



News from District 7410

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Letter from the District Governor

My Fellow Rotarians:

It is February 2, the radio wakes you with Sonny and Cher's "I Got You, Babe", and it is Groundhog Day all over again. Then, you repeat the day over again, and again, and again. Then, one day, you finally learn your lesson, change your ways and it becomes February 3. I am, of course, referring to the movie "Groundhog Day." Well, Rotary International and District 7410 have been stuck on the same course for years. Rotary International has had 1.2 million members for about 20 years. This district has been hovering at about 1,100 members for over seven years.

The anonymous quote, usually attributed to someone famous, says that the true definition of insanity is to do the same thing over and to expect a different outcome. What is the change which needs to be made in order to move to the next level?

The change cannot come from the leadership. The change has to happen within each member. We are a ground up organization. Change has to happen at our base. Do you say that we need new members and younger members? Then, when they come, do you welcome them and their new ideas? Do you make it a comfortable environment for them? Or do you say "That's how we have always done it!" and shut down the conversation? Does your club continue to have meetings at the same time and same place, despite dropping attendance? Are you actually willing to get out of your comfort zone? In my DG speech, I mentioned that the real difference that Rotary makes is the one which it makes within. Are you truly willing to allow that change to happen? That is a question that each and every one of us needs to ask ourselves. Try this: When you look in the mirror, ask your-

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self out loud, “Am I really willing to change to meet the challenges of the day? What will I do to make that happen?” Then, answer the question, honestly. It is a great exercise for any project in your life. I am asking you to apply that to Rotary, as well.

Collectively, we have some of the best resources in Northeast Pennsylvania. We can take this service organization to new heights. We can attract fresh ideas. We can make our communities outstanding. We can make this world a far better place. I believe that this is the POSSIBLE dream. With our combined strength, nothing is impossible. We can reach February 3.

I do have to address a few items of business. First, we have a new District Treasurer. Kathy Robbins of the Stroudsburgs Rotary has volunteered. John Regula moved to Langhorne in October, and we are diligently working on getting our systems back on track. Second, the January invoices did not go out, but they should be coming shortly.

Brenda Allen, our Executive Secretary, will now be sending out the invoices and the remittances will go to her. Third, the Finance Committee has decided to support marketing efforts at a club level for membership attraction. If you have a plan, please let me know, and I will work out the details with your club’s membership chair or president. Fourth, we are offering a BOGO Special until Valentine’s Day for Rotarians to attend Rotary Leadership Insti-

tute on March 3, 2018. After two members of the same club attend RLI, your club will receive a refund credit for \$75.00.

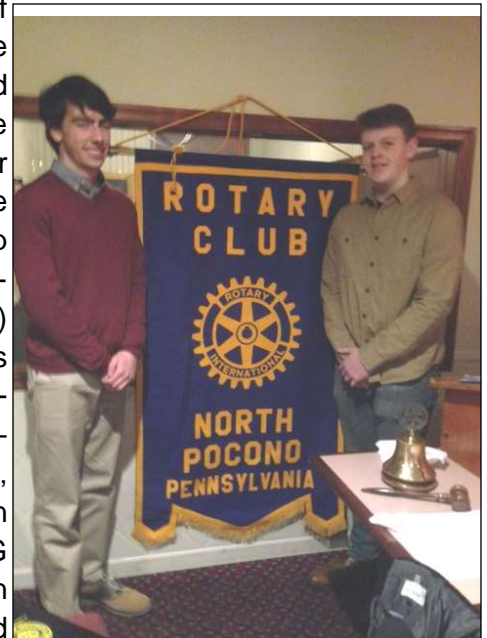
Lastly, it is time to register for the District Conference on April 22-24, 2018. We have some exciting speakers lined up and the emphasis on Monday will be business-oriented. We will have Bill Skinner, author of “Sales Magic”, speaking about sales tactics. Louis Rotolo, the president of Flying Fish Brewery, will be speaking about their socially and environmentally conscious business tactics, and then he will give a breakout about craft beer – just for fun. Conor Gregson, a 20-year-old self-employed marketer, will be speaking about his business and will give a viewpoint of what the millennial generation is looking for in a service organization. Rene Pothetes will be doing a workshop on surviving Rotary 101 (or Surviving the Rubber Chicken Attack) We will also have presentations from Past RI Director Mike Colasurdo, President’s Representative, Carol “Can-Do” Jeronimo, Kim Lippincott from the Human Trafficking/Drug Task Force, PDG Barbara deBelon with a report on our successful Global Grant, and PDG Barry Kroll with a fun presentation on membership. Congressman Matt Cartwright will be our keynote speaker the first night and Michael Angelo Caruso will be our keynote for the second night, where we will also feature a Buffet-style band for “Pop-Tops and Flip-Flops” night. It is a schedule packed with fun and

useful information for both your civilian and Rotary life.

I hope that you have a blessed, happy month. Let’s hope that the snow is kept to a minimum. Don’t forget to register for all of your Rotary learning opportunities.

Yours in Rotary,
DG Karin

See. “The Winds of Change.” a memorable message, on Page 21.



North Pocono Club Hears About RYLA Experience

At the North Pocono Rotary Club’s meeting on Jan. 25, 2018 were the club’s sponsored RYLA students. On left are Josh Danna who became a Junior Counselor last year after previously being a RYLA participant and last year’s participant, Nick DeScipio. They gave a very informative presentation describing their experience with the RYLA program.



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 or 570-470-9042 for Reservations or Questions

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District Governor



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[The Rotary Club of Tunkhannock](#)

Tunkhannock Club Bids Farewell to 67-Year Member

The new year got off to a subdued start as the club bid farewell to long-time member Francis Turner, who moved at the end of December from Tunkhannock to Saegertown, PA to be closer to his daughter and her family.

