



News from District 7410

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February, 2019



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Letter from the District Governor:

To all of my fellow Rotarians

access to District grants.

It's hard to believe that February is now upon us and soon the groundhog will be predicting our fate for the next month or so. I have decided to dedicate this month's message to the issue of MEMBERSHIP.

Membership is always a concern in Rotary. This year is no different. In North America Rotary has been steadily declining in numbers for the past three decades. So much so that R.I. has begun to eliminate the number of Zones and Districts throughout the country. Last year alone, one district was eliminated in our zone due to declining membership.

This of course does not mean that those Rotary clubs no longer exist, but it does mean they no longer enjoy the benefits of belonging to a smaller district where they have a greater say in the direction of the district, not to mention a greater

While our districts overall numbers are up slightly for the year, we have a long way to go before we can rest easy.

Rotary's membership has remained stagnant at approximately 1.2 million members for the past ten years. Ironically, In the past 8 years we have lost 1.2 million members. Luckily we have replenished those with new members. However; those members are largely in Asia and Africa. In a recent five year period, Rotary's North American membership declined more than 28,000 members (7.0%). Annually this region loses more members than are brought into Rotary. On average, annually almost 44,000 new individuals join Rotary clubs, while we lost an average of 51,000, and our attrition rate is increasing. Simply stated, Rotary's North American decline is the result

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Helping Out Families in Crisis

Stroudsburgs Club President Lucille Piggott-Prawl (right) shares a joyful hug with Hope Christman from Pleasant Valley Ecumenical Network (PVEN). Hope shared with the Rotary Club the great work they are doing. Pleasant Valley Ecumenical Network's mission is to provide low-income families and families in crisis the essentials to maintain a dignified standard of living while encouraging independence and self-sufficiency. The new PVEN Community Service Center on Route 209 just outside Brodheadsville provides free clothing, groceries and social service referrals to residents of Chestnuthill, Eldred, Hamilton, Jackson, Ross and Polk townships in Pennsylvania's Monroe County.

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of losing existing members, rather than attracting new members.

We need to examine exactly why our members are leaving. What are we doing, or not doing, to retain our existing members.

When I first joined Rotary back in 1985, my club had 100 members. Today we are half that number. In fact currently, none of the clubs in our district have membership over 100. More than half of our clubs in the district have less than twenty members! I don't mean to overstate this, but our very existence as an organization is in danger!

The fact that we can still attract large numbers of new members is greatly encouraging and we need to continue recruiting new members. I do believe, however, that more importantly we need to develop a strategy in retaining our members. This can be as simple as working on better communication. When a member starts to miss meetings, call him or her to see if there is a problem. It means a lot that member to recognize that they've been missed by a fellow member. Try to socialize with your fellow members outside of Rotary functions. Make a point of going out for dinner once or twice a month with other members.

Talk about membership at your meetings! Brainstorm on how you can improve your meetings and make them more attractive to your membership. Above all, stop the negative comments! It is detrimental to the morale of the club. Nobody wants to go to a meeting where everybody is bad-mouthing each other.

We're all in this together folks. Let's make this the greatest organization possible!

Roger

[The Rotary Club of New Milford](#)

Landowners Get Briefing on Lanternfly

On January 17, 2019, a joint effort by the New Milford Area Rotary Club and the Susquehanna County Forest Land Owners Association facilitated a very successful public forum addressing "What to Do If You Find the Spotted Lanternfly on Your Property."

Thirty-two attendees tuned into presenters from the Penn State Extension Master Gardeners of Susquehanna County, who spoke and passed out information on the potential danger this invasive insect presents to all of Pennsylvania. The Spotted Lanternfly (SLF), *Lycorma delicatula* (White), is an invasive planthopper native to China, India, and Vietnam.

It was first discovered in Pennsylvania in Berks County in 2012 and has spread to other counties in the southeast portion of the Commonwealth. This destructive insect feeds on a variety of more than 70 species of plants including hardwood trees, grapes, apples, peaches, ailanthus, hops and certain ornamental plants. It is also reducing the quality of life for people living in heavily infested areas.

Currently there is a quarantine in place for 13 counties in southeastern Pennsylvania to try to stop the movement of this insect, which has been confirmed to be present as far north as Monroe County. If ignored, this invasive insect will have a significant negative impact on the \$18 billion Pennsylvania agriculture, including hardwood and nursery industries.

