

News from District 7410



Letter from the District Governor

From the Desk of District Governor Marcia Loughman...

It's February next week and our District is in high activity mode for the second half of the year. January 31, Feb. 4 and Feb. 11 are DGE Karin's Pre-Pets meetings for Presidents Elect which are combined with grants training. DGN Roger Mattes, several of the AGs and I will be in those sessions to support Karin as she prepares Presidents Elect for their upcoming year. I am urging current Presidents to support these Pre-PETS sessions for Presidents Elect wholeheartedly. We must be prepared for the on-rushing new year. I highly recommend RLI which is February 25th in Wilkes Barre. Our own Kevin Noll is District 7410's RLI coordinator and Bob Wehe, RLI Leader, are good sources to consult. Know that many of us have benefited from RLI, and it's a good way to give new members a broader understanding of Rotary and being a Rotarian.

It isn't "business as usual" in the district. We still have 43 clubs, but our membership has dropped as of January 1 to 1125. This fact tells us that the huge efforts we have made to increase our membership did not overcome our losses. Whether the loss of older members or the lack of retention, we are slipping in our engagement and retention of new members. While the Council on Legislation did not pass a minimum club size for current clubs, the council did pass legislation that 'NEW' clubs had to charter with 20 members. So, looking around the District, how many of our Clubs, if they had to Charter today, would reach that threshold? Not many. And while no minimum was passed, we all know the reality that when membership is down, there aren't enough hands to keep the Good works and Club needs fully satisfied.



Now there are some really bright spots in the District where Clubs have made a determined effort to build and keep their clubs vibrant, relevant, growing and alive. Pittston, Mountaintop, Blakeslee, to name three clubs have worked hard to

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**ROTARY
SERVING
HUMANITY**

DISTRICT GOVERNOR CONTINUES....

bring in and keep new members. We have seen other clubs truly strive to bring in younger members and give them meaningful roles of responsibility in the leadership of their clubs. And we have a number of good solid long standing clubs who continue a solid track record of membership and humanitarian service.

The drop from 1142 members in July to 1125 members in January, however, is concerning. Despite knowing the year is not over yet, many clubs contribute to the Foundation in May. When we look at the club statistics for membership, for meeting the Polio funding ask, and for contributing to the foundation, the year on year downward spiral in participation in the Core Rotary components is disappointing. As of this week, we have 33% of the Foundation annual fund goal met. If we don't kick it up a notch, the returning funds for Rotarians to write grants against in the third year will be few.

I asked many of you who have served in Rotary for 10+ years about your service and the fellowship. I have heard many testimonials of the pride and honor felt by those men and women who were asked and were inducted into Rotary, one of the finest International charitable organizations in the world. I have seen Rotarians with convictions to get good work done, and especially proud to be one of the 1.2 million + Rotarians who, over the last 30+ years, have conquered a major world health issue (Polio). It is time

now to build new members and provide for future Rotarian generations to carry on the good work. It is time now to build the Foundation Funding to keep resources available into the future for those Rotarians who will do the work ahead.

As Rotarians, we have contributed much to 'doing good in the world', however, this is no time to stop and think we are done. Rotarian energy and commitment are still needed to conquer other critical community and world issues. Other health, water and sanitation concerns still need to be conquered.

Let's lock arms and prepare to get the jobs done. It means growing contributing members, growing contributions to finish off polio forever, and growing Foundation Annual Funds to secure resources for our Rotarians in the future.

Join me, Karin and Roger in making our District strong, resilient and growing again.

—Marcia D. Loughman DG
2016-2017

**District Conference
Is Coming!**
ON APRIL 28, 29 ,30, 2017.
WATCH FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION
IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS.
FUN, FELLOWSHIP, STIMULATING SPEAKERS!
LET'S COME TOGETHER
AND ENJOY ROTARY!



Don't forget RLI...

Will be held in Wilkes Barre on February 25th

Get registered... consult the web site.

PETS: Our District 7410 HAS 49 Signed Up to Go...

Multi District PETS is March 24 -25. Let's get everyone there who can be there. District 7410 is a moving humanitarian resource! And your club's representation at PETS (preferably your President Elect) will earn you a credit of your first half installment for 2018 PETS.

END POLIO NOW - CLUBS,
PLEASE GET YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS IN TO RI BY APRIL 1ST.

FOUNDATION GIVING - Let's get it up and over the goal. Shoot for April 15th at the latest.



DISTRICT 7410

SAVE THE DATE

DISTRICT CONFERENCE



THE
INN
AT POCONO MANOR

APRIL 28 - 30, 2017



Dear District 7410 Rotarian,

Our district had begun the process for the selection of a qualified Rotarian who has an interest in serving as District Governor for the 2019-2020 Rotary year.

