

DISTRICT 7410 NEWSLETTER

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NAAMASTE



As we roll into February “Peace and Conflict Resolution” month, let us think about how we as Rotarians in our clubs can promote peace in our communities. Conflict resolution is also a huge issue in our schools and even in our workplaces. Have you ever thought about holding a forum on one of these topics for others in your community? How about your Interact Club? One of the speakers at our upcoming conference in May is a Rotary Peace Scholar, DF Pace. He is an Inspector with the Philadelphia Police Department and will share with us how he uses his peace scholar training on the job.

Speaking of the District Conferences... don't forget to sign up before the “Sweet Deal” early pricing ends after Valentines Day! Visit the website to register right away!!! You don't want to miss it.

January was a busy month with our Outbound Exchange students for the 2020 - 2021 school year receiving their country during

a weekend of fun with all of the inbounds from D 7430 and D 7410. Dallas Rotary chartered a new Rotaract Club at Misericordia University and the charter President is a RYLA Alumni! I love how Rotary connects us. The Pittston, Wilkes-Barre and Dallas clubs held a joint Meet and Greet at Sabatini's Bottle Shop with over 50 people in attendance! We know some new Rotarians were in that room, great job! The Penguins for Polio game was this past Friday night and not only did the Penguins win the game, with the Gates match we brought in close to \$2,000 for the End Polio campaign. I had the fun honor of dropping the “ceremonial” puck to start the game. I didn't have to wear a helmet or skates and best of all they gave me the puck as a souvenir. It was another fun District fundraising event. Great job by our Polio Chair Dave Palmer and his committee!

The Gates Foundation renewed their matching program with Rotary for an additional \$150 million a year for the next three years! So we must keep our fundraising strong to meet the \$50 million each year to receive the match. Keep up the great work you have already started.

I spent 10 days in India during the month and I must say that it was truly life changing! Not only did I visit some incredible sights like the Taj Mahal, the Amber Fort and the Agra Fort. I also walked on narrow streets with cows, dogs and children to reach a remote school sponsored by local Rotary Clubs. The sights and smells along the way were overpowering and hard to comprehend. The highlight of the trip was of course the opportunity to give life

saving polio vaccine drops to children in the community of Mewat. My resolve to do all I can to see the end



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District News

Welcome New Members

Abingtons—Phyllis Ruzbarsky

Blakeslee—Juliet Dunham
Carly Hower

Dallas—Janice Horn

Mt. Pocono—Jack Muehlhan

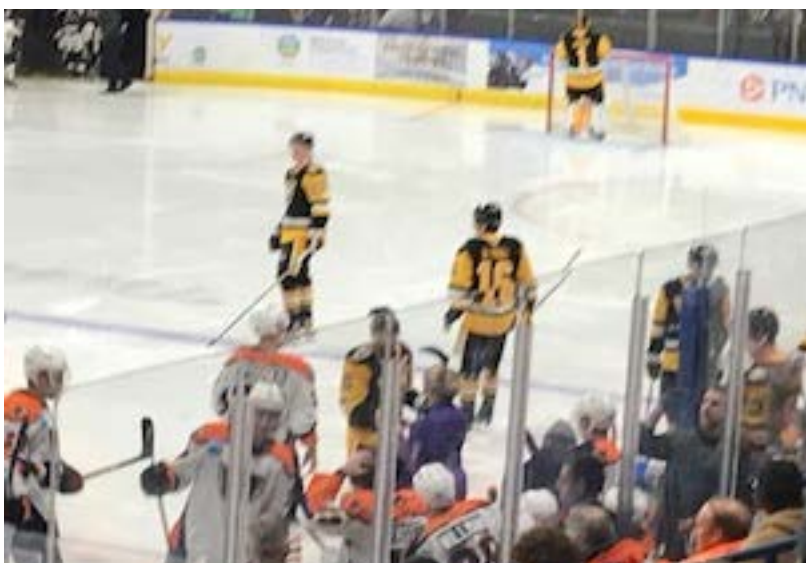
Stroudsburgs—Carmine Corridore
Thomas Harley

Troy—Kevin Zufall

Wellsboro—Ardys Boostrum



The ceremonial check presentation to me from David Casey, Group Sales Representative of the Wilkes-Barre Scranton Penguins hockey team.



of this disease is even stronger after this experience. If you would like me to come and share at your club, just ask. Oh and did I mention meeting the Dalai Lama?

