



News from District 7410

Welcome...

December 2018



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Letter from the District Governor

All everyone wants for day parties, and charitable using Area Rotary Club Christmas is the peace events, it's hard to focus is once again holding its and tranquility of *Silent* on what is most important. Gingerbread Workshop. *Night*. Yet for most of us, There are countless Tunkhannock spon- Christmas is more like the holiday events planned sored a Candy Cane *Flight of the Bumblebees!* throughout the district this Day on Black Friday to This year is no different. year with each one of collect for needy chil- We've already sped them bringing joy to needy dren. Abington Rotari- through one half of the persons and families in the ans are out purchasing Rotary year and still have area. Several of our clubs and wrapping Christmas so much to accomplish. are ringing the bells for the gifts for their annual Se- Between shopping, holi- Salvation Army. The Wya- cret Santa program for the kids of Head Start. Rotary brings good will with every smile.

The night before Christmas

(With apologies to Clement Clarke Moore)

*Tw*as a week before Christmas, and all through the District, Rotarians were baking their cookies and Biscuits. Their plans were fantastic, their intentions sublime. They needed more helpers. They needed more time.

Rotarians were gathering together in pubs
With ideas to share with the rest of the clubs
And the Membership coordinator and Foundation Chair
Together they thought "We haven't a prayer!"

When all of a sudden there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from my chair to see what was the matter.
I ran out of my office and out in the street.
Then down the whole block without missing a beat.

The snow on the ground and the moon up above
made traffic stand still, and pedestrians shove.
When what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But a Cadillac Seville which smelled of Pabst beer.

Seeking money from grants, both District and Global
I knew in a moment it must be Al Noble!
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Many of our clubs will be holding their holiday parties to celebrate the season with their fellow Rotarians.

So whether you're celebrating Christmas, Bodhi, Pancha Ganapati, HumanLight, Hanukkah, Dongzhi, Chalice, Kwanzaa, or even Festivus, make sure to take time to smell the roses, and enjoy the gifts we have been given. Spend time with your family and friends, and reflect upon what you can do to make a difference in this world.

PEACE

Roger

Meet New Assistant Governor In Cluster 1

District Governor Roger has announced the appointment of a new Assistant Governor for Cluster 1. He is **Craig Devenport** from the Wellsboro club. Craig is the retired Director of Pharmacy for the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hospital in Wellsboro. He began his Rotary involvement shortly after



being a speaker for the club in 2015. He was invited to join shortly thereafter. He offered suggestions relating to the orientation process for new members, which was approved by the Board of Directors. Shortly thereafter he was asked to join the board and within a few months was asked to be president for the following

AG Craig Devenport year- which he rejected- having only been a member for less than a year. He did though accept the role of vice president and then president the year after (2017). He continues to be active on the Wellsboro Board acting as a mentor for the current president and participating in the majority of the club activities. He is his second year of overseeing the district essay contest and is the club's youth exchange officer for the student from Belgium being hosted at Wellsboro.

Cluster 1 is the Northern Tier of clubs in the district. It consists of Wellsboro, Troy, Sayre, Athens, and Towanda. When Craig comes to visit, please make him feel welcome,



“NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS...”

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More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name;

On Mary Ellen, On Karen, On Joseph, On Roger.
Find pennies, find nickels, find quarters, find dollars.
From the cushions of couches, to the floors of the hall
Now give away! give away! give away all!"

The Scrantons and Blakeslee, Towanda, and Troy
Found gifts for the needy, both girls and boys.
The Abingtons and Stroudsburgs, and Poconos, and Plains
Found teddy bears and dollies, and footballs and trains.

Mountaintop and Jim Thorpe could not hold their laughter
While Hazleton and Pittston's giggles shook the rafters
Wilkes Barre, and Kingston, Leighton, and Hawley
Were all so exuberant, happy and jolly.

Tunkhannock and Hamlin bought out the whole store
Leaving Newfoundland and Dallas saying "we could have
'Done more"
(get it? Dun-more?)

Honesdale and Milford, Forest City and Sayre
Gave away so much stuff, there was nothing left there.