State officials caution they expect the quarantine to grow this year and the insect could work its way into our region. The attending public at this event agreed that this threat needs to be broadcast to all with alarm. Similar forums will be conducted, soon. The sponsors wish to thank the Susquehanna County Library for providing the venue to deliver this alert.

To learn what you can do to help stop this invasive insect, contact your county Penn State Extension Office or the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.



Master Gardeners Brenda Style and Nancy Dooling briefing the crowd (above) and Nancy Dooling describes the life cycle of the Spotted Lanternfly at right.



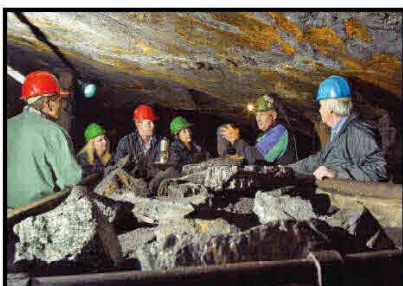
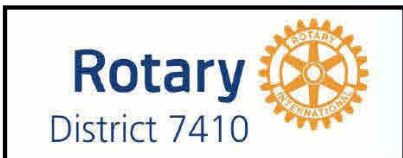
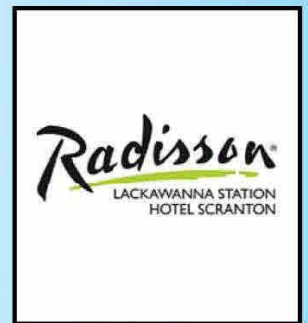
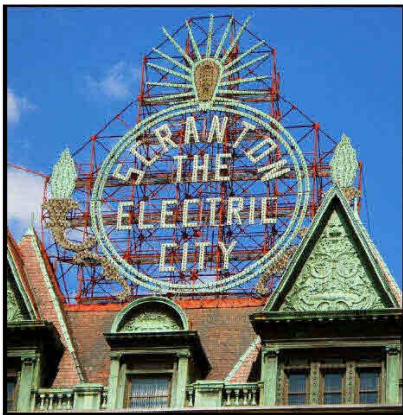
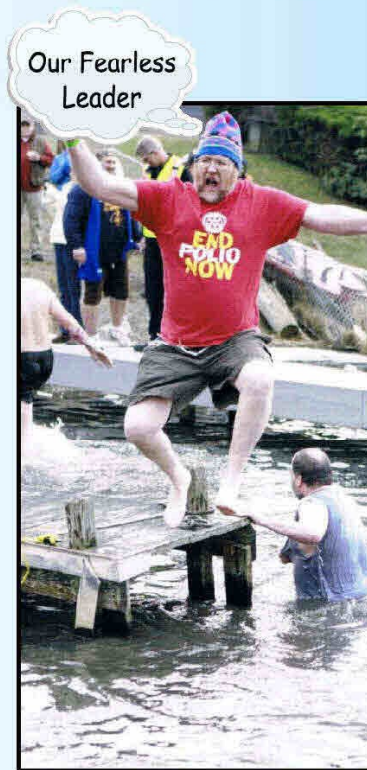
Treasurers: Got Your Dues Statement?

This is a reminder to all club treasurers in Rotary District 7410 that semi-annual dues statements should have recently arrived in your emails.

All treasurers are asked to be sure to check your email for your club's statement. If you did not receive them, be sure to let Brenda know at rotarydistrict7410@gmail.com.



THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN YOUR HANDS



District 7410 Annual Conference
Friday, April 5th & Saturday April 6th

Hotel Reservations
Radisson Lackawanna Station Hotel
700 Lackawanna Ave, Scranton

\$105.00
per night plus tax

Call (800) 333-3333 for room reservations
code is DISROT
or Online at www.radisson.com/disrot



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Registration Form

Rotarian Name _____ Name for Badge _____ Club _____
 Guest Name _____ Guest Name for Badge _____
 Rotarian E-mail _____ Rotarian Phone _____