This process was interrupted by RI and put on hold for many of the districts in our Zone. District Governor Marcia has now been given the go ahead to continue this process for District 7410.

Being this process was halted prior to our original time frame, the opportunity for any qualified apply for this position is now being continued with a new date of February 15, 2017 to submit their [application](#).

Applications may be scanned and submitted by e-mail to ted_silver@kfctrystate.com or fax at [973-293-8317](tel:973-293-8317) with the original then mailed to:

PDG Ted Silver
143 Smithview Drive
Greentown, PA 18426

Rotary Foundation's Float at Rose Bowl Parade

Photo Compliments of Pat Korb, Hazleton Club



Rotary District 7410

Grants Management Seminar and Pre-PETS Events

The Grants Management Seminars for Rotary Year 2017-18 and Pre-PETS have been scheduled. It is required that the President-Elect and another club member (preferably the Foundation Chair) should attend as part of the qualification to apply for Rotary Foundation Grants. The Pre-PETS seminar will be open to all, but is required for the President-Elect. There is no charge for these events.

Tuesday, January 31, 2017 - 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. – Registration deadline January 28, 2017

Marzoni's Brick Oven & Brewing Co.

26 Montage Mountain Road
Moosic, PA 18507
570-342-7027

Saturday, February 4, 2017 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. – Registration deadline January 31, 2017

Genetti's Banquet Hall

1345 N. Church Street
Hazleton, PA 18202
570-501-3701

Saturday, February 11, 2017 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. – Registration deadline February 7, 2017

Towanda Country Club

645 Golden Mile Road
Towanda, PA 18848
570-265-6222

REGISTRATION IS FREE BUT REQUIRED.

CONTACT: DGE Karin-Susan Breitlauch ksbvst@rtd.net or 610-390-0351

Rotary District 7410

Let's Get Involved with "The Shoe That Grows"

Can you imagine a shoe that can cover and protect a child's foot through five sizes? That is what this amazing shoe that grows can do. It comes in two sizes to potentially protect a child for 10 years of wear. Little feet in developing countries are always at risk. There is not enough protection from the unsanitary conditions they encounter on a regular basis, so Kenton Lee, while in Kenya working at an orphanage in 2007, came up with the idea to create a shoe that would grow with the child's foot.

Kenton will be a speaker at our upcoming District Conference in April as a guest of DG Marcia Loughman. It is DG Marcia's wish that each club in the District donate funds to purchase 10 pairs of shoes to be distributed to those in need. This would be an honorarium to our speaker and a great service project for our District.

The shoes cost \$15 per pair so we are asking for at least \$150 from each club to participate in this project. Additionally, we are asking each Interact Club in the District to sponsor four pairs with a donation of \$60. That would be over 500 pairs of shoes if we all get involved!

There is another great piece to this project, if you have any connection with a group that visits developing countries such as Honduras, Haiti to name a few. It's possible they can take a duffel bag of shoes on their trip to personally hand them out to children and young people who would benefit.

Here are the details you need to know:

* Clubs can decide how to raise the funds anyway they wish

* Checks may be made out to Rotary District 7410 with "SHOE" in the note and mailed to **Karen DeMatteo "Shoe Coordinator" 232 Eagles Ct. Stroudsburg PA 1836** or email karenandrotary@gmail.com

* Please make your donation by April 21st 2017

* Please let Karen know if you have a contact that would like to hand-deliver shoes



* Your Assistant Governor can visit your club with a pair of shoes and brochures. Just ask!

Visit "Theshoethatgrows.org" to find out more about Be-

cause International and this great project.

It's a simple way to help make a difference as "Rotarians Serving Humanity."



Not Just Another Auction

Rotary Club of the Stroudsburgs
Proudly Presents the
2017 Not Just Another Auction
Rotary Serving Humanity

March 16, 2017 from 5:30pm-9:30pm
Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort
100 Shawnee Inn Drive
Shawnee on Delaware, PA 18356

A fun filled night to raise funds to assist those affected by PTSD in Monroe County.
\$50 per person

Includes: Hors d'oeuvres -- Irish Inspired Buffet
Live and Silent Auction
Presentation of the Annual
Buzz Bensingher Lifetime Achievement Award

Cash Bar -- Attire is Semi-formal
Check it out at...

<http://stroudsburgsrotary.org/page/2017-not-just-another-auction/>

[The Rotary Club of Tunkhannock](#)

Club Receives Water Safety Advocacy Award

President Ann Way announced that the Tunkhannock Rotary Club was selected as one of 13 Rotary Clubs to be awarded the international 2016 Joshua Collingsworth Memorial Foundation Rotary Water Safety Advocacy Award. Over 300 Rotary Clubs from the U.S, Canada and Jamaica participate in this program.