I will close with our continued need to GROW ROTARY! We want to keep our district intact and we can only do that by increasing our numbers. Take advantage of the Membership Promotion running through the end of March! One club is going to receive a nice cash bonus for the largest NET gain in members!

We only have 5 months left in the Rotary year, have you made your donation for The Rotary Foundation yet? Don't wait until the last minute, make it a priority for February. You can donate online, call Rotary direct and make your donation over the phone, or turn a check in to your club's Foundation Chair. Let's keep doing Good in the World through our Foundation.

Rotary truly Connects the World!



Karen

Thanks from Dave!

Thank you everyone that supported the Hockey Night Out with the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins. At this point it looks like we've raised approximately \$1,875.00 to contribute to the effort to eradicate polio. The \$650 proceeds represent our share of 130 ticket sales for the Rotary District 7410 Rotary Night Out, to benefit the End Polio Now campaign. The \$650 is actually \$1,950 after the Gates Foundation matching grant is added. It should be noted that Rotarians from District 7360 also purchased tickets. Our own DG was chosen to lay down the ceremonial first puck. And, we were able to collaborate with Misericordia University to provide the opening music with God Bless America. And, the Penguins won! Sorry bout that to the District 7430 Rotarians in attendance!

Dave Palmer—Polio Chair

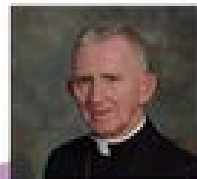
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DISTRICT 7410 THE PEOPLE OF ACTION CONFERENCE



Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change—across the globe, in our communities and in ourselves.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH 9AM-10PM
SHADOWBROOK RESORT 201 RESORT LN, TUNKHANNOCK, PA



DG Reverend
Paddy Rooney

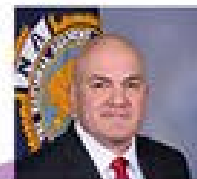


Assemblyman Eddie
Day Pashinski

SATURDAY, MAY 2ND 9AM-10PM
WOODLOCH RESORT 731 WELCOME LAKE RD, HAWLEY, PA



PDG Sylvia Whitlock
First female Rotary Club President



DF Pace Esq.
Rotary Peace Scholar and Inspector
with Philadelphia Police Dept.

Why Attend?

- Hands on Service Projects
- Make new Rotary and "Rotaract" friends
- Learn how to attract younger members
- Mr. Hula Contest benefiting the Rotary Foundation
- Dare to Dream Polio Documentary
- Just One DAY!
- Aloha Rotary Luau!

Register Here:

RotaryDistrict7410.org

This sweet deal will end 2/14/2020

\$75 for one day

\$125 for both days

Pricing after 2/14/2020

\$99 for one day

\$175 for both days



District News



District 7410
North East PA



TOGETHER, WE **GROW ROTARY**

Let's GROW our District to new heights!
In the Months of Dec, Jan, Feb and March the club with the
greatest NET gain in new members will receive :

(net must be more than 3)

\$50 per member in the club as of December 1st 2019

&

\$25 per NEW member Dec. thru March 30th

The club with the greatest GROSS gain will receive \$25 per new
member Dec thru March 30th

Just think of all the great projects you could do for your
community with those funds and all those new hands to help with
the projects.

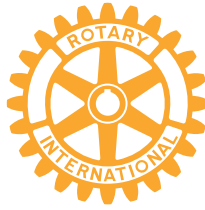
All new members MUST be entered through Clubrunner along with
any members you might lose during that time.

- Make your plan to GROW right away, host a meet and greet or an educational event and invite the community.
- Invite the parents of your RYLA and Interact students to join.
- Follow up on recent speakers you feel would make a good addition to your club.
- Use the Resources available from the District and Zone

Let's Add Some new Rocks to our clubs and GROW!!!!