Pricing & Packages

Package Description	Pricing until March 4th	Pricing March 5th or after	TOTAL DUE
Total Package (All meetings, tours & meals of Friday & Saturday)	WOW !! \$ 99.00 <i>Limit for the first 100 registers \$135.00 after</i>	\$ 145.00	\$ _____
Friday Only (all meetings & dinner on Friday only)	\$ 55.00	\$ 65.00	\$ _____
Saturday All Day (All meetings, lunch & dinner on Saturday)	\$ 80.00	\$ 90.00	\$ _____
Coal Mine Tour	\$ 10.00	\$ 15.00	\$ _____
Saturday Lunch Only	\$ 30.00	\$ 35.00	\$ _____
Saturday Banquet Only	\$ 55.00	\$ 65.00	\$ _____
Per room Credit for staying at hotel (only 1 per hotel room)	\$ -6.00 per night	\$ -6.00 per night	
Meal Plans (please check one) <input type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Gluten Free <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian			TOTAL DUE \$ _____

Register Online: www.RotaryDistrict7410.org Register by mail to - Rotary District 7410

1173 Clay Ave., Scranton PA 18510

Questions? Email Timothy Genetti at tgenetti7410dc@gmail.com

Schedule of Events

FRIDAY, APRIL 5th, 2019

- 11:00 am - 6:00 pm - Registration begins
- 11:00 am - 7:00 pm - House of Friendship
- 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm - Rotary in Action
- 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm - Breakout Sessions Helping your Rotary Club
- 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm - Welcome
- 6:15 pm - 6:45 pm - Memorial Service
- 6:45 pm - 7:45 pm - Cocktail Hour
- 7:45 pm - 9:45 pm - Dinner
- 10:00 pm - Special Dessert & Cordials Banquet

SATURDAY, APRIL 6th, 2019

- 8:00 am - 6:00 pm - Registration begins
- 8:00 am - 7:00 pm - House of Friendship
- 8:30 am - 9:15 am - Rotary Means Business / Business Card Exchange
Free Mimosa or Bloody Mary
- 9:30 am - 10:30 am - Great Local Rotary Community Projects
- 9:30 am - 12:00 pm - Optional Coal Mine Tour
- 10:45 am - 11:30 am - Breakout Sessions Learning about District 7410
- 11:45 am - 2:00 pm - Lunch Buffet
- 2:15 pm - 3:30 pm - Youth program and Valarie Wafer
- 3:45 pm - 4:30 pm - Running a wine festival / Free wine tasting
- 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm - Cocktail Hour
- 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm - Dinner
- 9:00 pm - ??? - Hospitality Suite

[The Rotary Club of Tunkhannock](#)

Ushering in and Closing Out Holidays with Fun Events

The Tunkhannock Rotarians enjoyed some fun events before and after the holidays, flaunting ugly sweaters at a Christmas Luncheon just before Christmas and looked ahead to the new year at their January social.

At the Dec 20 Rotary Meeting Christmas Luncheon, President Mike Markovitz asked all the contestants for the Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest to come to the front of the room, so that the judges could see their entries. Mike took himself out of the running even though his sweater was definitely ugly.

The esteemed panel of judges picked the three finalists: Mary Tempest, Jim Welch and Terri Detrick.

The club then voted by applause for the winning outfit, which hands down went to Terri Detrick, who took the ugly sweater concept to the extreme with her head to ankle ensemble. All three received prizes for their entries.



The runaway winner by virtue of applause in the ugly sweater competition, thanks to a full-length outfit, was Terri Detrick. Shown are (from left) runners-up Mary Tempest and Jim Welch, Detrick and President Mike Markovitz at the podium

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The panel of judges at left knew ugly when they saw it. From left are Judges Norm Kelly, Tom Kukuchka, exchange students John and Andrew, John Hovan and Harry Sharpe



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

Bringing “Warmth, Confidence and Hope for Children”

Through our Operation Warm project, we were able to provide warm coats for the four children in the family we adopted in addition to the gifts they will receive!

The mission of Operation Warm is to provide "warmth, confidence and hope to children in need through the gift of brand new winter coats. We believe a brand new coat is more than a coat. Through serving millions of children in need across North America, we have seen that a brand new coat offers a child physical and emotional warmth, confidence to socialize and succeed, and hope of a brighter future."

Our club is honored to be able to take part in their mission.

Participate in “Adopt-a-Family”

In addition to the coats, our club participated in the Victim's Intervention Program of Wayne & Pike Counties' "Adopt-a-Family" program. Our local VIP services Wayne & Pike Counties.

