



# News from District 7410

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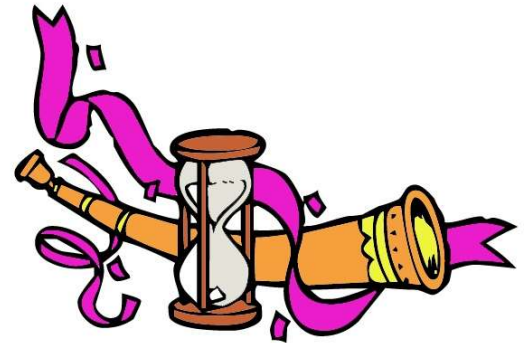
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## Letter from the District Governor

### *Happy New Year, District 7410 Rotarians!*

It's that traditional time of year when we whip out the paper and pencil (with eraser, of course!) and with all good intentions, make our lists of how we want to change our lives and behavior in the coming year. In business, upper management also takes a look at their strategic plan, evaluates performance in 2015, and makes adjustments for the 12 months ahead. Obviously, looking back and assessing what worked out favorably and identifying those events for which we'd like to get a "do over" helps in our future planning.



So, January is an excellent time for your club and its executive team to spend a bit of time in some constructive discussions. Their conclusions - - including how the club members collectively feel about what they've done (or not done!) - - can be used to fine-tune the activities and events scheduled for 2016.

In our October Membership Seminar and the November RLI seminars, attendees all heard the message that Rotary **needs to matter** to the individual members. It is the member's "Rotary Experience" that affects whether they stay or go to some other organization that is offering what they're looking for (e.g., opportunities for service, fellowship, networking). So, what is planned for your club this year that will engage their hearts and minds? Any major projects? Starting a new Interact club? Mentoring program? New fundraiser? If you have no answer, then use January to craft a member-experience compelling enough to keep your members coming to weekly meetings and engaged in projects that absolutely shout "Rotary" to your community.

Happy 2016!  
DG Barbara



Be a gift  
to the world

## ***Last Call for Jan. 10 Conference Creative Committee !***

Calling all creative Rotarians of District 7410. Come join us at Perkins Restaurant, Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm and be the first to see the full conference agenda. Have ideas for injecting fun into this annual event? Then this is the time to step up to the plate.

**Perkins Restaurant:** 304 Route 315, Pittston, PA 1:00 PM - copy this to your calendar now.

Need more info?

Then call/email Conference Chair, Ruth Ann Rocchio (rrochio@harsco.com) Cell: (570) 982-4293

## **Your “How To” Guide for Entering 2016-17 Rosters of Club Officers...**

Club secretaries have until **February 1<sup>st</sup>** to enter the 2016-17 roster of club positions and officers. For those clubs that have their own local copy of ClubRunner, just go to the administration section, look for “Define Club Officers”, and you’re off and running.

**Need a quick visual? Check out the next page.**

For those who enter their club data directly into our District 7410 database, here are the steps to follow:

1. Access our District ClubRunner at : <http://portal.clubrunner.ca/50202>
2. Click on “Member Login” and enter your account name and password. (Lost your account name and/or password? Contact Brenda Allen at [rotarydistrict7410@gmail.com](mailto:rotarydistrict7410@gmail.com) )
3. Once logged in, click on the “Member Area” link at the top-right of screen.
4. In the “**For Club Executives**” box on the main administration page, click on “**Define Club Executives**”
5. Look for the “**Carry over...**” link at the bottom of the screen to copy the already-defined club office **positions** to next year. If you need to add a new position, do that before you click the “Carry over...” action. This “Carry over...” action saves having to define these positions. **HOWEVER**, the officers’ names **must be entered** annually. ClubRunner absolutely *makes no assumption* that this year’s officers remain the same for subsequent years!
6. Once that is done, click on the “**Next Year**” year

link at the top of the screen (to the right of “Current Year”).

7. When positioned on the 2016-17 year, click the “**Edit**” link for access to the dropdown list of club members. Select the member’s name and click “**Save**” when done. Repeat for all officer positions.

This data entry should be synchronized with RI’s database, if your club has authorized the data synchronization between District and RI. However, to be on the safe side, check a day or two later to see if your club officer info was transferred to RI by logging on to [www.Rotary.org](http://www.Rotary.org). If the club officer data is not there, then your club secretary will need to make the updates on the RI website.

## ***For Club Secretaries...***

One of the obligations of your position is to enter your club’s weekly meeting attendance figures, either through your own local copy of ClubRunner or directly into the District website.

For those who are new to the position or just haven’t done this in a while, the following step-by-step directions will be useful to you.