Fran has been a Rotarian for over 67 years and a member of the Tunkhannock Rotary for most of that time. He holds the record for length of term for any Tunkhannock club officer, since he served 25 years as Secretary after his term as President came to an end.

Fran, who is 98, was also very active in the Tunkhannock American Legion and served as former Commander of that organization. He was part of the flag honor guard for many veteran's funerals and for our July 3rd Fireworks display.

He is also an avid golfer, winning several of our District Golf Tournaments and still plays golf weekly when the links are open.



Fran Turner (left) with Assistant Governor Norm Kelly has moved from the Tunkhannock area as the record holding long-term member of the Rotary Club with 67 years and counting as a Rotarian.

Fran will be missed, but we wished him well in his new home by teleconference on Jan 11 and know that he will join the local Rotary Club in his area once he is settled.

Money for Max: Continued Support for Training



Past President Way, and President. Samantha Maruzzelli flank Rich Seaberg after presenting a check to help support Rich's community service dog, Max.

The Tunkhannock Rotary helped fund the initial training for Max, a community service dog owned by Rotarian Rich Seaberg, through a Rotary District grant with matching funds raised at the Annual Harvest & Wine Festival. Since Max's training continues for her working lifetime, Past President Ann Way presented Rich with a check for \$2,000 at the Jan. 4 luncheon to continue training with Designing Dogs.

Max and Rich, who are not affiliated with local law enforcement, are trained for drug, explosive and firearms detection and for search and rescue.

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[The Wyalusing Area Rotary Club](#)

Rotarians Say Thanks by Serving Up Venison

It makes sense that the Wyalusing Area Rotary Club, in the midst of some of the best deer hunting territory in Pennsylvania, should promote a venison feast that promises to become an annual event. On the buffet table in the Tuscarora Wayne Room of the Wyalusing Community Corp. building on the borough's Main Street Saturday night, Jan. 27, were all kinds of preparations of deer meat — meat loaf, Swiss steak and smoked, just to name a few. They were accompanied by side dishes like green bean casserole, scalloped potatoes and basic veggies with an impressive assortment of cakes for dessert.

The event came about in the aftermath of the Rotary Club's participation with the Hunters Sharing the Harvest program, which provides 200,000 meals to needy families from a million pounds of venison donated by Pennsylvania hunters.

The Wyalusing Club was able to provide more than 700 pounds of meat through its association with the program in an effort that was headed by Past President Ann Burgess. That meat, by the way, will go to the Helping Hands Food Pantry in Wyalusing, which is the brainchild of Peg Huyck, who relies on an army of volunteers to help feed thousands of families in that area. The pantry also delivers hundreds of backpacks of basic food and healthful snacks



Griffen Sheldon shares some of his venison with his little sister, Hattie Pearl, Their father, Gabe, is a Wyalusing Rotarian and grandfather, Burnie, is the founding President of the club.

every week to hundreds of students in the Wyalusing Area School District. It is totally funded through donations and does not rely on government funding.

Gesture of Thanks

The dinner started out as a thank you to hunters who donated venison to Hunters Sharing the Harvest, as well as the Tri-County Sportman's Club in Silvara, PA, which has hosted a skeet shooting fundraiser for the Rotary Club in its three years as an organization. It expanded as an invitation to all deer hunters and venison lovers to attend. There was no admission price but donations were accepted. The word is that attendees were very generous.

Ann Burgess was a one-



Past President Ann Burges with Peg Huyck, owner of the Helping Hands Food Pantry.

person show in putting this event together and rounding up the variety of venison dishes served, with special help from

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[The Rotary Club of the Abingtons](#)

Donating Toward Center's Kitchen Wish List

BY EILEEN CHRISTIAN

The Gathering Place occupies a prominent spot on State Street in Clarks Summit. Our old firehouse has been transformed. The original spot once saw firetrucks standing on an uneven floor so water could run into a floor drain. High ceilings were needed to house several tall firetrucks. In time more space was needed and the outdated firehouse was abandoned. New, more modern quarters on Bedford Street currently provides fire safety for the Abingtons.

In a true effort of renovation and recycling, the first floor of the Clarks Summit Borough Building has been transformed to an educational center for anyone who wishes to become enriched or enlightened. The new entrance has doors of ordinary proportion, to take in people, not

fire trucks. The floor no longer slopes and inside the doors is a stylish interior with comfortable spaces and classrooms of various sizes. No longer a fire house, now it is a community center. Set up as a non-profit organization, The Gathering Place occupies the first floor of 304 South State Street in Clarks Summit. The second floor houses the administrative offices of the Borough.

President of the Board of Directors of the Gathering Place is the innovator and founding member, Delores Talarico Waters, called Dori. She is ably assisted by hard working board members including Mary Ann Nichols, who acts as Treasurer and Capital Campaign Chair.

When Dori Waters was asked what her immediate plans were for 2018, she said the kitchen

was high priority and in the developmental stage. Contributions from businesses and people in the community have already provided a new kitchen floor. Cabinets have been given and will soon be hung. An industrial stove has been ordered, also a local contribution. When asked what else she needed to make the kitchen. Her answer came easily – a kitchen sink. This sink must be of lasting quality with adequate water source but also industrial in nature to accommodate the many dishes which would be washed in it.

Offer Kitchen Sink

The Rotary Club of the Abingtons heard of her request. Their response was affirmative. Let us provide the sink and all its parts for the Gathering Place. On January 11, 2018 at our regular meeting at the Ramada Inn in Chinchilla, Dori represented the Board of Directors of the Gathering Place and was offered a donation for the sink.

Our very active and generous Rotary Club ended 2017 in several other charitable endeavors. Our first effort helped a friend in need. When the home of a local restaurant owner was destroyed by fire, Rotary helped with expenses.