Their mission is to educate the community about violence, empower victims of violence to make the best choices for their individual situations, and to invite the community to envision a world free of violence. They strive towards their mission daily by providing confidential, no-cost services to individuals who are victims of serious crimes.

They have a 24-hour crisis hotline which can be reached at 1-800-698-4VIP(4847) or 570-253-4401. The work that this organization does is truly remarkable and we are proud to support them and the families they service this holiday season!



The Rotary Club of Hamlin/Lake Ariel donated coats and provided gifts to the Victim's Intervention Program of Wayne & Pike Counties' "Adopt-a-Family" program this year.



Stroudsburg High Student Returns from Finland

Stroudsburg Area High School Senior Alefiyah Vahanvaty (left) has returned from her International Exchange in Finland. The best part of her trip was the different places she had visited while there and the culture she took in. She is pictured with Rotarian Cleo Jarvis, Ramlah Vahanvaty (her mother), Club President Lucille Piggott Prawl and her father Murtaza Vahanvaty.



After dinner, many of the attendees of the Tunkhannock Rotary's Post-Holiday Social too the opportunity to trip the light fantastic on the Shadowbrook dance floor..

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On Saturday Jan 12, Tunkhannock Rotary held its Post-Holiday Social at the Shadowbrook Inn and Resort. This year, the club invited both the Tunkhannock Kiwanis Club and the volunteers that helped with the Oct Harvest & Wine Festival to attend.

This was the 3rd event during 2018-2019 at which the Tunkhannock Kiwanis and Tunkhannock Rotary came together, even though they have been 'friendly' rivals since the 1930s. The first event was at the end of Aug when Rotarians helped out during a 4-hr time slot at the Kiwanis food stand at the Wyoming County Community Fair. The second was when members of the Kiwanis helped with car parking at the Oct Rotary Harvest & Wine Festival. So, this was the 3rd opportunity for members of both clubs to socialize and enjoy each other's fellowship.

Also, in attendance were: District Governor Roger Mattes and his wife Jackie (Winola Rotary) and Cluster 2 Assistant Governor Dave Palmer (New Milford Rotary) and his wife.

After a social period, a buffet dinner was held with music provided by the Jimmy Welch Band.

Exchange Students Talk About Italy, Ecuador

Elizabeth DeMarco's Trip to Ecuador

At the Jan 10 Tunkhannock Rotary Luncheon, Elizabeth DeMarco spoke about her 3-week short-term exchange to Ecuador in summer 2018.

Ecuadorian student Camilla Puga came for three weeks last summer and then Elizabeth went to Ecuador with her for three weeks. They arrived at Quito Ecuador, where they visited the equator, the historic district and the famous El Panecillo, an aluminum statue of the virgin of Quito atop a 200-meter volcanic hill..

One of the highlights of her visit was going up a mountain on a gondola and swinging off the top of the mountain.

They went to the Galapagos for five days, but it was the rainy season, so the views were not as great as usual. They walked



Shown (from left) are Sophie Burke, Beatrice Bursi, Camilla Puga and Elizabeth DeMarco Sophie and Elizabeth talked about their three-week trips to Italy and Ecuador, respectively.

and crawled through lava tubes on one of the islands. Santa Fe Island had lots of seals on the shore. They also went snorkeling.

They also visited the land tortoises; they are huge at the Charles Darwin Center where they raise them. Each island has a different type of turtle.

Tortuga Bay was very cloudy on the day of their visit and they did not get a chance

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The Rotary Club of Sayre



Rotarians Break Bread with Sayre High Scholars

The Sayre High School Scholarship Challenge team joined members of the Sayre Rotary Club for lunch at the Grille at the Train Station, Sayre. After lunch they squared off into teams – SHS vs Rotary to practice for their upcoming Scholarship Challenge appearance. A great time was had by all! Shown left to right are Jeff Paul, Sayre Rotary President, SHS Scholarship

Challenge team members Veronica Johnson, Emily Moore, John Cron, Kiley Brennan, James Esposito, Lonnie Green and from Scholarship Challenge, Chuck Carver. Sayre Rotarians wished the students the best of luck not only with Scholarship Challenge, but all of the challenges they will face in their futures.