The Josh the Baby Otter Program was started by parents whose young son Joshua drowned in the families back yard swimming pool. They set up the



Tunkhannock President Ann Way (right) shared the Award Certificate and the Award with H.A.N.D.S. Rotarian Terry Furman.

Remembering Departed Rotarians

To All Club Secretaries,

We are in the process of planning the Memorial Service for this year's District Conference in April. To those of you who haven't attended, or are unfamiliar with the service, it is a wonderful tribute to District Rotarians who have passed away in the last year.

Obviously, planning a memorial service in advance is somewhat logistically challenging. For that reason we need to be made aware of **all** Rotarian deaths as soon as possible! I am hoping to be able to obtain video montages of each decedent to honorably display at the service.

Would you please let me know if any of your members have passed away since our last conference, and continue to inform me of any future passings. If possible please get me the names of their next of kin and the funeral home which handled their affairs.

Please help me give our departed members the honor and respect they deserve. I thank you for your attention on this matter. Should you have any questions whatsoever, please feel free to call me anytime at (570) 969-2222 or (570) 677-7299, or email me at matteslaw@epix.net.

Thank you
--Roger Mattes
Chairman

Joshua Collingsworth Memorial Foundation (JCMF) and published the Josh the Baby Otter book and CD to teach children water safety.

After two similar occurrences in Wyoming County four years ago, the Tunkhannock Rotary Club Board of Directors decided this was a project that could potentially save the lives of our most vulnerable population, our children. Each year the Club buys the Josh the Baby Otter Books from JCMF and provides them to H.A.N.D.S. (Helping area needs for diverse services) of Wyoming County for distribution to preschoolers in their programs.

Last summer, the JCMF asked Rotary Clubs to nominate their clubs for the international 2016 Rotary Water Safety Advocacy Award.

Tunkhannock Rotarian Terry Furman, who is also a Parents as Teachers Educator & National Trainer at H.A.N.D.S., wrote a piece on the Tunkhannock program and sub-

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NIGHT AT THE Races

SUNDAY, MARCH 5TH 2017

Start time 4:00 ^P_M
Post time @ 5:30 ^P_M

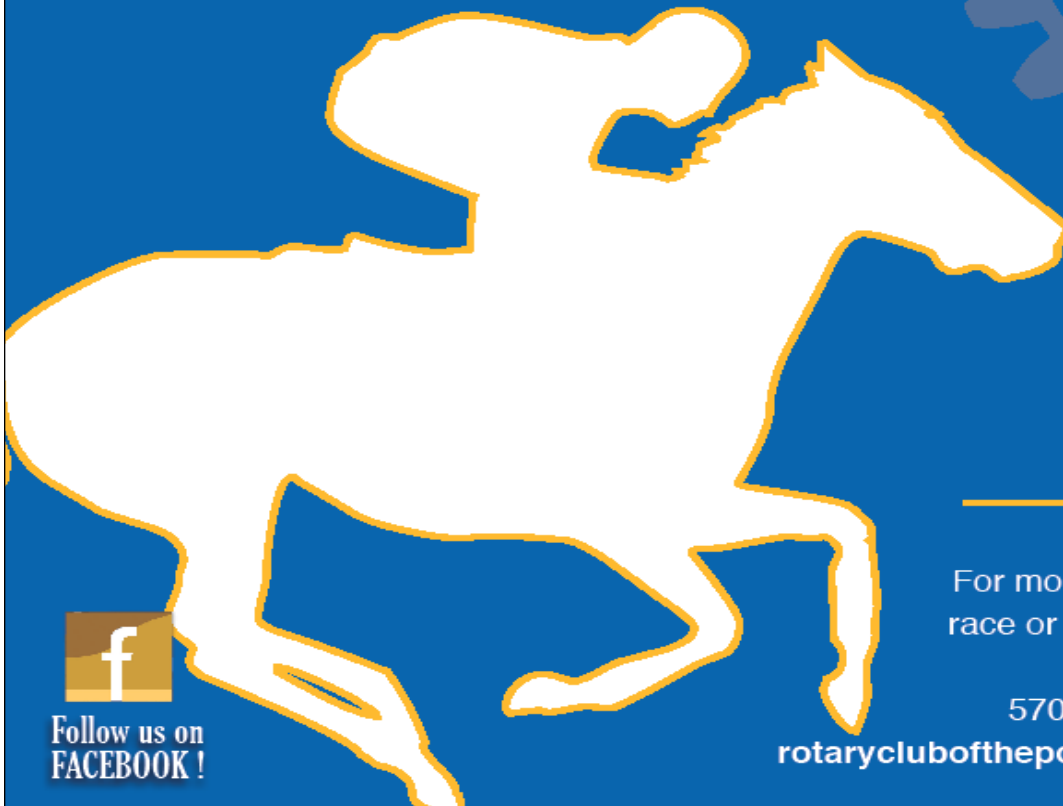
\$5
suggested
donation

Hosted @ The Pour House

RT. 390, MOUNTAINHOME, PA

Everyone is invited!