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Rotary



Honesdale

Honesdale Interact Club Stepping Up for Kids in Cameroon



Youngsters in Cameroon, West Africa, gather around a shared computer. Honesdale High's Interact Club is hoping to help buy more and better computers for them.

When it comes to online communications, everybody wants lightning speed, but imagine waiting 40 minutes to connect to the internet. Would you even wait at all? “We grumble about our connectivity sometimes,” says Honesdale High School student Arjun Fulp, “but we have it made compared to the kids in Kumbo, Cameroon.” Fulp, president of the school’s Interact Club, rallied members to get behind a project to bring up-to-date computers and “connectivity” to the young people of this West African community. Almost a year into their campaign, the students, with help from the middle-school Rotary club Early Act, have raised \$11,000 and need \$4,000 more to hit their goal.

Arjun got the idea for the project after visiting a Kumbo community center and library built in part by Honesdale Rotary more than a decade ago. “I was really struck by how many kids crowded around the old computers. They really wanted to learn!” Arjun added that the computers not only took forever to boot up, “they were running Windows XP. That program outdates even us, we didn’t know what it was!”

Interact club members have spent the past nine months presenting their project to 15 Rotary clubs in northeast Pennsylvania and at the Rotary District 7410 Conference in Scranton last April. Two fundraisers, a Yoga Night and Balls Away, also helped raise money and awareness.

Honesdale High School senior Miranda Fritz said the club is committed to raising the last of the funds necessary to complete the project. “We know we only have a few months before we graduate, but we started it and we are going to finish it. And we hope that with our community, and Rotarians around the district and around the world, we can pull together and make our goal a reality for the kids and families of Kumbo.”

Honesdale Rotarian Lisa Champeau said her club was proud to support the project. “When we hear about Africa in the news, it’s not always positive, but it’s a big continent with young people just like our kids yearning to learn and advance themselves in the world,” she said, “Bravo to these Interact students for wanting to give their counterparts in Africa the chance to expand their horizons and access something they enjoy here in the United States every day—the internet.”

Arjun said he initially went to Kumbo because Honesdale Rotary, the Himalayan Institute and Moka Origins, a sustainable-farm coffee company based in Honesdale have connections there, and he wanted to see if he could help in some way. “I found a way,” he said, “all we need to do now is make it happen.”

For more information about how you can help, contact Brian Fulp at 570-309-7860



Interactors with Hamlin Rotary, first row: Arjun Fulp, Danielle Eifert, Hannah Holbert, Emma Dwyer and Joanne Firestone. Second row: Brian Fulp, Mary Ellen Bentler, Tyler Simons, Terry Gunning, Eileen Talalas, Jen Wargo and Terri Ditty. Third row: Tatiana Black, Bill Culley, Harry Talalas, Mark Michener, Laura Rowe and Marisa Romano

Clubs In Action

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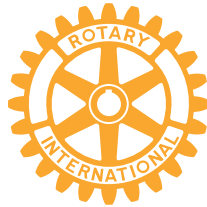
Sayre

Welcome New Member

Sayre Rotary is pleased to welcome their new member, Grayson Bailey. Grayson was born in Sayre and graduated from Athens Area High School. He attended Pennsylvania College of Technology, graduating in 2007 with two bachelor degrees in Computer Security and Computer Networking. He works as a Computer Systems Specialist II with C&T Enterprises where he has been employed since 2008. He is also an avid Penn State fan. Shown with Grayson (right) is Sayre Rotary's current president, Ryan Skovira (left). Sayre Rotary meets every Tuesday at 12:10 pm at The Grill at the Station, 718 North Lehigh Avenue, Sayre.



Rotary



The Abingtons

Living Wage Report



Mike Allison, a South Abington Township resident, professor and chair of The University of Scranton's Department of Political Science, was our program presenter at today's lunch meeting, the guest speaker of member John Hambrose.

Mike discussed the University's recently updated "Living Wage Report" that studies the economic and life challenges facing Lackawanna County's least privileged families and households. The report also offers a series of recommendations that would help these families and households meet basic needs and enjoy a modest but dignified existence.