Hazleton Club Backs United Way

The Rotary Club of Hazleton recently provided \$1,500 to the Annual Fund of the United Way of Greater Hazleton.

The money has been allocated through a Rotary Club 2018-19 Community Grant Program, "Service Above Self", intended to benefit organizations and agencies in communities in the Greater Hazleton Area

"By helping the United Way of Greater Hazleton, Inc., The Hazleton Rotary grant is intended to flow through to assist the United Way's 24 agencies directly. The Project Committee certainly felt it to be a worthwhile endeavor to help so many." explains Ms. McNulty.

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Happy Hundredth Birthday\!

At Thursday's weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of the Abingtons members and family honored Howard Hyde who turns 100 January 20. For almost half of his life he has served Rotary's motto Service Above Self. A member since 1970 Howard served as President for the 1979-1980 year and has volunteered on many Rotary projects L to R: President Ryan Campbell and Howard Hyde.



NOT JUST ANOTHER AUCTION

PRESENTED BY: THE ROTARY CLUB OF THE STROUDSBURG

Dear Sponsors,

The Rotary Club of the Stroudsburgs "Not Just Another Auction" is right around the corner again, March 14, 2019 at the Shawnee Inn & Golf Resort from 5:30-9:30 pm. The evening will feature a combination Silent & Live Auction coupled with live Irish entertainment, dinner, drinks, fellowship & fun.

All funds raised from this event will directly fund local & international projects of the Rotary Club of the Stroudsburgs through the Stroudsburg Rotary Foundation, our local 501(c) 3 corporation! Your support through funding a sponsorship is greatly needed for us to achieve our goals. Please consider one of our Sponsorship levels outlined as noted.

The focus of this year's effort will be on supporting education initiatives where we hope to build on last year's efforts. Based on this year's initiative the Rotary Club has named Sharon Laverdure, retired Superintendent of the East Stroudsburg School District, as this year's recipient of the Buzz Bensinger Award. Money raised from this event last year helped to fund college scholarships for high school seniors, GED equivalency and citizenship tutoring through the Eastern Monroe Public Library, and programs managed by Developmental Educational Services.

With your help we can make a difference locally!

Thank you for your support!

Jeff Gilbert, Not Just Another Auction Chair

We ask that you provide .jpeg artwork or a business card to notjustanotherauction@gmail.com & submit payment no later than March 1, 2019!

SPONSORSHIPS

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CHAIRMAN'S LEVEL
FULL PAGE BACK COVER AD
RESERVED TABLE FOR 8
(INCLUDES: ALL MEDIA)

\$2500

PRESIDENT'S LEVEL
FULL PAGE INSIDE AD
(6) EVENT TICKETS
(INCLUDES: ALL MEDIA)

\$1000

COMMITTEE LEVEL
½ PAGE AD
(4) EVENT TICKETS
(INCLUDES: ALL MEDIA)

\$500

MEMBER LEVEL
¼ PAGE AD
(2) EVENT TICKETS
(INCLUDES: ALL MEDIA)

Aside from the Sponsorships listed, program only advertisements are available
FP \$200 HP \$150 & GP \$75

MAKE CHECKS TO:

Stroudsburg Rotary
Foundation
PO Box 365
Stroudsburg, PA 18360
a 501(c) 3 corporation

The official registration and financial information of Stroudsburg Rotary Foundation may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0888. Registration does not imply endorsement.

[The Rotary Club of Tunkhannock](#)

Club Inducts New Members in Three Consecutive Weeks

At the Dec 27 Rotary Luncheon, Dory Browning was inducted into Tunkhannock Rotary by Club Membership Chair Ron Furman. Dory was sponsored by Ruth Gorski.

Dory is the Executive Director of the True Friends Animal Welfare Center, which is a 501(c)3 non-profit, no kill shelter serving as a safe refuge for animals in need. She was recently a guest speaker at one of our Rotary meetings. In lieu of a traditional speaker's "thank you" gift, club members presented Dory with animal food and items for the shelter.

At the Jan 3, 2019 Tunkhannock Rotary Luncheon, club membership Chair Ron Furman inducted Chelsea English into Rotary. Chelsea was sponsored by Ron.



Sponsor Ruth Gorski (left) with new member Dory Browning and Membership Chair Ron Furman

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to experience its amazing beaches.