Enjoy a fun and exciting night of horse racing and raffles.
Come out and play! It's easy... no experience needed!



Benefits the
Rotary Club of the
Pocono Mountains

For more info on sponsoring a
race or buying a horse contact

Amanda Kuhn

570.807.6810 or visit us at

rotaryclubofthepoconomountains.com



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[The Rotary Club of the Stroudsburgs](#)

Prepping for Auction; New Members Welcomed

The Rotary Club of the Stroudsburgs presents its 7th annual Not Just Another Auction, "The Luck of the Rotary," on Thursday, March 16th, 2017, 6-10PM, at Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort. The auction includes an Irish inspired buffet dinner, entertainment, silent and live auctions



The Kirkwoods

and a cash bar. Tickets are \$50 per person and sponsorships, as well as in-kind donation opportunities, are available for both the silent and live auctions.

During the event, the 3rd Annual Alex "Buzz" Bensingher Lifetime Achievement award will be presented to Charles and Virginia Kirkwood for their dedication to the community and unwavering support of the principles of Rotary and the Rotary Club of the Stroudsburgs.

Proceeds from Not Just Another Auction benefit Valor Clinic Foundation's Veterans' Unstoppable

JOSH THE OTTER...

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mitted it to the competition. Terry oversees the program within H.A.N.D.S. As previously reported, Terry's piece and the accompanying photo were selected for their "picture of the week" on Sept 30 on the JCMF Facebook page.

In her summary of the program, Terry described how H.A.N.D.S. distributes the books with accompanying CD in the spring of each year when they host a "Family Fun Night" for children entering kindergarten. The Rotary Club is one of the resource tables at this event. A Rotarian gives each child a book and asks each parent to take the water safety pledge with their child. In addition, parents can sign up to take CPR/First Aide classes and they are given information on swimming classes for their children at the local high school.

PTSD program, as well as Women's Resources and the club's other non-profit and charitable causes.

For information, tickets and sponsorship details please e-mail, notjustanotherauction@gmail.com or visit www.stroudsburgsrotary.org.

The Rotary Club of the Stroudsburgs welcomed Claudette Williams (transferred from the Mt. Pocono Rotary Club) and Maureen Modzelewski as new members.



Cleo Jarvis welcomes Claudette Williams as a new member above. At right Stan Miles and Ruth Ann Rocchio welcome Maureen Modzelewski to the club.

The North Scranton Rotary's 1st Annual Ham Dinner

Sunday March 12th, 2017 12:00 P.M.-4:00 P.M.

At The Goodwill at North Community Room

1539 N Main Ave, Scranton



**Tickets in Advance: \$10.00 Adults,
\$6.00 Children Under 12**

**Tickets at the Door: \$12.00 Adults,
\$8.00 Children**

Ticket includes Ham, Potatoes, Vegetables, Desserts, & Beverages

Eat In or Take Out! Door prize and Basket Raffles!

**Tickets available for purchase at Sidel's Restaurant. Credit Card Accepted.
Or email us at northscrantonrotary@gmail.com**



The Rotary Club of the Abingtons

Rotarian Pauses to Look Ahead and Back

-By Eileen Christian-

The first days of the first week of the seventeenth year of the 21st century are cause for a pause in the aftermath of Christmas. The revelry ends on January 2, we take a deep breath and ponder, what have I done with 2016 and what new surprises will lie ahead in 2017.

The Rotary Club of the Abingtons is celebrating the end of our half year since our fiscal year begins in July. We still pause at this time of year and ask ourselves if we are remaining true to our mission and goals.

Just as the national transition team prepares for the presidential exchange of power, we did that in July, being sure our officers were well trained and ready to begin in their respective responsibilities.

We have a new accounting system in place to more accurately show where our hard earned fund raising dollars are going and what areas we need to improve upon.

Our treasurer, Leah Rudolph, is well known as the community librarian, but she is also skilled in business practices and is backed up with professional accounting.