The Smithfields, and Slate Belt, North Pocono and Trail
Joined Athens and Freeland in their toasts of strong ale.
Wyalusing, Wyoming, Weatherly and West end
Give away all their loot just as fast as they spend.

New Milford and Wellsboro collected food and some grub
With the help from Plymouth and the District Passport Club.
And Winola was left there just holding the bag,
Now empty and tattered just like an old rag.

Al Noble was dumbfounded. He had heard all the cries.
"We rose to the occasion" he said with tears in his eyes.
Our mission is just starting. There's much left undone.
While it's a good start, the battles not won.

Then he left in a whisper, not wanting to be seen
In the dark of the night with the moon's faint gleam.
But I heard him exclaim as he drove out of sight
Merry Christmas Rotarians, you are done for the night.

—By DG Roger Mattes

Rotary Holiday Celebration



JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FAMILY, HOLIDAY FUN
& KICK OFF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON!

• *Saturday, December 1st at 6 pm*

TREE LIGHTING & SANTA!

@ Mountainhome Methodist Church

Join us for our community's annual tree lighting with stories, carols, lights and more! After the lights on the tree are aglow, Santa will arrive by fire truck to enjoy cookies, hot chocolate and goodies with everyone. Your little ones will have the opportunity to sit on Santa's lap, get a picture and tell him what's on the top of their lists!

Free ————— ❄️



The Rotary of the Pocono Mountains
www.rotaryclubofthepoconomountains.com

Rotary Foundation Celebration

This past month we celebrated the 102nd anniversary of the Rotary Foundation. Despite an intimidating snow-storm the day before, Chairperson Mary Ellen Bentler put together a wonderful event.

She arranged to have impressive speakers, including Rotary International Trustee Julia Phelps, Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator Russ De Furia, and Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator Joe Lauren, and Endowment Major Gift Coordinator PDG Knut Johnson. This year's past Global Grants were showcased with a remote video presentation from our Rotary Scholar Caitlyn Dermody in Oxford, England, as well as a presentation prepared by PDG Barbara and Ed Belon of our Honduran Water Global Grant.

A number of clubs were recognized for their contributions to the Foundation. The District's Passport Club (formerly the Mid Valley club) took home the banner for first place, followed by the West End and Tunkhannock clubs.

West End, Blakeslee, Mountaintop, Pittston Slate Belt and Towanda all were awarded banners for their achieving Every Rotarian Every Year Status and 100% Participa-



Shown from left are ARRFC Joe Larenti, RIT Julia Phelps, and RRFRC Russ De Furia.

tion in Foundation Giving.

Hazleton, Honesdale Newfoundland, and the Stroudsburgs were all honored for their giving to the End Polio Now program.

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DG Roger and Mary Ellen Bentler with big Foundation givers from top left clockwise: Passport Club (1st place), West End (2nd place), Tunkhannock (3rd place), and other awardees from Pittston, Slate Belt and West End.



The Rotary Club of New Milford



New Milford Rotarians with surprised Paul Harris Fellow (from left): Thomasita Carlson, John Reynolds, Carol Conigliaro, Peter Conigliaro, Luke Gorham, David Palmer, Annie Palmer.

Paul Harris Fellows Presented to Rotary Club Hosts

A planned surprise presentation of Paul Harris Fellow awards was conducted by members of the New Milford Area Rotary Club on October 31, 2018 at Green Gables Restaurant in New Milford..

Carol and Peter Conegliano, owners of Green Gables Restaurant were nominated and recognized by the club with this highest Rotary recognition, while surrounded by their evening customers. The Paul Harris Fellow award is the Rotary Foundation's way of expressing its appreciation for a substantial contribution to its humanitarian and educational programs. It is named for Paul Harris, a Chicago lawyer who started Rotary International with three business associates in 1905.

Rotarians often designate a Paul Harris Fellow as a tribute to a person (s) whose life demonstrates a shared purpose with the objectives of the Rotary Foundation.

Carol and Peter Conigliaro continue a legacy of Green Gables Restaurant supporting Rotary International going back to 1948. In becoming Paul Harris Fellows, Carol and Peter Conigliaro join a remarkable company of persons throughout the world. All are recognized for their devotion to the ideal of goodwill, peace and understanding. It is the goal of Rotarians the world over, and one they both clearly share.