She got to visit Ibarra in northern Ecuador, a province with lots of lagoons. They went to a bird aviary and she got to hold a bird. They also visited a volcano and went to a spa with naturally heated pools..

Elizabeth really enjoyed the food and commented that the coconut ice cream was amazing. By the end of the trip, she was able to understand Spanish much better.

Elizabeth ended her talk by thanking the Tunkhannock Rotary for sponsoring her for this opportunity and stated that she really appreciated being able to experience another type of life, as well as appreciating the differences between the U.S. and other countries. This was her first trip outside of the country..

Sophie Burke's Trip to Italy

At the Jan 24 Tunkhannock Rotary Luncheon, Sophie Burke spoke about her three-week short-term exchange to Italy in summer 2018. Sophie's

family was one of the host families for Italian exchange student, Vittorio Sica (2017-2018).

She went to District Conference at Kalahari last year and it was good preparation, since she talked to former exchange students. Sophie's country choices for her short-term exchange were Italy, Spain and France. She was assigned to Italy, but she got to go to all three during her exchange.

Beatrice Bursi, inbound from Italy came in early July 2018. They first visited some local places, and then went on a camping trip on a lake. During Bea's visit they journeyed to Washington DC, New York and the Jersey shore. She got more comfortable with her English during her visit. Then Bea and Sophie flew to Italy.

Sophie stayed with Bea's family outside of Milan and she loved to help out in the kitchen. The food was amazing in Italy. They visited a lovely cathedral in Milan and picked fresh fruit out of their yard, which was 15

min from Lake Como.

On the 2nd day of her visit, they went to Venice. Since Sophie was a little under the weather after all her travels, they decided against a gondola ride.

They also went to her host family's place in Andorra, had time on the beach and met their summer friends.

After Andorra, they went to visit Bursi family in France and then they went to Spain, where Sophie got to practice her Spanish. There was a Festival of Brotherhood in the village that they attended. The men prepared the meal for everyone in the village (paella) and lunch was 4 hr long.

After her visit with the Bursi family, she went to visit the Sica's in Naples, Italy. Sophie said the food, gelato and coffee were fantastic in Italy.

Sophie now Facetimes with Bea every day and is happy that her family will go to visit the Bursi and Sica families in Italy this summer when she will finally get to go on a gondola trip.

[The Rotary Club of Hazleton](#)

Keeping Families Safe from Home Fires

A \$1,500 grant was recently allocated to The American Red Cross of Northeast PA for their Home Fire Campaign to be used in the Greater Hazleton Area.

The American Red Cross' nationwide Home Fire Campaign is now credited with saving more than 500 lives across the country and installing more than 1.5 million free smoke alarms.

Launched in 2014, the Home Fire Campaign is also responsible for more than 7,500 smoke alarms being installed in Luzerne County alone by Red Cross volunteers, firefighters and other community partners.

"In this country, seven people lose their lives every

day from a home fire," said Bill Goldsworthy, Executive Director for the Red Cross of Northeast PA. "Even one death from a home fire is tragic. This grant will ensure the Home Fire Campaign will keep on going to help protect people and prepare them for emergencies like a fire in their home."

"Unfortunately, fires are all too common in Greater Hazleton," comments Rotary President Kathie Oh "and the Rotary Club certainly wants to help provide protection that could help reduce the loss of lives, homes and property. We appreciate and welcome the efforts of the Red Cross of Northeast PA in doing this."



Teaming to make homes safer from fire are (from left) Kim McNulty, Hazleton Rotary Project Committee Chair; Kathie Oh, Hazleton Rotary President; Bill Goldsworthy American Red Cross NEPA Executive Director and Alan Whitaker, Hazleton Rotary President-Elect

For more information on the Red Cross Home Fire Campaign and how to obtain free smoke alarms, call 570-823-7161 or visit soundthealarm.org/easternpa.

Hazleton Rotary Continues to Support "Soul Kitchen"

"In answer to a problem in the Greater Hazleton Area, that seems to continue to grow, a Hazleton Rotary "Service Above Self" Grant for \$2,000 has been given to "The Soul Kitchen" which provides free meals for community members who are in need." says Ms. McNulty.

A monthly meal is served, the second Tuesday of the month, 4PM-6PM, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 100 N. Church Street, Hazleton. Gently used clothing is available at that time, as well.

