects at the Waverly Community House and the Ronald McDonald House.

They also assist our Rotary Club in our many projects like the Fireworks and the Taste of the Abingtons. Recently the planters and trash containers that are on State Street were painted by members of the Interact Club. Rotarian Matthew Keisling led the project and Interactors Dan Habeeb and Linley Keisling with others, scraped and painted each bin, having fun while they worked.

Interact members sometimes join us for our Thursday lunch at the Ramada. Lauren Strain, a Jun-

ior and Cecilia Donahoe, a senior, sat with us and told about what was happening in their club and how they liked joining with others to do good in an organized way.

Each member must complete two hours of community service each quarter to remain a full membership. But they do so much more than those two hours. The service is not limited to local events, but has international projects. Last year they formed unique ways to play games and donate to freerice.com. For every correct answer in a trivia game, the organization donated 10 grams of rice. They have also helped provide desks for students in Africa through Rotarian Tata Mbugua. Prior to the project each student spent a day at school sitting without the benefit of a desk, on the floor.

### Teacher Provides Guidance

Although the Interact Club is run by students, a faculty member is on hand for guidance. Adam Baker has been this influential teacher for eight years. He says, "It is amazing to see all the projects and passion that the students have for service. I love to see them have the opportunities to study abroad. It is through the Interact club I've been able to see the great things that Rotary does."

Interact is in 109 countries and there are 10,699 clubs in those countries and one more local Interact Club at the Abington Heights High School, all doing Service Above Self. What amazing teenagers we have in our midst.



## Rotary Club of the Abingtons



### **Veterans Honored in Abingtons**

At a weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of the Abingtons members paid honor to local veterans who joined together at the Ramada luncheon. Veteran James May addressed the group with stories of his time served as a chaplain at Walter Reed Hospital. He provided so many reasons that we should be grateful for the service of our military. Pictured and seated (from left): Howard Hyde (Rotarian), Nelson Herman, Dick Broxdon, Steuart Bailey. Standing in second row are Don Jones, Ed Slowey, Patrick Williams, James May, Michael Rogan, Gus Vlassis (Rotarian) and Harry Mumford (Rotarian). Standing in the third row are Bruce Valentine, Steve Selige and Warren Watkins (all Rotarians).

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In the early years, the Old Shoe Trophy was awarded to the top high school football team in the Back Mountain area. Through the years of consolidation, the tradition evolved into the Dallas/Lake-Lehman Old Shoe Game.

Every year we are pleased to be part of the Old Shoe Game and its rich history. At the

game's end, the winner was awarded this coveted trophy.

The Dallas Rotary is pleased to announce the awarding of the first annual MVP trophy which was given to a member of either team who has made a major contribution to their team's efforts. As always, we wished all of the players a safe and enjoyable game.

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ponent. This included education on basic personal hygiene and the methods for disposing of dirty water. Another surprise was that a hydrogeological survey needed to be done before the grant would be approved. Finding out whether there was a water source deep enough to be free of contaminants certainly made sense, but caused us and our Tocoa-Rotary partners to scramble and find additional funds to pay for the survey. After dozens of emails and translations from Spanish to English, the final surprise came when the Foundation asked us if the residents of Colonia Primavera actually owned the land. From the American mindset, the obvious response was, "well, of course." But living conditions and property rights in other developing countries are far different than here in the U.S. We eventually found out that the residents of Colonia Primavera didn't own the land, but the township that did own it was very happy to supply us with a legal document that gave the rights for drilling a well on the property for the community's use—especially since they didn't have to pay for it!

To date, the funds raised by our district and the partner district in Honduras have now been deposited in the global grant bank account, and TRF will be transferring the matching funds within the week. Drilling on the well will begin shortly, as will the construc-

*SEE, "HONDURAS," PAGE 10.*



### Stroudsburgs Rotary Club

## Lauding Student Standouts Throughout Monroe County

Rotarians and Seniors from each of the Monroe County High Schools came together to celebrate their accomplishments and recognize their leadership skills on Thursday, November 16. The club met many youth from the community that exhibit the spirit of Rotary and listened to an inspiration presentation by Jimmy Terwilliger, ESU's record-setting quarterback and the 2005 Harlon Hill Award winner as the most outstanding player in Division II football. He is in his third season as the Warriors' defensive backs coach. A big thank you to Jim and Margie Becker for organizing this special event.