Our second generous effort provided each child in the North Scranton Headstart program with toys and gifts, wrapped and



The Rotary Club of the Abingtons presents a check for \$1000 to the Gathering Place. From left: Leah Rudolph, Treasurer; Laurie Stevens, President; Eileen Christian; Dori Waters, Gathering Place Board President; Bruce Valentine; and Dr. Skip Nelson.

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The Wyalusing Area Rotary Club's venison dinner on Jan. 27 served up several variations of the meat, ranging from smoked to a Swiss steak recipe.

VENISON, ANYONE?

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Rotarian Phil Brewer and wife, Theresa, and Pat Eberlin, whose organizational expertise for the dinner itself was much appreciated. Assistant Governor Norm Kelly attended the event and was especially impressed by a brief presentation from Huyck on the Helping Hands Food Pantry and her solemn appraisal of needy families and hungry children in the area.

At the end of the program, everyone was invited by Huyck for a tour of the pantry just down the street

The leftovers from the venison dinner itself went to the Seven Loaves Soup Kitchen in Tunkhannock, which means the dinner was tied to three different organizations dedicated to feeding hungry families, both locally and state-wide.

As for the Hunters Sharing the Harvest, it is an impressive network starting with generous hunters and working with butchers and food pantries throughout the Commonwealth. It is a nonprofit 501c3 organization.

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delivered to their school. Since there were more children in the program than Rotarians, our Interact kids stepped up and many Rotarians took more than one child.

Our third charity was our annual December collection for the Salvation Army. In all kinds of weather, mostly cold and rainy, our members stood out and collected funds for the Red Kettle campaign. Several members took their children or grandchildren for the two hour stint. One of our members took his well-mannered dog. He said people stopped to talk to the dog and seemed to give more. Our usual amount of annual collection is \$10,000. We will give that this year, matching what we have collected for the past 40 years.

Our hope is that the good deeds we have done in 2017 will make life a little better for others in 2018. Happy New Year to each of you from the Rotarians of the Abingtons.



Tunkhannock Inducts New Member

At the Jan 4 Rotary Luncheon at Purkey's Pink Apple, District Membership Chair Ron Furman inducted Tunkhannock's newest member, Mary Tempest into Rotary. Mary's sponsor was Norm Kelly (left). President Also shown in photo is Ron Furman. Please join the club in welcoming Mary into Rotary.



A new kind of Rotary fundraiser!!

Join the Rotary Club of Scranton on a 9 night Canada & New England Cruise on- board the “Anthem of the Seas” from Au- gust 23-Sept 1, 2018.

Join the Rotary Club of Scranton on a beautiful Canada and New England Cruise out of Cape Liberty, NJ onboard Royal Caribbean’s Anthem of the Seas! *Anthem of the Seas*® isn’t the same old song. It’s a Tri-State rally cry for all the thrill seekers, gourmet globetrotters and adventure aficionados. With spaces that transform on the fly, no other ship packs in more cutting edge experiences in one single day. There’s adventure to be had with **rock climbing**, bumper cars, skydiving simulator, **Casino Royale**®, and entertainment including **shows**, **live music**, plus **bars** and **lounges** that never have a cover. Don’t miss out on a once in a lifetime cruise!

Ports of Call are: Boston, Massachusetts, Portland, Maine, Bar Harbor, Maine, Saint John, New Brunswick, and Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Included in the rate is roundtrip bus transportation to the NJ Pier from Scranton, South Williamsport, Avis, Wellsboro and Stroudsburg.

For a detailed brochure, check out www.scrantonrotary.org or email Margaret McCormick at mmccormick@aanorthpenn.com.

Anyone is welcome to join us! Pass it on!

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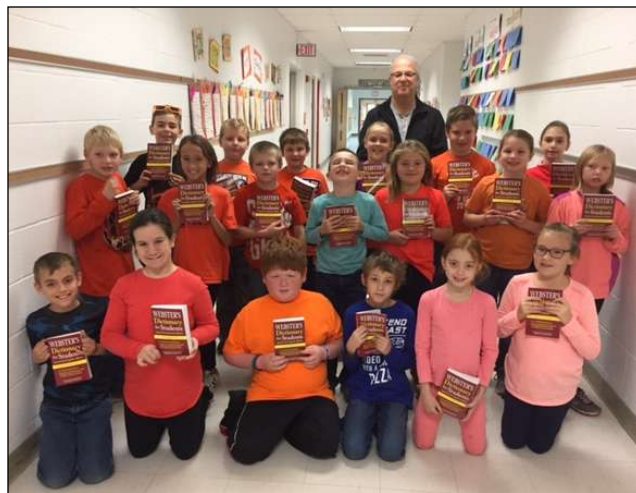
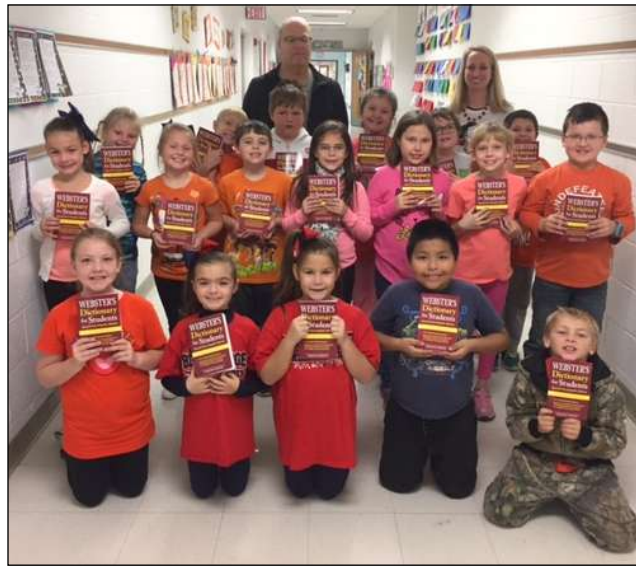
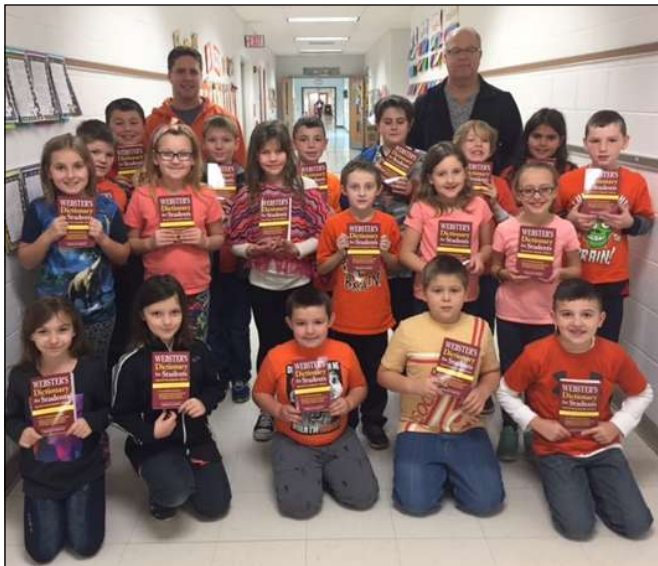
Grant Goes to Art League