1. Log on to our District Website at <http://portal.clubrunner.ca/50202> The “**Member Login**” link is at the top-right of screen. You’ll need your login ID and password for this site, NOT the login info for the Rotary.org, unless you set them up to be the same. If you’ve lost your District login information, contact District Administrator, Brenda Allen at [rotarydistrict7410@gmail.com](mailto:rotarydistrict7410@gmail.com).
  2. Once logged in, at the top-right of the page you’ll see the “**Members Area**” link. Click on it to be taken to the Club Administration menu page.
  3. Scroll down until you see the “**For Club Executives**” block, and click on “**Club Attendance Report**”. That will take you to the input page for attendance. Right now, you’ll be able to see and input attendance figures for July through December.
- Easy as that! By the way, this club administration page is also the place to enter the data on your newly-elected 2016-17 Club Executives (officers) and for adding/terminating club members (under “Active Members List”).



ClubRunner: Club Executiv... × +

www.crsadmin.com/Gen/Organization/DefineExecutives.aspx?aid=50202

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## Club Executives and Directors

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10	President	President	<a href="#">Belon, Edwin</a>	<a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Clear</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a>
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40	Secretary	Secretary	<a href="#">Morgan, F. Leon</a>	<a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Clear</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a>
160	Treasurer	Treasurer	<a href="#">Blech, Renee</a>	<a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Clear</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a>

[Carry over Executive and Director Positions to the Next Year](#)

Click the "Carry over..." link to transfer all currently defined offices to the 2016-17 year. Then click on "Next Year" (to right of "Current Year") where you'll enter the officers' names.



## Giving Head Start Kids a Merrier Christmas in the Abingtons

Representatives of North Scranton Head Start attended a Rotary Club of the Abingtons meeting recently where they were presented multiple Christmas gifts to make Christmas a little brighter for more than 80 local children. Rotarians and Abington Heights Interact members purchased clothing, toys, and books for each child. Pictured are John Hambrose (Chair) and John Regula (President) with Carol Walters and Abby Sweeney from Head Start. Kali Schirra, Emily Marquardt, Sarah Jonnson, and Marissa Lewis represented the Interact Club chapter from Abington Heights High School.

**MORE FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S DESK**

# Ways to Connect with Young Professionals

How can our district and your Young Professionals Campaign club bring more young professionals into the Rotary family? Following is a letter from the Rotary Team providing some strategies to do just that. Check it out:

Dear district leader:  
You know how important young professionals are to the future of Rotary. As Rotators and Rotarians, they are already leading your clubs and taking action in your communities. But you know there's even more that your district can do. And we want to give you up to **\$15,000** to make it happen!

## Student Short Story Writers: And the Winners Are...

We are happy to announce the winners of the inaugural year of the District-sponsored **Short Story Contest**. Thanks to all the 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> graders who participated in crafting a story where the main character is forced to make an ethical decision that could potentially affect many lives, not just the character's own life. The following students, awarded first, second and third place, and their teacher or school administrator will receive the school's and author's awards on April 30<sup>th</sup> at the District Conference. Currently, the presentation is scheduled for 11:30 am, and the recipients and their teachers will be invited to join us for lunch. Booklets containing the top ten stories will be distributed to the sponsoring clubs, schools and student-author.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place** – Jack Serowick, 6<sup>th</sup> grader at JT Lambert  
Teacher: Mrs. Angelopoulos  
Submitted by Rotary Club of the Smithfields
- 2nd Place** – Aubrey McManus, 5<sup>th</sup> grader at State Street Elementary  
Teacher: Ms. Lisa Bernardoni  
Submitted by the Rotary Club of Kingston
- 3rd Place** – Kira Pomrinke, 5<sup>th</sup> grader at Dallas Elementary  
Teacher: Mrs. Baloga  
Submitted by the Rotary Club of Dallas

Thanks to all the clubs that supported Rotary's focus on literacy by participating in this district contest. Additional thanks go to Rotarians Sophie McGinley, Mary Stevenson, and Marian Schuler for serving on the review committee.

### **Conference Registration – online or by mail ...**

This year's conference registration site is launching on **January 1<sup>st</sup>**. Check out the site for information on the program and keynote speakers, Friday seminars, hotel choices, golf tourney, and more at <https://rotarydistrict7410conference.splashthat.com>. Early Bird conference registration pricing is available either online or by sending the mail-in form **on the next page** with your check to our District Registrar, Carol Ziomek.

Watch your email, next month's District Newsletter, and our District Facebook page for upcoming contests and other conference-related activities.

This is not just another conference...*it's an event!*

The Rotary Young Professionals Campaign is excited to announce two grant funding opportunities to bridge the generation gap and engage young professionals in new ways:

**1. Renew Rotary** Hold a young professionals summit in your town, across several communities, or district-wide for young leaders who *already know* Rotary.

**2. Discover Rotary** How about holding a young professionals summit in your town, across several communities, or district-wide for young leaders who *aren't familiar* with Rotary.