Marcus says "We serve about 250 folks at our monthly dinner and feed 40-50 folks at the Divine Providence homeless shelter in Hazleton, twice monthly, as well. We pride ourselves on our culinary excellence, that is, we serve healthy meals, not sandwiches. We also encourage the development of fellowship among all who attend and volunteer at the meals.

"We can't thank the Hazleton Rotary Club enough for continuing to help us in our efforts to affect the human heart by alleviating hunger and want in our community through fellowship, hard work, delicious food and inclusiveness."



Marcus Colasurdo (right), Soul Kitchen Director, was a speaker at the recent Rotary Club meeting. Kim McNulty, Rotary Project Committee Chair, is at the left.

The Rotary Club of New Milford

Meet New Milford's Charter Interact Club

Chalk up a first for the New Milford Area Rotary Club on January 3, 2019, when it formally chartered an Interact Club at Susquehanna Community Schools.

Interact is a service club for youth ages 12 to 18 who want to connect with other young people and have fun while serving their communities and learning about the world. Clubs, which meet at least twice a month, are sponsored by local Rotary clubs. Interact clubs organize two projects every year, one that helps their school or community and one that promotes international understanding. Members of sponsor Rotary clubs mentor Interactors as they carry out the projects and develop leadership skills.

The forming of this club was prompted by positive student feedback from two years of Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) experiences. If you would like to learn more about Interact and Rotary, call 570-498-6637.



Charter members for Susquehanna Community Schools are pictured above left to right: Jakub Tomczyk, Rachel Day, Airyll Rockwell, Mrs Jennifer Rockwell (Club Advisor), Emily Fremberg and New Milford Area Rotary Club President Grant Palmer. Taylor Huyck was unavailable for the picture. Grant Palmer presented Interact membership pins and the official Interact Club Charter.

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The concept of giving through United Way remains the same as it was more than 100 years ago – to urge everyone to donate at any level to support the needs of their families, friends and neighbors. United Way of Greater Hazleton, Inc., our community United Way, continues to be the conduit that guarantees 24-hour service to the community

“Rotary’s support of the United Way is so important, and we are grateful to the club for recognizing the role of United Way in this community, helping people of all ages who are in need.” says Mr. Ward. “This contribution will be a great boost to our annual campaign, and will especially assist individuals and families needing food.”



Shown at the check presentation to the United Way of Greater Hazleton are (from left) Kim McNulty, Hazleton Rotary Project Chair; Kathie Oh, Hazleton Rotary President; Pat Ward, President/CEO, United Way of Greater Hazleton, Inc, and Alan Whitaker-Hazleton Rotary President

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Chelsea is the marketing manager at SERVPRO of Kingston, Pittston City and Wyoming County. She has a bachelor's degree in Corporate Communications from The Pennsylvania State University Wilkes-Barre Campus. Once she is more familiar with the Club, Chelsea will be taking over the position as Chair of the Club's Public Relations



**Membership chair and sponsor
Ron Furman with Chelsea English**

Committee, utilizing her Corporate Communications background in an effort to reach younger prospective Rotarians by spreading the word on the good works that Rotary does locally and in the world.

At the Jan 10 Rotary Luncheon at Purkey's Pink Apple, Pres Michael Markovitz inducted Mary Martin as the newest Tunkhannock Rotarian. George Gay was Mary's sponsor, but in George's absence, Mary was pinned

by her husband Past President Bill Barber. Mary and Bill are the second husband and wife Rotarian couple in the Club.



They're Helping the Blind And Visually Impaired in NEP

At a recent meeting of the Rotary Club of Dallas, the speakers were Sara Paperno and Amy Feldman from the Northeast Sight Services. Their organization, formerly called the Association for the Blind, celebrates their 100th anniversary this year.

They help blind and visually impaired people to achieve the best possible quality of life and prevent vision loss through education and early detection for people of all ages. They talked about the advances the organization has made to help their clients, and demonstrated some of the sight assisting screenings and devices that are now available to assist individuals to live a fuller life.