Under the watchful eye of our president, Bruce Valentine, we have an abundant, full-

scheduled, jam packed agenda on ways to help others. Our seasonal opener, Taste of the Abingtons, was a classy event at the Ramada Inn, led by vice president, Laurie Stevens. We showcased area restaurants, introduced our local ticket takers to new foods, fine music, a wine pull and a basket raffle.

As school began, a dictionary was placed into the hands of each third grade student in our area. All schools were included, those public and those private. This dictionary project is another one of our ongoing community services.

We eat lunch together on Thursdays at the Ramada where good food and fun are mixed in

an easy hour and a half. At these meetings, we get news of happenings in our own club or others, have a joke or two, and then we are enlightened or enriched by a speaker who in about 15 minutes, gives information. The topic might be on anything.

Recently, information about Social Security was so enlightening that some of our members changed things in their own lives and pocketed the results. Another topic was from the District Attorney who spoke on the local heroin epidemic and on the community resources available for families or users.

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The Rotary Club of the Stroudsburgs



Students Share School Experiences

On January 19, a group of young student leaders enrolled at Monroe County Technical Institute's DECA program spoke on their experiences in the hospitality management, marketing and finance programs in preparation for the work force, careers and entry into colleges and universities.



ROTARY CLUB OF POLOKWANE D9400 SOUTH AFRICA
INVITES YOU TO JOIN THEM ON A

UNIQUE AFRICAN SAFARI

MAY & AUGUST / SEPTEMBER 2017.

The Safari includes stays at **Letaba Camp** in the famous *Kruger National Park* as well as the luxurious and unforgettable **Kings Camp** in the adjacent *Timbavati Game Reserve* – both of which are the domains of Africa's **Big Five**; the lion, elephant, leopard, rhino and buffalo. Join us in an experience of a lifetime in the abundant African plains where game and birdlife abound.

The safari is limited to **EIGHT GUESTS** at the incredible price of only **US\$3290*** per person, all inclusive. Non-Rotarians are welcome. Polokwane Rotarians with guiding experience will accompany the entire safari. All profits generated will be for Rotary Community Service Charity Projects.

* *Excludes international and domestic flights.*

For more information and a full itinerary please contact
Rotarian Charles Hardy at charlois@mweb.co.za

SPECIAL EVENT – Ask us about the exciting **Rotary Foundation 100th Anniversary Safari and Gala Dinner** from the 23rd – 30th of March 2017.





Our Clubs in Action

The Rotary Club of Tunkhannock

Rotarians Share Proceeds with Community

Each year after the October Tunkhannock Rotary Harvest & Wine Festival, the Club's Project Committee suggests to the Board of Directors which community organizations could benefit from a donation to support their activities. During the first quarter of the year, representatives from each organization are invited to give a presentation to the Club on their activities and/or needs. Several organizations have recently received donations.

Tunkhannock Public Library received a \$10,000 donation to support several children's literacy programs at the Library, including a new program for 2017 called "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten". This is a nationwide program whose objectives are: (1) to promote reading to newborns, infants, and toddlers and (2) to encourage parent and child bonding through reading. There is a list of recommended books (1/2 of the list are owned by the library). The library would give a book to the child for their very own library and buy a book for the library with the child's name in it.

The Dietrich Theater received a \$6,000 donation to support several programs for young children and senior adults. The programs will include; the Music for Littles Program, the Everhart Museum Class for 5-12 year olds, the Readers Meeting Authors Program for middle school children and Need-based Scholarships for Children to attend classes

at the Dietrich. In 2016, 40 scholarships were awarded. In addition, the money will be used to help defray the cost of free programming for adults including free concerts for the community.

H.A.N.D.S. (Helping area needs for diverse services) of Wyoming County was presented with a \$5,000 donation to help support their 2017 Focused Activity and Nutrition Success Program (FANS). The program's mission is to educate children on the value of exercise and healthy eating. Area youths have an opportunity to learn about good nutrition and exercise habits through the FANS camp program.



Checks from the proceeds of the Harvest & Wine Festival were presented to (from top right clockwise):