Those shown at right were part of the presentation of a \$1,500 Service Above Self Grant to the Hazleton Art League. This money will be used to fund scholarships to Art Classes for Area Senior Citizens.

From left are Toni Christman, Hazleton Rotary President; Katherine Bestwick, co-President, Board of Directors, Hazleton Art League; Kim McNulty, Hazleton Rotary Projects Chair; Alan Whitaker, Hazleton Rotary Vice President; and Kathie Oh, Hazleton Rotary President Elect.



Rotary Club of New Milford



Dozens of Dictionaries for Blue Ridge Third Graders

The New Milford Area Rotary Club's busy December schedule included the distribution of over 220 dictionaries to area third graders. Each year, the club donates dictionaries to third grade students at Blue Ridge, Mountain View, Susquehanna, and Faith Mountain Elementary Schools. Each student receives his/her own dictionary to have and to enhance their reading and writing skills both in school and at home. These pic-

tures depict that distribution at the Blue Ridge Elementary School. This effort supports a Rotary focus area of Literacy and Basic Education. If you would like to join in this effort and others, come join us in one of our two monthly meetings. We meet the first and third Thursday of each month at 530PM, at Green Gables Restaurant in New Milford. On FACEBOOK we're at New-MilfordRotary or at newmilfordparotary@gmail.com

Time's Running Out for Grants Management Seminar

In order to qualify for a District Grant, or apply for a Global Grant, each club must send a representative to a Grants Management Seminar. There are three regional seminars scheduled. You may click on the following links to register (FREE). Each seminar will include a meal.

[Grants Management North - Towanda Country Club - February 3, 2018](#)

[Grants Management West - Genetti's Hazleton - February 5, 2018](#)

[Grants Management Central - Marzoni's - Moosic - February 7, 2018](#)

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Giving to Help First Responders Save Lives



The Hazleton Rotary Club recently presented a “Service Above Self” Community Grant to the McAdoo Ambulance Association. Taking part in the presentation were (from left) Toni Christman, Rotary Club President; Kim McNulty, Rotary Project Committee Chair; Daniel Leshko, Chief Medical Officer, McAdoo, Ambulance Association; Kathie Oh, Rotary President Elect and Alan Whitaker,

A Hazleton Rotary Club “Service Above Self” Community Service Grant of \$2,700 has been donated to the McAdoo Ambulance Association to use toward the purchase of two Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs).

An AED is a medical device that analyzes the heart’s rhythm and, if necessary, delivers an electrical shock, known as defibrillation, which helps the heart re-establish an effective rhythm.

“All of our members are currently trained to use this device. We have had multiple lifesaving events with our current and past model AED’s, but it’s

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Hazleton Rotary Service Committee Chair Kim McNulty presents a check to members of Holy Rosary Parish prior to their community meal on January 13. Accepting the check on behalf of the Parish was Monica Barletta.

Grant Goes to Parish in Efforts to Help Combat Hunger

“We are pleased to announce that Holy Rosary Parish has been chosen to receive a \$3,000 “Service Above Self” Community Service Grant from Hazleton Rotary.” Says Kim. “This is the third year this project has been selected for support, because we agree that no one in our community should be going hungry.”

This past year Holy Rosary Parish provided 2,934 meals. Over the last two years 4,856 meals

have been provided for those in the Hazleton community.

“Unfortunately, the number of people, in the area, who need food is increasing. We are delighted that the Hazleton Rotary Club, once again, answered our request for help.” says Father Brian Clarke, Pastor, Holy Rosary Parish. “They truly demonstrate the unselfish and giving spirit that will help us fight this battle.”



Our Clubs in Action

The Rotary Club of Tunkhannock

Helping School Students “Resist” Drug Abuse

At a recent Tunkhannock Rotary luncheon at Purkey’s Pink Apple, Rotary Past President Ann Way presented a check for \$1,500 to purchase completion prizes for the Tunkhannock Area School District (TASD) Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program. TASD Resource Officer, Rich Seaberg, who is also a Rotarian, accepted the check on behalf of the school district.

The D.A.R.E. program gives kids the skills they need to avoid involvement in drugs, gangs, and violence. D.A.R.E. was founded in Los Angeles in 1983 and, due to its success, has been implemented in 75 percent of our nation’s school districts and in more than 52 countries.

In the TASD, it was introduced into the schools by the Wyoming County District Attorney’s Office and is taught to 5th grade students. The D.A.R.E. program is a course meant as a class-room experience to teach students good decision making, helping them to define problems and make responsible/good choices at a young age. The course provides practice responding to good and bad pressure, including peer pressure, and teaches them how to be a positive peer pressure for their families and friends. They also talk about communication styles and how overwhelming electronic communication can be for them, including cell phones.