Mike grew up in Rockaway Beach, N.Y., and earned a bachelor's degree in Politics and minors in Latin American and Caribbean Studies and Peace and Justice Studies from Fairfield University in 1996. He earned his master (2001) and doctoral (2006) degrees in Political Science from Florida State University in Tallahassee.

Clubs In Action

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Hazleton



The following took part in delivering coats for the Hazleton Rotary Club's Kidz Coatz project on Wednesday, January 15th.

Row 1, L-R: Marylynne Spear, Michele Kushmeder, Donna Barna.
Row, L-R: Bill Spear, Mikel Cammisa, Ron Avellino, Jason Brenner, Pat Ward. Absent from Photo-Katrina Lennartz and Mary Malone

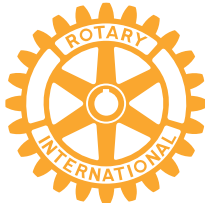
Kidz Coatz

Some needy children in the Greater Hazleton Area will be provided with new coats thanks to the Hazleton Rotary Club's Kidz Coatz Project. This project has been held annually since 2007.

Working with local retailers brand new coats were purchased for children in need from all elementary/ middle schools in the Hazleton Area School District. The coats are distributed to those children who are confidentially identified by their teachers.

"The Rotary Club of Hazleton is very pleased to be able to provide this service to the community again and we hope to be able to continue to do so yearly. It does truly make you feel good to know we are helping children keep warm to and from school and in their wintertime play." comments Project Chair Donna Barna.

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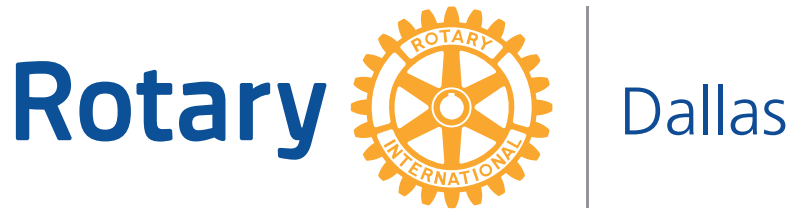


Passport

Volunteers Available

The Passport Club has members throughout the 7410 district who can support events run by your local club.

Please email Club President Brenda Allen at brendaallennepa@gmail.com or Chip Jaeger at Rotary7410PassportClub@gmail.com if you have an event you want to share with our members.



Misericordia University and Dallas Rotary Unite to Support Students

Rotary members were pleased to induct and install seven members of the newly formed Rotaract Club at Misericordia University.

Rotaract, a young adult Rotary service club, has been around for more than 50 years. The first club was begun at the University of North Carolina Charlotte in 1968. Now there are more than 10,000 Rotaract Clubs with more than 250,000 students (ages 18-30) in 184 countries around the world living their motto of "Service Above Self."

Dr. Tom Botzman, President of Misericordia University, and Mrs. Vanessa Botzman were the hosts at the university for the inauguration of the first Rotaract Club formed by the Dallas Rotary Club. Misericordia Educators and Rotarians Heather Fritz and Heidi Manning are the co-advisors for this new community and worldwide service club at the university.

Rotary District 7410 Governor Karen DeMatteo and District Youth Chair Heather Piperato were also on hand for the festivities, and with the members of the Dallas Club, welcomed the seven Rotaract students into the family of Rotary. The Dallas Rotary plans to collaborate with the Misericordia students on special events, special meetings and social events.

Fundraiser for Food Pantry

The Dallas Rotary recently held their annual auction and raffle to raise food and funds for the Back Mountain Food Pantry. The event was held at their weekly meeting place, the Irem Country Club in Dallas. Through the generosity of their club members and friends, they raised \$1,000.00 and 325 pounds of food.



First row, from left: Rotaract Treasurer Samantha Roth, Rotary District 7410 Youth Chair Heather Piperato, Misericordia President Dr. Tom Botzman, Rotary District 7410 Governor Karen DeMatteo, Dallas Rotary President John Doerfler, Rotaract Vice President Jacquelyn Janocha, Misericordia Educator and Rotaract co-advisor Rotarian Heather Fritz. Misericordia Educator and Rotaract co-advisor Rotarian Heidi Manning was not available for the photo. Second row: Rotaract Secretary Nicole Hannon, Rotaract member Jillian Olenick, Rotaract Social Media Chair Marissa Walzer, Rotaract member Ashlie Kohr, Rotaract President Madison Klopp.