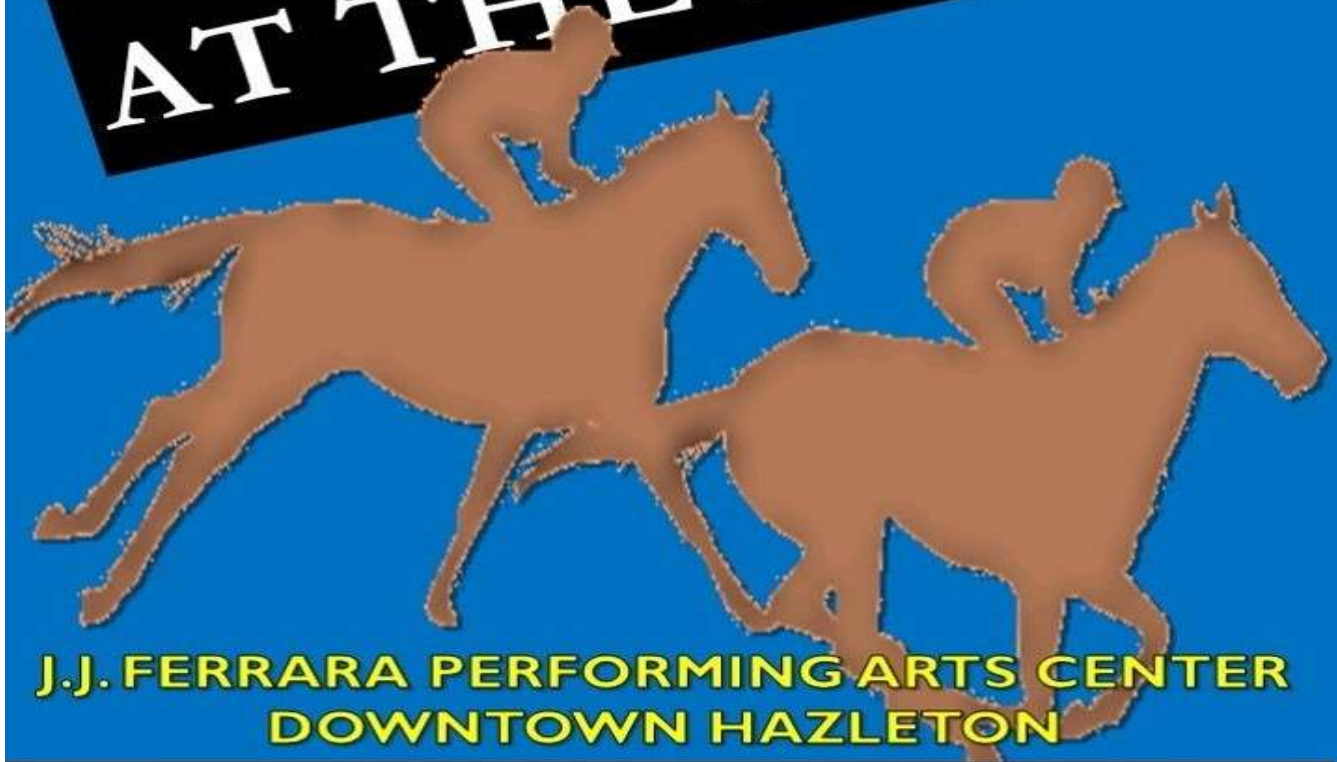
- Erica Rogler for the Dietrich Theater Programs from President Ann Way;
- Cathy Franko from President Way for H.A.N.D.S. FANS Program
- Bruce Spencer for Equines for Freedom from Pres.-Elect Samantha Maruzzelli and
- Rotarian Kristin Smith-Gary for the Tunkhannock Public Library from President Way.



The Rotary Club of Hazleton presents



A NIGHT AT THE RACES!



J.J. FERRARA PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
DOWNTOWN HAZLETON

SATURDAY APRIL 8TH
DOORS OPEN 6:00 PM

Advance Tickets \$8 / At the Door \$10
Buy a Horse for Your Chance at Winning \$50!
Call Jason Brenner at 570.454.8706 or Visit
www.HazletonRotary.org for More Info

FREE FOOD-BETTING-RAFFLES-TRICKY TRAYS

JOIN US FOR A FUN NIGHT & A GOOD CAUSE!
PROCEEDS BENEFIT LOCAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Ages 21 & Over Only

Join Wyalusing Rotary Club at...



Package includes a reserved seat for this spectacular production at Sight & Sound's Millennium Theater in Lancaster. Worry-free and comfortable bus travel provided by Benedict, LLC, starting in Wysox, with stops in Wyalusing and Tunkhannock. After the 3 p.m. show, you'll be treated to a family-style dinner at the Hershey Farm Restaurant with access to its renowned gift shop.

That's all part of the package price. The bus trip includes respective breakfast and lunch stops in Wilkes-Barre and Lancaster.

Price: \$156 adult/\$119 child... Balance due: Feb. 17
Contact Ann Burgess at 570-746-3213
or email awinemaker1@gmail.com

Tell Us about Your Group

We are looking for any Rotarian who is a member of a special interest group or fellowship that will be attending the April Convention. We would like to have you available to speak to attendees about your group, how they work and their advantages. We'll have time for people to get together to talk about them and answer questions.

Please contact me for further information..

Many thanks!