Presidential Citation in Tunkhannock

At the Nov 29 Tunkhannock Rotary Luncheon, Past District Governor Karen Susan Breitlauch (right) presented Past President Samantha Maruzzelli with a Presidential Citation for 2017-2018

Rotarians Hear Insalaco Family Success Story

Sandy Insalaco, Senior Partner of Insalaco Development Group, addressed members of the Abingtons Rotary recently recounting the amazing story of his family and their many successes.

Insalaco Development Group, established in 1972, has a management team with over 100 years of real estate experience. Their properties include retail, industrial/warehouse and professional offices that span a tri-state area including Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey. Their successes hinge on Quality People that are Quality Trained. Most Rotarians remember fondly the Clarks Green Insalaco's grocery store.

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[The Rotary Club of Hazleton](#)

Getting Ready to Celebrate Centennial

In 2021, The Rotary Club of Hazleton will be celebrating the Centennial Anniversary of the Club which was established in March 1921. The Rotary Centennial Planning Committee is working on a variety of plans to celebrate the club and its membership since 1921.

In order to raise funds for a major Centennial project that will honor the work done by the Rotary Club, as well as, serve the community, the club will be selling one year Calendar Lottery Tickets

Drawings will take place daily, January 1, 2019-December 31, 2019.

If the number on the bottom of your ticket is selected as the Straight Winning Number for that day, at the 7:00PM PICK3 drawing only, then you will win whatever amount of money is listed as the winning amount for that day.

Rotary will track winners and mail out winning checks weekly.

Deadline for all returns is December 27, 2018.

Each ticket costs \$20.00. A bargain for 365 chances to win!

Tickets can be purchased from any member of the Rotary Club of Hazleton. If you don't know anyone in the Rotary Club, send an email to koh@fyzical.com or stop in at The Fyzical Therapy & Balance Center, Church Hill Mall, Hazleton. You can also purchase tickets at Antonia's Jewelry and Repair, 289 Airport Road, Hazleton Township and Billig-Helmes Insurance, 200 W 21st St., Hazleton.

These tickets make wonderful, easy gifts for Christmas, New Years, Birthdays, Father's Day, Mother's Day--etc. etc. It's also a convenient gift to keep on hand for those special celebrations that occur unexpectedly. Proceeds will benefit the Rotary Club of Hazleton's Centennial efforts.

Please keep in mind the Rotary Club has been providing assistance for the Greater Hazleton Area since the club started in 1921.

For updated information on the Rotary Club of Hazleton, please take a look at www.hazletonrotary.org or the Rotary Club of Hazleton Facebook page.



[The Rotary Club of Tunkhannock](#)

Candy Cane Days another Sweet Success

On Black Friday, Nov. 23, members of the Tunkhannock Rotary and the Rotary-sponsored Tunkhannock High School Interact Club collected monetary donations from shoppers at four locations in Tunkhannock (Gay's, Walmart, Weis and Tractor Supply Plazas) from 8 AM to 1 PM to buy toys for kids for Christmas. Shoppers were offered candy canes as a treat for their donations. Over 1,100 candy canes were distributed. A new record of \$3,000 was collected from the very generous public.

This fund-raising activity has been undertaken by the Tunkhannock Rotary for more than 28 years. This year the candy canes were donated by Rotarian Matt Pompey. The volunteers included 24 Rotarians, 1 Rotarian from the District 7410 Passport Club, 4 Interact Students, and 5 Family and Friends. The volunteers were also very grateful for the hot coffee, cocoa and donuts provided by Dunkin Donuts.

An additional 450 candy canes were given to the Tunkhannock Interact Club for their use in their upcoming fundraising event before Xmas.

At the Nov 29 Rotary Luncheon, Candy Cane Day chair and Rotary President Mike



Howard Heise (left) and Mary Foley, with check from Candy Cane proceeds presented by President Mike Markovitz.

Markovitz presented checks for \$1,500 each to Mary Foley of Interfaith Friends and Howard Heise of Wyoming County Children and Youth to buy gifts for Christmas for deserving children in need or in foster care in Wyoming County.

FOUNDATION...