Some of the committee members, from left: Todd Buckley, Kim Reynolds, Eric Martin, Heather Fritz, President John Doerfler, Event chairperson Sandy Peoples, JoAnn Prohaska, Jason Jolley.

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Volunteer Opportunities

Do you need volunteers to help with an upcoming project or event? Send me your requirements - date, time, specific help needed. Let's bring our clubs together in service!

District News

Traveling? Why not visit fellow Rotarians at other clubs in the District?

Please find dates and locations below.

Attention Club Presidents: If the information below is not up-to-date, please update it on the District website RotaryDistrict7410.org and let me know at rotary7410pi@yahoo.com

Club	#	New	Morning	Noonish	After Hours
Abingtons	52	1		12:10; TH; Ramada	
Athens	15	0		12:05; W; Microtel	
Blakeslee	13	2			6:30; W; Community Center
Dallas	48	1			6:30; TH; Irem Country Club
Dunmore	15	0			6:15; M; Carmella's
Forest City Area	13	0			6:30; 1st & 3rd M; Elegante
Freeland	5	0			5:45; M; MMI Prep Cafeteria
Hamlin-Lake Ariel	33	0			5:30; T; R Place
Hawley	23	0			6:00; TH; Settlers Inn
Hazleton	67	0		12:00; W; Genetti's	
Honesdale	39	0		12:00; T; Cordaro's	6:00; 1st T; Rotating
Jim Thorpe	24	0		12:00; T; Gathering Place	
Kingston	26	0			6:15; W; Theo's Metro
Lehighton	11	0		Check Facebook	6:00; M; Beacon Diner Twice Monthly
Milford-Matamoras	32	0		12:15; T; Balch's Restaurant	
Mountaintop	28	0	7:30; W; Chalet Restaurant		
Mt. Pocono	20	1			6:00; TH; Bailey's Steak House
New Milford	17	1			5:30; 1st & 3rd TH; Green Gables
Newfoundland	38	1			6:00; M; John's Italian Restaurant
North Pocono	18	1			6:00; TH; Elmhurst Country Club
North Scranton	27	0	8:00; W; Perkin's		5:30; TH; Sidel's Restaurant
Passport Club	21	0	Rotating;	Check	Rotarypassportclub7410.org
Pittston	19	0		12:15; T; Perkin's	
Plains	21	0			6:00; 1st & 3rd W; Woodlands Inn
Plymouth	21	0			7:00; TH; Keeley's Alehouse
Pocono Mtns.	17	0			6:15; W; Carrazza's Italian Restaurant
Sayre	22	1		12:10; T; Grille at the Train Station	
Scranton	50	3		12:00; M; Radisson Hotel	
Slate Belt	19	0			6:00; TH; Scorecard Sports Bar
Smithfields	17	0			7:00; T; Shawnee Inn
Stroudsburgs	99	2		11:55; TH; Sycamore Grille	
" Satellite	?	0			6:15; TH; Peppe's Bistro, E. Stroudsburg
Towanda	13	0		12:05; M; Woody's Ale House & Grill	
Trail/Factoryville	14	0		12:00; T; Gin's	5:30; 4th T; D&L Rail House
Troy	27	1	7:30; TH; Iron Skillet		
Tunkhannock	73	0		12:15; TH; Purkey's Pink Apple	
Weatherly	10	0			6:30; TH; Weatherly Country Inn
Wellsboro	48	1		12:15; TH; Penn Wells Hotel	
West End	14	0	7:30; TH; West Pocono Library		
Wilkes-Barre	22	0		12:00; T; Genetti's Best Western Hotel	
Winola	10	0			6:00; TH; 1st Ardee's; 3rd Bartolai
Wyalusing Area	21	0	7; 1st TH; Mark's Valley View	12:00; 2nd TH; Wyalusing Hotel	5:30 Social; 3rd TH; Wyalusing Hotel
Wyoming	23	0			6:15; TH; Fire & Ice