It can be hard for kids to get up in class and discuss things, but the D.A.R.E. class provides a safe place and they learn that they need to respect each other if someone else is talking.

They also learn to avoid risky situations and to never put themselves in a situation that they cannot get themselves out of, especially a creepy alleyway.

At the end of the course, the students are asked to write an essay on what they have learned.

The money donated by Rotary will pay for t-shirts for all the 5th graders completing the D.A.R.E. training and provide a prize for the winning essay.

Support for this program is part of Tunkhannock Rotary’s multi-prong endeavors to help ameliorate the drug crisis in Wyoming County. In addition to support for this educational program in the middle schools, Rotary pro-



Past President Ann Way (left) with Rich Seaberg and President Samantha Maruzzelli showing the Tunkhannock Club’s support of D.A.R.E.

vides the community outreach for the District Attorney’s Office semi-annual Drug Take Back Events and provides a donation to support the Wyoming County Drug Court activities. Funding for these programs is made possible by the success of the annual Rotary Harvest & Wine Festival.

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Max has become a favorite visitor at the TASD schools, where Rich is the Resource Officer. Rich has also taken her to visit with scouting groups and other children’s organizations in the area to demonstrate her capabilities.

Rich reported that Max is so well liked by the students that she was recently invited by the Roslund fourth graders to escort 70 of them on a walk from the school to the Dietrich theater.



RI President Reviews His First Six Months

Dear fellow Rotarians,

As we pass the halfway point of this Rotary year, it's time to take stock of what we've achieved so far and what we still have to do. The [Rotary Citation](#) is not only an honor, but also a useful tool that helps clubs plan their service. Club leaders will receive an achievement guide by email in mid-March, with valuable resources to help you reach your goals. If you're on track to receive a citation, congratulations! Your club is well on its way to a very productive year.

Here in Evanston, we are working hard to achieve the goals that Rotarians have laid out for us. In a Rotary-wide survey of Rotarians and Rotaractors, 90% of respondents asked for improved training, better methods to connect with other

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time to purchase some new units." explains Daniel Leshko, Chief Medical Officer, McAdoo Ambulance Association. "We offer our sincerest thanks to the Hazleton Rotary Club for stepping in to help us. Thanks, not only from our Association, but from all the people these new devices can help save in the future. It means a great deal to know we will soon have new ones in place."

clubs, more planning resources, and better online tools. In response, your 2016 Council on Legislation passed [a \\$4 dues increase](#) that is now allowing us to invest in the improved resources, processes, and technology you've asked for.

One of the many improvements we've made (and are continuing to make) has been to Rotary Club Central, which has been completely redesigned to be faster and easier to navigate. As you already know, this year we are asking all Rotary clubs to submit two numbers to Rotary: the number of volunteer hours worked and the money invested in service. The fastest and easiest way to submit these numbers is through Rotary Club Central. If you're already tracking your projects using Rotary Club Central, make sure you've entered the number of volunteer hours and amount spent for each project you're tracking. Otherwise, remember to enter those two key numbers in the Goal Center, under the Rotary Citation tab.

On 23 January we will unveil changes to the global grant reporting section of the [Grant Center](#). You'll find that the report has an updated look, its content has been aligned with the global grant application, and the financial portion will be much simpler to use. We hope

these changes will make it easier for clubs to report on the tremendous work that they accomplish through global grants.

One of the new initiatives I'm most excited about in this Rotary year is the Group Cultural Exchange program, a type of [Rotary Friendship Exchange](#) that brings together international teams of Rotarians, non-Rotarians, and young professionals. [Contact](#) your district's Rotary Friendship Exchange Committee Chair for more information about exchange opportunities through your district. If you have questions, or an experience you'd like to share, contact rotary.service@rotary.org. Depending on where you are in the world, it may be the right time to [plant your club's trees](#). Not only is planting trees one of the best things you can do for the environment, it also brings you one step closer to your Rotary Citation. Be sure to plant your trees by 22 April (Earth Day), and take care of the trees you've planted until they're thriving on their own.

There's still time to register for one of six [Presidential Peacebuilding Conferences](#) designed to help us better understand the connections between Rotary's six areas of focus and our commitment to building peace. The confer-

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ences will be hosted between February and June in different cities across North America, Europe, Australia, and the Middle East.

Looking ahead, it's not too early to start planning your trip to the Rotary International Convention in Toronto, Canada on 23-27 June 2017. [Register online by 31 March](#) to receive the discounted preregistration rate, and find *Inspiration Around Every Corner* in Toronto!

Finally, let's not let January pass without a reminder of Vocational Service Month. Vocational service is one of the unique aspects of Rotary that makes us so effective. Our updated [vocational service](#) handbook is a great resource for those new to the idea of vocational service, and those who want to bring it more fully into their everyday lives and service.

We all know that Rotary would not be the organization it is without the dedication of our club presidents, district governors, coordinators, directors, trustees, and other leaders all over the world. Because of your hard work, Rotary is truly *Making a Difference* in the world, so thank you.

Sincerely,

Ian Riseley
Rotary International President,
2017-18

The Rotary Club of Hazleton



From left President Toni Christman; Projects Chair Kim McNulty; Rotary Foundation Treasurer Tim Genetti; President Elect Kathie Oh and Vice President Alan Whitaker recently took part in a \$700 "Service Above Self" grant presentation to the Rotary Foundation,

Creating Opportunities for Students

The Rotary Club of Hazleton recently donated \$700 to the Hazleton Rotary Foundation to fund two Rotary Youth Leadership Awards to the 2018 RYLA Leadership Development camp. This opportunity takes place for a week every summer. Students from Rotary District 7410 attend the camp located at Keystone College. Two students will be funded by the Hazleton Rotary Club and two by the Hazleton

Rotary Foundation

Young men and women spend a week in a challenging program of discussions, inspirational addresses, leadership training and social activities designed to enhance personal development, leadership skills and good citizenship.