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tion of the water tower. For the residents' contribution, they are supplying the labor for digging all the trenches to accommodate the pipes that will carry the water to the individual house. They'll also install the outdoor sinks and the in-ground septic systems at the homes.

**Near future:** The hope is that when Barbara and Edwin return to Honduras in mid-February, again accompanying the Operation Honduras team, the project at Colonia Primavera will be well underway. But, whenever it is that the first water flows from the water tank to an individual home, this project will change the lives of the 150-plus families living there in more ways than they can even see now. The fee that they will be paying to the "Water Board", elected from among their own community residents, is less than they were paying for the

water, delivered by truck in 5-gallon cans, whenever the truck decided to come by! There were no guarantees that that purchased water was clean, and much of the illnesses in the community could be linked to the use of dirty water. So, with one water project, purposefully designed to ensure sustainability, the possibility exists that these residents will be better off financially, and water-borne diseases will be reduced. But, there's more. No longer will the women wash clothes in contaminated water, or have to walk a few miles to the river to wash their clothes there. The entire community has already started participating in educational courses in personal sanitation and proper disposal of cooking/bathing/washing water and bodily waste. Interestingly enough, the word is already out that a big change is coming to Colonia Primavera. With the

construction of the well and water tower, it is anticipated that another 100 families are expected to take up residence. That, too, will change both the landscape and the dynamics of Colonia Primavera.

So what changes haven't been foreseen? Time will tell, but for this one small community in Honduras, Rotarians will have touched their lives in a major way. Thanks to all the participating clubs, including those that provided additional funding after the project was approved. Look for photos of this project in the March District Newsletter.

**P.S.** – For Rotarians that might want to accompany the Operation Honduras team during their February 15-22 trip, contact DGE Roger Mattes, DGN Karen DeMatteo, PDG Barbara Belón, or Rotarian Jim Davenport (Dunmore club) for more information.



## The Rotary Club of Sayre

# Rotarians Spread the Words to Sayre Third Graders

The Sayre Rotary Club recently distributed dictionaries to each third grade student in the Sayre Area School District. This is one of many community service projects undertaken by the club annually, and included H. A. Snyder Elementary School and Epiphany School. Shown are the students from both schools enjoying their first dictionary.



Third graders at the H. Austin Snyder Elementary School (above) and the Epiphany School (below) receive their dictionaries.

Basic education and literacy are one of 6 Areas of Focus of Rotary, along with Disease Prevention and Treatment, Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution, Water and Sanitation, Maternal and Child Health, and Economic and Community Development. Rotary recognizes that basic literacy is a pre-condition to the development of peace.



Taking Part in the Hazleton Club's New Member Induction were (from left) Lew Dryfoos, Ron Avellino, Dr. Peter Spohn, Gene Dougherty, Stephen Seach, Esquire, Carla Thaller and Toni Ruggerio

## **Hazleton Welcomes Three New Members in November**

The Rotary Club of Hazleton held a "New Member Induction" at their weekly meeting on November 8th.

Past President Lew Dryfoos conducted the induction ceremony which welcomed new members Tony Ruggerio, sponsored by Carla Thaller; Stephen Seach, sponsored by Donna Barna; and Dr Peter Spohn who transferred into the Hazleton Rotary Club.



## The Rotary Club of North Pocono



### **Busy Times for North Pocono Club**

The North Pocono Rotary heard from Lackawanna County PennDOT's Christine Sullivan about the agency's Yellow Dot program for First Responders. Sullivan is in top left photo at left with Rotarian Joan Foytack, Program Chair

Other photos continuing counter-clockwise show (from left) the club's litter pickup crew (from left), Rotarians Diana Oliver-Hiller, John Boos, Carol Hemphill and two students from the Rotary Club-sponsored Interact Club. Not shown are Rotarians Kevin Duffy and PDG Bill Hiller.

At bottom left, the dictionary project for the third graders in the Moscow and Jefferson Township Middle Schools. Rotarians present (from left) were Linda Wright, Jane Martini, Diana Oliver-Hiller, and John Boos. We passed out a total of 296 dictionaries to the students.