To maximize impact, you can apply as a:

- single Rotary club
- collaboration of clubs (up to five Rotary clubs)
- district (six or more Rotary clubs)
- collaboration of districts

SEE S"YOUNG PROFESSIONALS," P 12...



## Rotary District 7410



### 2016 District Conference Registration Form (Mail-in) Mohegan Sun Conference Center April 29-30, 2016

**Registration Information:**

First Name:	Last Name:	Badge Name:	
Address:			
City:	State:	Zip Code:	
Phone:	Email:		
Rotary Club:			

**Check all that apply for Registrant above:**

Asst. Gov.    
  Club Pres.    
  Paul Harris Fellow    
  PDG    
  Youth Exchange Student

**Guest Information:**

First Name	Last Name:	Badge Name	Rotarian (Yes or No)	All Categories that apply (AG, Pres., PHF, PDG, YES, Guest)

**Ticket Choices: (Tickets will be in your registration packet at Conference)**

Categories:	Quantity	Cost per ticket	Total
<i>NOTE: To take advantage of these early bird prices, form and payment must be received by March 1<sup>st</sup>.</i>			
Full Conference—Early-Bird price (until 3/1/2016)		\$275	
Friday—only Early Bird price (until 3/1/2016)		\$100	
Saturday—only Early Bird Price (until 3/1/2016)		\$175	
<i>Prices from March 2<sup>nd</sup> through April 25<sup>th</sup></i>			
Full Conference registration		\$295	
Friday—only conference registration		\$110	
Saturday—only conference registration		\$185	
<i>Guest and optional tickets:</i>			
Friday-Non-Rotarian Guest – Evening Gala only		\$55	
Saturday Morning-only Plenary and Lunch		\$40	
Saturday-Non-Rotarian Guest – Evening Gala only		\$65	
		<b>Total Enclosed</b>	

**Special Dietary Needs (check applicable):**                       **Vegetarian**                       **Low Sodium**

**For Friday-attendees:** Please check the seminars you will be attending:

**Rotary 101** – Essential overview of our Rotary organization for all new Rotarians.

Presenter: DGN Karin-Susan Breittauch

**Twitter Seminar** – How to sign up, follow, and send tweets. Be a part of the "Conference Tweet Team"!

Presenter: Andy Chapman

**Rotary Community Calendar Seminar** - Want to extend the marketing reach of your club without

spending a dime? Then this seminar will pay off big-time for you!                      Presenter: Dennis Jeter

Please check the conference website at <https://rotarydistrict7410conference.splashthat.com/> for hotel information (Mohegan Sun or The Woodlands) and prices. Attendees are responsible for making their own lodging reservations.

Enclose a check, made out to **Rotary District 7410**, for the total registration fee with this completed form, and send to:  
Carol Ziomek, 136 Grandview Drive, Tunkhannock, PA 18657     Phone: 570-996-6005     E-mail: [cziomek@ptd.net](mailto:cziomek@ptd.net)



The Rotary Club of  
Wilkes-Barre  
Presents...

Mardi Gras  
**Party**  
With A  
**Purpose**

February 4th, 2016  
\$20 per person in advance  
\$25 at the door



**WHAT TO EXPECT:**

**Great Food!**

(Shrimp and rice, Cajun pasta,  
mesquite roasted chicken and more!)

**Entertainment!**

**50/50 Raffle!**

**Wine and Beer Tasting!**

**Basket Raffles!**

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

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

Tickets are available by calling (570) - 714 - 1246 x306  
or by emailing [Sedor.d@gmail.com](mailto:Sedor.d@gmail.com)



Rotary Club of Wyalusing

## Empowering African Women Through Scholarships

BY WES SKILLINGS

The global impact of Rotary International was brought home at a December luncheon meeting of Wyalusing Rotarians, thanks to a former Rotary Exchange student from the Wyalusing area. Danielle Naugle went on to serve as a Peace Corps volunteer in Togo, West Africa, after college and is currently Executive Director of Pathways Togo, which is committed to educating and mentoring in one of the poorest countries in the world where girls have traditionally been denied

access to schooling beyond the most basic level.

And, aside from the demands of that voluntary administrative role, Danielle is in the thesis phase of earning her doctorate in Health Communications from the University of Pennsylvania. Armed with that degree she would be helping to promote and market public health issues in underdeveloped nations using the mass media and social marketing as tools. She is hoping to do that as a staff researcher at the Johns Hopkins University's Bloomberg School of Public



**Danielle Naugle: Making an impact around the world.**

Health, which is involved in global public health initiatives.

As for Pathways Togo, whose scholarship fund is currently supporting 54 students at the middle school, high school and university levels, she will continue in the role of executive director for at least another year. The organization, which started as the Karen Waid Scholarship Fund in honor of a Peace Corps volunteer in Togo who died while serving there, is dedicated to bringing education, culture and social standing to a society where sexism and sexual harassment prevail and females are regarded as inferior.