Attendance at RYLA is by scholarship only. All winners are selected and funded by their local Rotary Clubs.

DG Presents Paul Harris Fellow

The Tunkhannock Rotary held its post-holiday social at the Shadowbrook Inn and Resort on Saturday Jan 13. After an excellent dinner, everyone enjoyed the delicious desserts made by Sisile Maruzzelli, a former recipient of a Rotary vocational scholarship from the club that she used to attend the Culi-



Rotary District Governor Karin Breitlauch congratulates new Paul Harris Fellow Jeff Mitchell.

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Rebound Exchange Student Talks about Chile

January has been a month of visits from former (rebound) exchange students who were sponsored by the Tunkhannock Rotary.

Dana Kuffa, outbound 2016-2017 Exchange Student to Chile, was the guest speaker at the Jan 4 Rotary Luncheon at Purkey's Pink Apple. During her exchange, Dana was based in Santiago Chile and went to an all girls' Catholic school.

With the other exchange students on their first trip with Rotary, she went to the beach and got to touch the Pacific Ocean.

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nary Institute of America, where she graduated as a pastry chef.

After dinner, Rotary District Governor Karin-Susan Breitlauch presented a club designated Paul Harris Fellow to Wyoming County District Attorney Jeff Mitchell in recognition of his work helping people in need as DA, providing leadership in the attempt to reduce the opioid crisis in the area and promoting the natural beauty found in Wyoming County.

DG Karin then also presented multiple Paul Harris pins to Tom Kukuchka (PHF +6) and John Proctor (PHF +1).

She also got to see a lot of landmarks that were close to where she was living.

Their second trip with Rotary was to Easter Island. The Rapa Nui's did a traditional dance for them.

Her third Rotary trip was to the north of Chile in the Atacama Desert. There is lots of salt in the desert and they export it from there. There were alpaca everywhere.

She received Club banners from her host club in Santiago and from the Easter Island Rotary, which she presented to President Samantha Maruzzelli following her talk.



Dana Kuffa (left) presenting club banners to President Samantha Maruzzelli

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Exchange Students Address Club

The Tunkhannock Rotary was also pleased to have a visit on Jan 4 from 2014-2015 outbound exchange student **Jason Linden**, who went to Mexico for his exchange year. Upon his return to the US, Jason went to college for 1 year and then decided to return to Mexico to study law. He is currently working as a paralegal in Mexico while going to law school.

Haley Toczko, 2016-2017 Tunkhannock Rotary Exchange Student, was the guest speaker at the Jan 11 luncheon at Purkey's Pink Apple. Haley did her exchange year in Slovakia with

3 host families. She experienced many new and old traditions, especially Easter traditions where the men pour buckets of water on the single women to give them good health and beauty. She was able to enjoy kickboxing, skiing and other sports, as well as, get to see sights in Poland and Slovakia.

At the end of her exchange, she participated in the Exchange Student Eurotour that took them to 3 countries in Europe (France, Spain and Italy). She made great friends with whom she has remained in

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The Rotary Club of Tunkhannock



From top left clockwise...

—Adam Sehne (2012-2013), Vittorio Sica (inbound Italy), Haley Toczko (2016-2017), Kathi Harter Keefe (1968-1969), and Nico Chaulet (inbound France)

—Haley Toczko giving her presentation on her exchange to Slovakia.

—Dana Kuffa with President Samantha Maruzzelli and Jason Linden.

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contact and even traveled to London to visit with one of her host families who were visiting there.

Kathi Harter Keefe, who was a Tunkhannock Rotary Exchange student to Sweden in 1968-1969 (the 6th student sent outbound by Tunkhannock), was a guest at the Jan 11 luncheon.

Additionally, **Adam Sehne**, 2012-2013 Rotary Exchange student to Ecuador was also in attendance at the meeting. It was a perfect opportunity to take a photo of former and current Tunkhannock Rotary Exchange Students both inbound and rebound.



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[The Rotary Club of Plymouth](#)



Rotarians Welcome Santa Claus to Meeting

The Rotary Club of Plymouth welcomed Gerald and Carol Boney to a recent club meeting. Gerald serves as Santa Claus at many club functions during the holiday season. From left are: First Row— Rotarian Ed Yench, President Elect Brian Vnuk, Gerald Boney, Carol Boney, PDG Budd O'Malia, Rotarians Janet Franchella and Mary Jo Charney. Second Row— Rotarian Eric Cheatley and President JK Karavis

[The Rotary Club of New Milford](#)

"Real Men Read" for United Way

The New Milford Area Rotary Club welcomed Robin Cobb, Director of Operations, the United Way of Susquehanna County, and her husband Bryce Powers to their January 18th meeting to speak about the "Real Men Read" mentoring program in Susquehanna County.

The program is an initiative by the United Way of Susquehanna County, intended to provide positive male role models to Kindergarten students in county schools, while encouraging reading and literacy. The first participating school district in the county was Elk Lake, beginning in 2017.

This year Blue Ridge School District is to begin participating and a number of Rotary club members from New Milford are expecting to volunteer as reading mentors and aides.



The United Way of Trail

Club Looks Back over Highlights of Year



L-R: Bill Speare, Ellen Kanton Club President, AG Norm Kelly, new member Kelly Martin and Gus Vlassis

Spring of 2017 Kelly Martin joined Trail Rotary Club. Kelly and her family are heavily involved in the Rotary Youth Exchange Program. Their daughter, Lili, not only participated in a short-term summer trip to France, but she is now in Argentina on a long-term trip.

Host Family: Kelly and Andrew Martin, with their daughter, Maggie (left) and exchange student, Caroline. Their daughter, Lili is in Argentina for student exchange.