Shown below are Joan Foytack (right) with Pat Malcom owner of Mt. Cobb Yoga and Certified Instructor Ruth Pipitone who combined for an excellent presenta-

tion on the benefits of Yoga.

In another event sponsored by the North Pocono Rotary—the Student of the Month program that has been in service for the past 21 years and founded by Rotarian Ron Fischbein and carried forward by John Boos. Awards are presented monthly and chosen by the School Guidance Counselors.





## Rotary Club of the Wyalusing Area



### **Shooting Skeet and Learning Firearms Safety**

The Tri-County Sportsman's Club once again teamed with the Wyalusing Area Rotary Club for some competitive skeet shooting on their grounds near Silvara, PA. Several exchange students attended on a sunny Novem-

ber day, testing their marksmanship and watching some experienced shooters bring down the flying clay disks. They also learned the fundamentals of shooting safety from Pat Beebe and other members of the club.

## The Rotary Club of Hazleton

### *Poinsettias Anyone? Seeing Red in Hazleton*



Alan Whitaker, Mark Imbriaco-Project Chair, Paul Malone and Mark Ondishin assisted other Hazleton Rotary Club members with their Christmas plant deliveries on November 29<sup>th</sup>.

This year, marked the Hazleton Rotary Club's fifteenth annual Poinsettia Plant Sale.

Proceeds from the sale are used mainly to fund the club's Dictionary Project, plus the Kidz Coat, Children's Christmas Holiday Shopping Spree and "Service Above Self" Grants.

Special thanks is extended to Patrick Genetti and the Genetti family for the use of their facility for the distribution of the plants.

Special thanks is also extended to everyone who purchased a poinsettia.

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plated steak and salmon duet, which was topped off by a lovely chocolate grenache cake. Keynote speaker, Rotary International Director-Elect Jeffrey Cadorette, delivered a thoughtful and entertaining program. Participants gave generously during a rousing live auction, led by District Governor Wendy Walsh (7255). The evening was capped off with the swing music stylings of an 18-piece band, Riverside Rhythm. Donna Sedor, Wilkes-Barre, volunteered to be registrar and auction helper. Ruth Ann Rocchio, Stroudsburgs, was the chair for the evening.

The event raised over \$5,000 towards the District goal of \$25,000 for peace.

The Kalahari resort was a gracious host for this event. We are looking forward to our District conference there on April 22-24, 2018.

## ***Experience the Difference!***

On April 22-24, 2018, Rotary District 7410 will host its Annual District Conference at the Kalahari Resort Poconos. Remember, this is a business-oriented conference and will be held on a Sunday through Thursday. The tentative schedule is as follows:

### **April 22 – Afternoon Workshops**

4:00 – 6:00 p.m. End of Youth Conference.  
Youth Jacket Presentation. (Rotarians welcome  
Sunset – Memorial Service on West Veranda  
Dinner – Keynote PDG (and Congressman)  
Matt Cartwright

### **April 23 – Morning and Afternoon General Sessions followed by breakout sessions**

*(Note: Breakfast and Lunch on your own)*

6:00 - ? Pop Tops and Flip Flops Night:  
Casual Dinner

Keynote: Michael Angelo Caruso - Considered a TOP 25 Motivational Speaker!

*SEE, "EXPERIENCE," ON PAGE 16.*

## **PASSPORT Club: NOW FORMING**

There is a new type of club emerging throughout the Rotary world and we are trying to bring one to Rotary District 7410! It is planned to use the platform available for the E-club and convert it to the home base for this new club. Members of a Passport Club can come from anywhere in the district. They are required to make contact once weekly online and meet in person once every quarter. Club members are given the option to perform service projects with a local Rotary club, or they can support any other type of charity. The easiest way to explain the Passport club is that it acts as a club at large for the whole district.

The club will be able to determine how it will perform service and how it will be run. Some Passport clubs have a points system to keep their member's active.

This club will appeal to those who have an interest in Rotary, but are unable to attend their local club's meeting for any reason. However, membership will now be a possibility and flexibility will be paramount.

Districts which have added a Passport club have found that these new members enhance the club experience and provide needed manpower for club projects.

If any club knows of an individual who might need to join Rotary in this way, please contact DG Karin. Please take a careful look at those individuals who have recently left, or those who would be great Rotarians, but business prevents participation, and share their names with DG Karin or PDG Carol Hemphill.