Pat Mazzei North Scranton Club

patmay11222@aol.com

ABINGTONS...

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Speakers from the Tunkhannock Rotary Club told us what they were doing with the collection of drugs from medicine cabinets and the way they were then disposing them. Many of us were so moved by that program, we set up our own disposal system. People brought old medicines to the library and under police protection, medicines no longer wanted, were disposed of properly, instead of into our sewer system.

Our members stood in the harsh December weather on every one of the four weekends and cheerily collected money for the Salvation Army. We just presented the Captain of the Salvation Army with a fat check.

As if that was not enough to do in the busy month of December, we each purchased and wrapped presents for every child in the North Scranton Headstart Class. Our small stage was heaped with colored Christmas wrapped gifts, hiding within them the secret wishes of the children.

Back in Atlanta after 100 Years

One hundred years ago, in June 1917, the Rotary convention met in Atlanta, Georgia. A Rotarian named, Archie Klump, was a founding member of the Rotary Club of Cleveland. Klump went to the Atlanta convention and introduced a philanthropic vision for Rotary's future, the Rotary Foundation. It is supported by individual donations, more than \$3 billion to date. Those funds are then given out in hundreds of grants each year to fund worthwhile humanitarian projects around the globe.

Our Rotary conventions are often in far off lands but this year we are meeting, after one hundred years, in Atlanta, Georgia. Those ideals which began long ago have been expanded upon and continue to spread goodness throughout the world.

We will be represented at the convention by our own past president of the Rotary Club of the Abingtons, Attorney Roger Mattes.

Perhaps I should go.



The Rotary Club of
Wilkes-Barre
Presents...

Mardi Gras
Party
With A
Purpose



WHAT TO EXPECT:

Great Food!

*Cajun Inspired
Food to celebrate "Fat Tuesday"*

Entertainment!

50/50 Raffle!

Wine and Beer Tasting!

Basket Raffles!

Tuesday, February 28, 2017

\$20 per person in advance

\$25 at the door

*Benefiting the Kids of the
Wyoming Valley Children's Association*

5:30 - 7:30 at Genetti's Best Western in Downtown Wilkes-Barre

Tickets are available by calling (570) - 714 - 1246 x306

or by emailing Sedor.d@gmail.com

[The Rotary Club of the Pocono Mountains](#)

Third Graders Prove Up to Rotarians' Challenge

The Third Grade students at Swiftwater Elementary Center had the opportunity to participate in a dictionary challenge sponsored by our local Rotary Club. Rotary Club members Bill Raczko and Annie Messina greeted students and discussed with them what the Rotary Club stands for and the many ways that the organization supports our local community.

Our students were then gifted with their own individual copies of a dictionary and challenged to find one of the five longest words in the dictionary (each of the five words containing exactly 16 letters).

Students were then given some time to research, record their guesses, and turn them in to their homeroom teachers. One winner was selected from each homeroom. Those winners are featured in the picture above



Dictionary Challenge Winners as they appear in the photo left to right: Row 1: Dominic McManus, Jesse Judd, Lane Fetterhoff, Roderick DelaPaz, and Elizabeth VanDunk Row 2: Mrs. Annie Messina, Mr. Bill Raczko, Carlos Rodriguez, Isabella Cuevas, Karlie Jurasits, Christopher Manger, Mrs. Krislin Ofalt (Principal) & Mrs. Tamala Toleno (Principal) Not pictured: Tiegan Jones, Nathan Lee, Jake Merritt, and Sabrina Colon.

and received a certificate and five dollar cash prize.

They thanked the Pocono Mountains Rotarians for their generous donation and contribution to our students and their education. The students and staff at Swiftwater Elementary Center value the relationships they have with our local community mem-

[Rotary Club of Wyoming](#)

Taking Service Seriously

Members of the Rotary Club of Wyoming recently sponsored the cost of dinner and served the meals at the St. Vincent DePaul Kitchen, Wilkes-Barre.

Pictured from left are Rotary members John Pekarovsky, Dan Mulhern, Mike Sobeck - club president, Rich Sobeck, Chris Casale.





**ROTARY DISTRICT 7410 CONFERENCE
 GOLF TOURNEY
 POCONO MANOR IN THE POCONOS
 FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2017 – 9 A.M.**

**CAPTAIN 'N CREW FORMAT – SHOTGUN START
 GOLF - \$35 PERSON – GOLF CARTS INCLUDED**

Don't have a foursome? We'll match you up w/ others

NAME _____
 (CAPTAIN) _____
 PHONE: _____
 CELL: _____
 ROTARY CLUB OF: _____

NAMES OF OTHER PLAYERS IN YOUR GROUP



**SEND THIS FORM WITH YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO DISTRICT 7410 TO PDG BUDD O'MALIA
 133 GREENWAVE BLVD., LARKSVILLE, PA 18704 – CELL 570-814-3918**

PLEASE REGISTER BY APRIL 12, 2017 – SPACE IS LIMITED

[The Rotary Club of Hazleton](#)

Club Assists Pregnancy Resource Center

The Rotary Club of Hazleton recently donated \$1,850.00 to the Pregnancy Resource Center of Greater Hazleton to help with its 2017-2018 “Earn While you Learn” program.