This summer, the Martin Family welcomed into their home a Rotary Exchange student from Denmark, Caroline Skade. Caroline is spending her exchange experience living at the Martin's house. While daughter, Lili, is in Argentina, Caroline is here with them.



May 2017 May 2017 (L-R) Ellen Kanton, Mary and Bill Smarkusky, Bill Speare & Gus Vlassis
Mary & Bill Smarkusky came to us after a tragedy in their lives. January 2017, their 21 yr old daughter, Brianna, passed away suddenly. Brianna was the 2013 recipient of Trail Rotary's annual scholarship at Lackawanna Trail High School. The scholarship has been renamed in Brianna's name. Their daughter lived a life of Service Above Self.



L-R: Bill Speare, new member Pearl Pierce, Ellen Kanton, Joan Kupetsky, Lisa Logan Clough & Heinz Hoffmann)

Pearl Pierce joined Trail Rotary in Jan. 2018. Pearl works in Factoryville at the Penn East Federal Credit Union



50" TV Raffle – Lunch at Gin's Tavern.
Roger Mattes, DG Elect, visited Trail Rotary on Sun, Jan. 28 during one of their alternate meeting time/date get-togethers.

In order to make it easier for club members that cannot always attend the lunchtime meeting, Trail Rotary has chosen to meet at least once a month in the evening or on a weekend. Karen DeMatteo (not pictured) also attended.



L-R: Kristy Petty Huggler, Lili and Kelly Martin.
Before Lili left for her Rotary exchange trip, she talked to Kristy, who has spent time in Argentina.



L-R Lili Martin with Caroline Skade, Danish exchange student
Caroline arrived from Denmark before Lili left for Argentina. Here they are at the Harford Fair in the New Milford Rotary booth.

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OF OUR YEAR
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The Rotary Club of Trail



L-R Bill Smarkusky, Kelly Martin, Joan Kupetsky, Heinz Hoffman, Mary Smarkusky and Ellen Kanton.

Service Project - Thanksgiving meals sorted into bags at the Trinton Fire Station with some of the Trail Rotary Club members helping. Bill Speare participated a few days later with the distribution when families came to pick up the bagged meals.



Dictionary Project

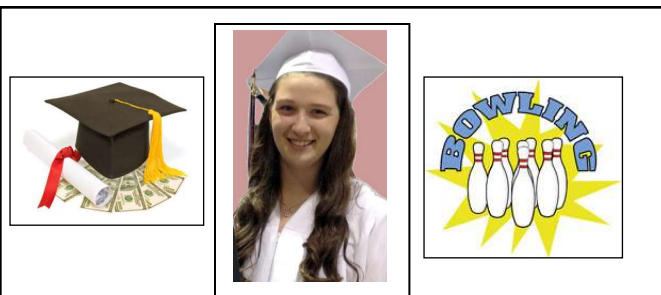
(L-R) Pat Lione, Joan Kupetsky, Ellen Kanton, Lisa Logan Clough, Bill Speare, Pearl Pierce and Mary Smarkusky

Trail Rotary members stick "This-Gift-From" labels into the front of each dictionary and insert a club brochure. The 3rd graders were asked to bring home the brochure to their parents in an effort to educate the community about their Rotary club.



L-R Club president, Ellen Kanton, short-term exchange student, Emily Herron and Interact Advisor, Kelly Hopkins

Last summer Emily Herron traveled to Italy on a short-term exchange. The summer before Emily took a short-term summer trip to France. Emily is the current president of the Interact Club at Lackawanna Trail High School. Kelly Hopkins is the new advisor for the club. Kelly is the Librarian at the high school and has worked for the school district for many years. Welcome Kelly H!



—Dollars For Scholars— Bowling "Fun"raiser for the Brianna Smarkusky Service & Leadership Scholarship Saturday, February 10th

Belvedere Lanes, Nicholson

Trail Rotary is hosting its annual fundraiser for high school scholarships (for college and for RYLA). Bowling teams / individual bowlers may register to bowl for the Feb. 10 event (5:30-8:30pm. 2-5pm bowling time booked up). \$15 for: 3 games, shoe rental, a slice of pizza and a soda.

Sponsor donations and raffle baskets are also being sought. lisa4444lisa@aol.com



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YOU ACCEPTED THE INVITATION AND CONTINUE TO BE A ROTARIAN FOR A REASON. JOIN US AT THIS RLI SESSION TO GAIN MANY MORE REASONS FOR YOU TO BE A ROTARIAN. REMEMBER, "THOSE WHO SERVE THE BEST PROFIT THE MOST."

The Winds of Change – District Governor Karin-Susan Breitlauch

As I was listening to this part of Sunday service, it struck me that religious organizations were undergoing the same pressures as Rotary. I asked Pastor Chris Druckenmiller to share a small part of his sermon with our district for this newsletter. As this is a classic Old Testament story, I hope that I don't offend anyone. If you read this to the end, you will see why I wanted to share it with you:

{This sermon was a discussion about the story of Jonah, who was supposed to go to Ninevah and tell them that God was going to destroy them. When they heard the news, as the story goes, they repented and then God changed his mind}

God never changes – yesterday, today and tomorrow, always the same: God is a rock. God is solid. God's unchanging nature is something we can always count on. The God of Abraham, and Isaac and Jacob is the same God that we worship today.

And yet, we have this lesson today that tells us that God changed his mind. And my first thought is, wait, what do you mean God changed his mind? Did God make a mistake? Was God wrong and he corrected his plans for Ninevah when the people changed their behavior. I don't think so. You see I think God's actions are an example to us of how we are to act, how we are to behave, and how we are to change our own behavior when circumstances around us change. Now I'll just speak for myself for a moment, because I'm sure none of you are like this, but I've been known to be stubborn on occasion. Oh, just once in a while. I'll get stuck on something and can't seem to get off of it. My wife or my friends will argue with me. They'll lay out all the facts before me. I may even know, deep down inside that I'm going the wrong way. But sometimes, whether it's pride, or not wanting to be told, "I told you so," or just foolish stubbornness, I am unwilling to change. That's where this lesson today challenges me. If God, the creator of the universe, can choose to change his mind and choose to show mercy instead of wrath and anger, why am I so unwilling to change?