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The district is proud to observe that we have 72 new Paul Harris recipients in the past year, raising our total number of Paul Harris Fellowships to 2232. This means that our District has raised over \$2,232,000 for the Foundation since its beginning. In addition we have 32 Major Donors, 25 Paul Harris Society members, 15 Bequest members and 37 Benefactors.

We are doing good things, and making this world a better place for so many. In this holiday season, please consider making a contribution to the Rotary Foundation. It will last a lot longer than that scarf you got for Aunt Mabel and will be much more appreciated.

Thank you Mary Ann for doing such a great job!



[The Rotary Club of Sayre](#)



Shown from left are Jeff Paul, President of Sayre Rotary and Liz Johnson, Sayre Branch Manager of C&N Bank.

Sandy Insalaco speaks about about his family success story and recalled with fondness to old Insalaco Store.

INSALACO...

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The presentation also included the history of U S Hydrations, another Insalaco success story. A 500,000-plus square foot turnkey plant fills, caps, labels and offers multi-pack arrangements and a variety of bottle sizes. Chairman of the Board Sandy Insalaco, Sr offers "Passion for keeping our customers happy is what drives us. We strive to be your greatest resource."

Sayre Welcomes Corporate Member

The Sayre Rotary Club is pleased to welcome Citizens & Northern Bank of Sayre as a new Corporate Member, Liz Johnson. Liz is originally from Gillett but as an adult moved away and lived in North Carolina and Alabama.

She is married and has two daughters ages eight and five. She decided to move back to the valley to be closer to family. Liz has been in banking for ten years now, and really enjoys the community focus C&N Bank has.

Each year the employees of the bank choose a different non-profit to support in order to benefit the community. As a Corporate Member, more of Citizens & Northern's employees can share in the Community service projects of Sayre Rotary as well as other projects of Rotary.

The Rotary Club of Sayre meets every Tuesday at 12:10 pm at The Grill at the Station, 718 North Lehigh Avenue, Sayre. Anyone interested in learning more about Rotary can visit www.rotary.org , come to a meeting or Like us on Facebook

Ghost Walks

In Much Luck

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 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.

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

484-629-3698

[The Rotary Club of Dallas,](#)



Christmas Tradition: Dallas Rotarians Decorate Triangle

On a recent very cold Saturday morning, several Dallas Rotarians did their annual trek to the triangle at Routes 309 and 415 in Dallas and decorated it for the holidays to wish everyone a happy holiday season. From left: Event chairman Nick Stredny, President Kim Reynolds, Art Peoples, Joe Stager, Jerry Reich, and Jon Pomrinke.

[The Rotary Club of Newfoundland](#)

Rotarians Distribute Dictionaries And Pick Up Roadside Litter

Newfoundland Rotary recently distributed dictionaries to the Third Grade Students at Wallenpaupack Elementary School. The children were excited to receive the dictionaries even in this digital world. Newfoundland Rotary's Exchange Student, Cecilie Strandbygaard Madsen from Denmark assisted in handing out the dictionaries. Cecilie spoke to the students about Denmark and answered their questions.

It was a cold rainy day when the Newfoundland Rotary completed their Fall Roadside Cleanup. While this group collecting trash two unsung members were assisting with recycling in Newfoundland at the Dreher Township Building.

Note: The Rotary Club of Newfoundland reported news of recent projects for the December newsletter. We were unable to use photos provided because they were submitted on pdf documents. Text can be extricated but not photos for layout purposes. PDFs are used for page ads, but word documents are preferred when submitted with photos for page layout.

The Rotary Club of the Abingtons



Veterans Honored Guests at Weekly Meeting

At the November 15th meeting of the Rotary Club of the Abingtons some local veterans were the honored guests at our weekly meeting at the Ramada, Clarks Summit. Seven local VFW members and seven Rotarians, all veterans, joined together for a traditional Thanksgiving meal.



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ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE

Did your club send a student(s) to RYLA this year? Have you invited them to speak at your club yet? If not, please do so! These young leaders are bursting with enthusiasm and would love to share their experience with you.