The money was allocated through a Rotary Club 2016-17 Community Grant Program. These “Service above Self” community grants are intended to benefit organizations and agencies in communities in Greater Hazleton.

Not-for-profit agencies that had special project needs were encouraged to apply for a Rotary Club grant. A number of applications were submitted and a Rotary Project Committee made a final selection after interviewing a semi-finalist round of candidates.

The Pregnancy Center of Greater Hazleton was one of those selected.



Valerie White, Center Director, Pregnancy Resource Center of Greater Hazleton, receives a check for \$1,850.00 from Rotary Club President Pat Ward.

Long-Time Rotarian Dies

Stanley W. Kennedy, Archbald, 80, died on Jan 23 at Geisinger Community Medical Center, Scranton.

Stan, a University of Scranton alumnus, 30-year Army veteran and attorney was a long-time member of the Mid-Valley Rotary Club.

Come “Party with a Purpose”

The Rotary Club of Wilkes-Barre is pleased to invite you to our Mardi Gras fundraiser to benefit the kids at the Wyoming Valley Children’s Association. Our fun and delicious event actually takes place on Fat Tuesday –

February 28, 2017, at Best Western Genetti Hotel and Conference Center in downtown Wilkes-Barre from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Enjoy Cajun-style food, beer tastings, entertainment, basket raffles and more. Cash bar. Call Donna Sedor at [570-714-1246](tel:570-714-1246) x 306 to learn more, purchase tickets or to find out how you can help. You may also email Sedor.d@gmail.com.



Honoring Major Donor

Rotary Club of Hazleton Immediate Past President Ron Avellino, right, has been honored as a major donor by the Rotary International Foundation. The award also marks his achieving a tenth Paul Harris Fellowship. The special presentation was made by Rotary President Pat Ward at a recent meeting. As a major donor, Avellino is among a dedicated group of humanitarians who have committed themselves to helping others less fortunate. This special group of persons who are changing lives of children, young people, and adults through a legacy of hope.

Rotary Club of Montrose
Presents
Country Cooks for Charity

Benefiting
True Friends Animal Welfare Center

FEBRUARY 18, 2017 at Ayres-Stone VFW
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

TICKETS
\$20.00 per person/\$35.00 per couple

Available
From all Montrose Rotary Members
Lucky Dog Pet Spa * Joycie's * From the Heart

Also at the Door
The event will offer you many samplings
From local cooks
With the opportunity to choose your favorite
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Athens	Andrew Hughes
	Alice Schneider
Blakeslee	Merrilee Myers
Hamlin	Herb Black
Newfoundland	Bill Hannon
New Milford	Karen Galvin
Forest City Area	Michelle Lipko
Stroudsburgs	Maureen Modzelewski

District 7410 — 2016 Club Data

Club	Total Mem.	New Mem.	Attend. %
Abingtons	57		43.75%
Athens	17	2	
Blakeslee	12	1	75.00%
Dallas	43		53.00%
Dunmore	14		
Forest City Area	13	1	66.60%
Freeland	10		
Hamlin	29	1	41.58%
Hawley	21		68.00%
Hazleton	77		30.72%
Honesdale	39		41.00%
Jim Thorpe	25		
Kingston	20		68.00%
Lehighton	9		61.11%
Mid-Valley	2		83.00%
Milford-Matamoras	25		65.00%
Montrose	20		
Mountaintop	21		61.00%
Mt. Pocono	19		
New Milford	16		
Newfoundland	41	1	65.71%
North Scranton	22		85.00%
Pittston	17	1	56.00%
Plains	19		70.00%
Plymouth	20		60.00%
Pocono Mountains	21		62.00%
Sayre	18		78.00%
Scranton	38		0.00%
Slate Belt Rotary	21		80.00%
Smithfields	22		42.42%
Stroudsburgs	106	1	67.49%
Towanda	14		
Trail	17		42.00%
Troy	23		
Tunkhannock	63		
Weatherly	10		
Wellsboro	44		0.00%
West End	16		
Wilkes-Barre	30		
Winola	15		
Wyalusing Area	26		
Wyoming Rotary	19		66.00%



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