I think the church often finds itself in this same situation. I'm sure you never hear this here, but in some of the churches I've been in, the mission statement seems to be, "We've always done it this way." Churches throughout America are closing their doors because they refuse to change, to try new things, to reach out in new ways, but not all of them. Grace Community Church in California was in a bad position. Their members were aging. The average member age was over 60. They had no young families and the community that had grown up around the church looked vastly different than the makeup of their congregation. But they weren't willing to just stay the course until the last of their members died off. They didn't know how to reach out to young people. They didn't know anything about changing worship styles. But they did know one thing, how to make homemade soup and bread. So they decided that they would start opening up their doors, once a month, and inviting in the neighborhood kids for a meal. Many of the kids had nowhere to go after school and would just hang out on the local corner, getting into trouble. This monthly meal gave them something different to do. It was a simple start. At first the kids were suspicious of these "old church people" who were giving them free food, but they kept coming. Over a year, relationships started to be formed. One day, one of the kids asked about the church services and if the members would mind if they came one Sunday. They were thrilled. It wasn't exactly the youngster's thing, so they asked if there was any other way that they could worship this God that the "old people" worshipped. Over time, they developed a new service that spoke to the young people, and to some of the older people, as well, and a new, vibrant ministry was born. They were willing to change. They were willing to take a chance on following God's call into unknown territory, and God used that willingness to change to reach out to some kids who were lost and alone.

You could just as easily replace the words "church" with Rotary in this passage. But, the inspiring part is that the tired old organization looked at what they did best, magnified it, attracted the youth and then *MADE A CHANGE*. It isn't enough to say that you want to attract members, every club in this district has to find the courage to make a change. The future of Rotary depends upon it. The future of our District depends upon it.

Leave your perceived grievances at the door. Take one moment to remember the good that we can all do in our communities and in our world. Then, take the bigger step to forgive and forget the failings of another volunteer,



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- 4:00-6:00 p.m. Youth Leadership Conference End and Jacket Exchange
- Come and see our youth leaders with comments from Michael Angelo Caruso and Congressman Matt Cartwright
- 6:30-7:15 p.m. Cocktails and light appetizers
- 7:15-7:45 p.m. Celebration of Service - West Facing Veranda featuring bagpiper and our fondest memories
- 7:45 p.m. -? Dinner with Introductions to President's Rep Carol Ann Jeronimo and Keynote by Congressman Matt Cartwright

Monday, April 23, 2018

- 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. General Session 1 Join Past RI Director Mike Colusardo in a discussion about how to make our clubs strong
- Three Featured Speakers from the break out sessions will give their brief presentations
- 10:30- 12 Noon Breakout Sessions 1&2 - Six Sessions will be presented

Lunch on Your Own

- 2:00- 3:30 p.m. General Session 2 Find out what you "CAN-DO" with Carol Jeronimo with our Rotary Foundation
- Three featured speakers from the break out sessions will give their brief presentations
- 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. Breakout Sessions 3&4 - Same six sessions will be repeated
- 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. "Pop Tops and Flip Flops" Party Night featuring Keynote by Michael Angelo Caruso and Music by the Jeff Bellfy Band

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

- 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m - General Session 3 Join PDG Barry Kroll in a thought provoking session on Membership
- 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. FREE TIME - Golf at Pocono Manor or enjoy the Resort
- 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Wrap-Up Session

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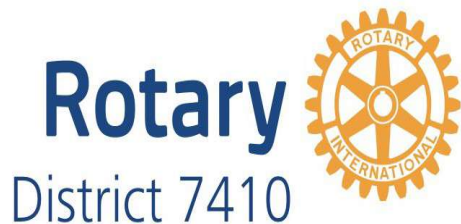
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New Rotarians

District 7410 — 2017 Club Data

Abingtons	Jacalyn Mattes
Dunmore	Lawrence Crimi
	Angela Migliori
	Angela Pigga
Hazleton	Marie Ernst
	Cal Herring
	Michele Kushmeder
Jim Thorpe	Tia Llewellyn
	Amber Breiner
Mountaintop	Ferris Webby
Pittston	Trudy Botts
Stroudsburgs, The	Christa Caceres
Trail (Factoryville)	Pearl Pierce
Tunkhannock	Mary Tempest

Club	Total Memb.	New Memb.	Attend. %
Abingtons	50	1	47.96%
Athens	17		0.00%
Blakeslee	11		78.79%
Dallas	45		
Dunmore	13	3	70.00%
Forest City Area	14		53.80%
Freeland	6		
Hamlin Lake Ariel	32		40.00%
Hawley	23		42.00%
Hazleton	73	3	40.65%
Honesdale	40		36.00%
Jim Thorpe	22	2	54.00%
Kingston	25		58.00%
Lehighton	9		
Mid-Valley	2		100.00%
Milford-Matamoras	32		
Montrose	16		
Mountaintop	22	1	66.00%
Mt. Pocono	18		
New Milford	17		
Newfoundland	36		78.68%
North Pocono	17		
North Scranton	26		75.00%
Pittston	18	1	60.00%
Plains	18		40.00%
Plymouth	19		
Pocono Mountains	17		
Sayre	17		88.00%
Scranton	38		
Slate Belt Rotary	20		40.00%
Smithfields	23		39.58%
Stroudsburgs, The	101		
Towanda	12		
Trail	18	1	
Troy	22		
Tunkhannock	72	1	47.72%
Weatherly	10		
Wellsboro	44		
West End	14		
Wilkes-Barre	30		
Winola	11		
Wyalusing Area	24		
Wyoming Rotary	20		





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