[The Rotary Club of Hamlin Lake Ariel](#)

November News And Looking Ahead To December

The Rotary Club of Hamlin Lake Ariel inducted two new members during the month of November. Mathew Bartos joined us on November 6 and was pinned by the visiting IDG Karen DeMatteo. Matthew became involved when he heard about the club's Drug Forum. He is a Director at a rehab facility in Hamlin and wishes to work with the club to improve lives in the community.

The following week saw the induction of Dakota Bonham who was pinned by her sponsor Harry Talalas. Dakota was a volunteer at the annual Golf Tournament and her interest peaked at the membership drive held in October. She has many ideas to improve our community and is looking forward to being an active contributor to club projects. She is an administrative assistant at a local real estate company.

Upcoming events for the month of December include Operation Warm coat giveaway, the Annual Community Tree Lighting, and a Blood Drive sponsored by the Western Wayne HS Interact Club on December 15.

The club will also celebrate the season with an annual Holiday Party.



Incoming District Governor Karen DeMatteo at left is shown with Club President Tatiana Black, Matthew Bartos and Eileen Talalas , the club's Past President.



Harry Talalas is shown pinning Dakota Bonham as her sponsor as President Tatiana Black looks on .

Merry Christmas to All of Our Clubs in District 7410...

Abingtons, Athens,, Blakeslee, Dallas, Dunmore, Forest City, Freeland, Hamlin, Hawley, Hazleton, Honesdale, Jim Thorpe, Kingston, Lehighton, Milford-Matamoras, Mountaintop, Mt. Pocono, Newfoundland, New Milford, North Pocono, North Scranton, Passport Club, Pittston, Plains, Plymouth, Pocono Mountain, Sayre, Scranton, Slate Belt, Smithfields, Stroudsburgs, Towanda, Trail, Troy, Tunkhannock, Wellsboro, Weatherly, West End, Wilkes-Barre, Winola, Wyalusing, Wyoming and points between and beyond...



Raising Money for Help Feed Needy Families

On Thursday, November 8th, the Dallas Rotary Club held their annual auction and raffle to raise food and funds for the Back Mountain Food Pantry. Through the generosity of their club members and friends, they raised \$1,233.00 and 400 pounds of food. Some of the committee members, from left: Jerry Reisch, Art Peoples, Fred Hunt, Jan Hunt, Kate Pitkat, Vanessa Botzman, Ann Marie Konek, President Kim Reynolds

New Rotarians

District 7410 – 2017 Club Data

		Club	Total Mem.	New Mem.	Attend. %
Abingtons	Katie Lane	Abingtons, The	50	2	44.99%
	Lauren Calvey	Athens	15		
		Blakeslee	12		
Hamlin	Dakota Bonham	Dallas	47		
	Matthew Bartos	Dunmore	16		
		Forest City Area	12		54.20%
		Freeland	5		
Mountaintop	Evelyn Hogan	Hamlin Lake Ariel	31	2	41.67%
	Luke Medico	Hawley	22		
		Hazleton	71		34.31%
Newfoundland	Kelly Cumiskey	Honesdale	39		51.03%
	Tara Duggan	Jim Thorpe	22		47%
	Al Premuto	Kingston	29		70%
	Danielle Sekula	Lehighton	10		
	Christopher Weaver	Milford-Matamoras	31		
		Mountaintop	32	2	68%
		Mt. Pocono	21		
		New Milford	16		50%
		Newfoundland	38	5	66.15%
		North Pocono	17		
North Scranton	William Yeomans	North Scranton	27	1	63%
		Passport	15		
Scranton	Julia Robertson	Pittston	19		
		Plains	16		30%
Wilkes-Barre	Donna Piontkowski	Plymouth	21		
		Pocono Mountains	15		
		Sayre	18		83%
		Scranton	44	1	
		Slate Belt Rotary	18		
		Smithfields	20		
		Stroudsburgs, The	95		
		Towanda	13		
		Trail	16		
		Troy	21		
		Tunkhannock	70		
		Weatherly	10		
		Wellsboro	48		
		West End	15		
		Wilkes-Barre	40	1	
		Winola	11		
		Wyalusing Area	23		52%
		Wyoming	22		41.25%



District 7410



President – Rotary International 2018-2019

Barry Rassin
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District Governor 7410 – 2018-2019

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