They offer an array of social services to people with varying degrees of vision loss from low vision to legal blindness to total blindness. Club President Kim Reynolds presented a check to the representatives of Sight Services to assist with their mission. From left above are Kim Reynolds, Sight Services President and CEO Sara Paperno and Sight Services Representative Amy Feldman



Past President. Bill Barber, Mary Martin and President. Mike Markovitz



The Rotary Club of The Stroudsburgs

Student Gather to Spread Message of Leadership

Senior student leader from all over Monroe County included East Stroudsburg North and South, Notre Dame, Pleasant Valley, Pocono Mountain East and West and Stroudsburg Area High Schools.

The Rotary Club of the Stroudsburgs celebrated their successes and heard from the students on how they are leaders in their schools and communities.

The club also welcomed Rotarian and Key-note Speaker Richard Mutchler (top right), Founder and President of Bio-Spectra, Inc, a globally recognized leader of Bio-Pharmaceutical drug ingredient manufacturing.

Mr. Mutchler interactively helped the students understand their own perceptions of leadership and show them how to balance those perceptions with the ideals of their international counterparts based on his very extensive and successful on-site management of business relationships in the world's leading economies and political systems.



The Rotary Club of The Stroudsburgs & Tunkhannock

Tunkhannock Club Supports Adult Center

At the Jan 3 Rotary Luncheon, the Club heard from Rachael Kiwak, Director of the Wyoming County Active Adult Center, who spoke about the variety of programs and activities available at the Center under the auspices of the Area Agency on Aging.

The center has a large variety of activities for seniors including: cards, games, parties, crafts and theater visits. They sponsor many health and wellness programs such as: exercise classes, info on home-bound services, nursing services and foster grandparents' programs. They regularly sponsor speakers of interest to seniors and have a newsletter. They can also help with senior employment.

After the presentation, Center representatives were presented with a check for \$1,000 to help with their support for seniors in the community. This money is part of Tunkhannock Rotary's Senior Issues Committee's Mission to identify and help support needed services and activities for seniors in the community that are currently underfunded or not funded.

This committee is chaired by Patty Ehrenzeller..



Check presentation to Wyoming County Active Adult Center by Patty Ehrenzeller (center in checkered jacket) and President Mike Markovitz (far right)



Bell Ringing in Stroudsburgs

The tradition continues as the Rotary Club of the Stroudsburgs rang the bell for the Salvation Army this holiday season. Lots of fun was had on this cold day. Afterwards, members got together to toast the memory of our club's Rotarian Santa Bob Wehe that had passed last year as this was among one of his favorite activities.

Goodies for Veterans

Rotarian Karen DeMatteo delivered 100 boxes of cake mix and frosting donated by fellow Rotarians, along with 100-plus cans of pumpkin from the Interact Club of Stroudsburg High School to Paul's House for their Thanksgiving meal boxes. The boxes go to 125 local Veteran families in the service area. Thank you to everyone who helped.



New Rotarians

Honesdale	Leslie Curry
Newfoundland	Debbi Tereschak
Slate Belt	Joshua Mrozinski
Troy	Andrew Clark
	Christina Jones
Tunkhannock	David Kuffa
	Peter Sehne

District 7410 – 2018 Club Data

Club	Total Mem.	New Mem.	Attend. %
Abingtons, The	50		41.50%
Athens	15		
Blakeslee	10		63.64%
Dallas	47		
Dunmore	15		70.00%
Forest City Area	11		27.20%
Freeland	5		
Hamlin Lake Ariel	31		49.46%
Hawley	21		
Hazleton	73		30.88%
Honesdale	39	1	
Jim Thorpe	22		
Kingston	30		68%
Lehighton	10		
Milford-Matamoras	31		
Mountaintop	32		63%
Mt. Pocono	19		
New Milford	16		88%
Newfoundland	39	1	52.5%
North Pocono	17		
North Scranton	26		62%
Passport	15		
Pittston	19		
Plains	16		
Plymouth	21		72.00%
Pocono Mountains	15		0.00%
Sayre	18		58.00%
Scranton	46		0.00%
Slate Belt Rotary	21	1	30.00%
Smithfields	20		12.54%
Stroudsburgs, The	94		51.64%
Towanda	13		
Trail	13		
Troy	24	2	
Tunkhannock	72	2	
Weatherly	10		
Wellsboro	40		
West End	14		69.05%
Wilkes-Barre	25		
Winola	11		
Wyalusing Area	20		48.00%
Wyoming	22		36.00%





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