The initial meeting for the Passport Club is tentatively set for December 13. This will be an in-person meeting and location to be determined.



# Ghost Walks

In March - June

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

**T**he 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!

**W**alks are generally planned for Fridays at 7 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.

**A**lthough 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.

**L**ook 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](http://jimthorperotary.org/ghostwalks.cfm)

484-629-3698

A fundraising activity sponsored by The Rotary Club of Jim Thorpe.

Designed by Dimitri Damen Diamond • [dimitridiamond@gmail.com](mailto:dimitridiamond@gmail.com)

## New Rotarians

Hamlin	Marisa Romano
Mt. Pocono	Jeffrey Gehl
Pocono Mountains	Katie Biggs
	Laurie Grady
Smithfields	Nathan Johnson
Stroudsburgs, The	Angelica Badillo
	Ann Super

## **EXPERIENCE...**

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Live music: Jeff Bellfy band (Jimmy Buffett style)

April 24 – 9:30 – 11:00 Brunch with Speakers

11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Free Time to enjoy the resort or GOLF!

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. – Light snacks and FARE-WELL!

Registration before December 31 will be \$150/single and \$275/couple. After January 1, 2018 the price will be \$175/single and \$300/couple.

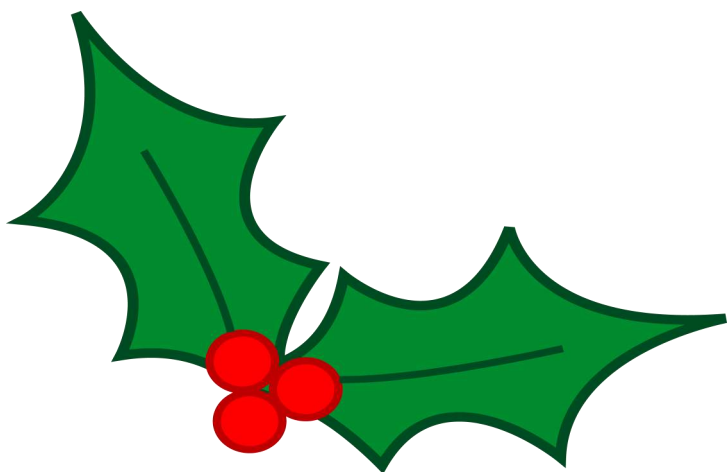
Kalahari rooms are available at a rate of \$169.00 per night April 22-26 and \$199 for April 21-22. Each room has a microwave and a refrigerator. The rooms sleep 4 and includes 4 water park passes .Hotel reservation instruction will be given after reservation for conference. We only have a limited number of rooms, so act fast.

Babysitting services will be provided , if there is a demand.

*Remember to save the date for this special event in the district! (And ask for your vacation days early)*

## District 7410 — 2017 Club Data

Club	Total Mem.	New Mem.	Attend. %
The Abingtons	49		43.43%
Athens	17		
Blakeslee	11		
Dallas	42		
Dunmore	14		70.00%
Forest City Area	13		71.80%
Freeland	5		
Hamlin Lake Ariel	33	1	39.39%
Hawley	23		
Hazleton	73		37.72%
Honesdale	40		49.00%
Jim Thorpe	23		
Kingston	19		61.00%
Lehighton	9		
Mid-Valley	2		50.00%
Milford-Matamoras	32		47.00%
Montrose	16		
Mountaintop	22		63.00%
Mt. Pocono	20	1	
New Milford	17		
Newfoundland	37		82.23%
North Pocono	18		53.00%
North Scranton	25		76.00%
Pittston	18		42.00%
Plains	18		40.00%
Plymouth	19		
Pocono Mountains	17	2	
Sayre	17		72.00%
Scranton	38		
Slate Belt Rotary	20		50.00%
Smithfields	22	1	35.19%
Stroudsburgs, The	104	2	55.42%
Towanda	12		
Trail (Factoryville)	18		
Troy	25		65.00%
Tunkhannock	70		
Weatherly	10		
Wellsboro	14		
West End	14		
Wilkes-Barre	30		
Winola	15		
Wyalusing Area	24		38.00%
Wyoming Rotary	20		43.00%







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