Danielle Naugle was a world traveler long before she went to Bolivia in 2001 as a Rotary Exchange Student. Her father, Jon Naugle, recently inducted as a member of the Rotary Club of Wyalusing, still spends much



### Wyalusing Inducts Two Members

ADG Norm Kelly (center) was in attendance at the Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Rotary Club of Wyalusing to preside over the induction of two new members of the club. The inductees are Carol Goodman (left) and Jon Naugle (right). Kelly is a member of the Tunkhannock Rotary Club, Wyalusing's sponsoring club. More new members are expected to receive their membership certificates in January.

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**District 7410**  
June 5, 2016

## “Rotary Day at the Ballpark”

**When:** Sunday afternoon, **June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
**Where:** RailRider’s Stadium, 235 Montage Mountain Road, Moosic, PA

**UPDATE:** RailRiders management has agreed to run one of the professionally-made RI videos during the pre-game time **AT NO COST TO US**. This is very generous of them, and an opportunity for us to be prepared to “talk Rotary” to anyone in the stadium! Great marketing for District 7410! Ten (10) clubs have already purchased Kost tickets and five (5) clubs have committed to the service project. **COME and be a part of this awesome day.**

**Food Collection Service Project** – Even those who don’t want to attend the ballgame can participate in this worthy activity! Participating clubs will be assigned to a table (supplied by the RailRiders), set up outside the stadium entrance. Clubs are expected to bring empty boxes in which to deposit the cans/boxes of food donations. Each donor receives a ticket for the 7<sup>th</sup> inning drawing for the “Rotary Basket”. For those who forgot to bring food, they can make a donation (\$1.00 minimum) and receive a ticket for the basket drawing.

**Fellowship** – The Kost Pavilion has been reserved for Rotary District 7410 for the afternoon. The cost of \$30 includes food, non-alcoholic beverages, and the entrance ticket. As of 1 Jan, 2016, 150 Kost tickets are available.

For those who prefer just the entrance ticket, **stadium seats** adjacent to the Kost Pavilion are available for **\$10.00**.

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### **2<sup>nd</sup> Call for KOST tickets and 1<sup>st</sup> call for \$10 stadium seats:**

The Rotary/Interact/Rotaract Club of \_\_\_\_\_ commits to staffing a table prior to the ballgame on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015

We request advance purchase of \_\_\_\_\_ tickets to the Kost Pavilion

We request advance purchase of \_\_\_\_\_ tickets for the \$10 bleacher tickets

Send checks to **District Treasurer, John Regula**, *CLEARLY INDICATING numbers for either Kost OR Stadium seats*. **MAILING ADDRESS:** 327 Baker Lane, Clarks Summit, PA 18411.





## District RLI Grads

On November 14, 2015 numerous Rotarians at left from District 7410 graduated from the Rotary Leadership Institute at Lackawanna College in Scranton. First row from left: AG Al Kobe, DG Barbara Belon, Bob Chavey, Kim Reisch, John Doerfler, Dennis Jeter, Diane Heller. Second row: Jason Jolley, Bill Heller, Nich D'Alber- to, Gerard Hetman, Shelby Rhodes (NJ), Harry Talalas, PDG Paul Muczynski, Mark Hartman (NJ).

## DANIELLE NAUGLE...

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his time in Africa fighting poverty and disease in Niger, bringing fresh water to primitive villages via manual well drilling through EnterpriseWorks/VITA. Danielle was born in Tanzania when her parents were volunteer workers for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania. One of the sponsors of that project was the Wyalusing Lions Club.

Danielle's mother, Michele, a French Canadian who met Jon when he came to study at the University at McGill in Montreal, also has Peace Corps credentials.

In fact, every member of her family was born in a different country while one or both of Danielle's parents were involved in humanitarian projects. Older brother, Etienne, was born in Trinidad while his parents were working on a Canadian government-

funded anti-poverty project. Younger brother, Jason, born in Niger, was adopted while Jon was working for Lutheran World Relief on irrigation-related projects that became the impetus for the manual drilling of wells.

Michele worked as a nurse for the Peace Corps and at the U.S. Embassy in their health unit providing care for Americans working in Niger.

Jon likes to joke that whenever he has spent more than a year in another country, starting in Canada, "it resulted in an additional family members."

### **Sponsored by Tunkhannock**

Since there was no Rotary Club in Wyalusing when Danielle was a student there, she was sponsored by the Tunkhannock Rotary Club. Much has happened since her Peace Corps years in

Togo, and Pathways Togo has grown in its positive impact under her leadership, which she continues while completing her studies at Penn.

There are huge challenges there, including one of the higher infant and maternal mortality rates, but educated society is one that can best deal with these issues and the organization is making great strides there.

As stated on their website: "By helping women afford tuition, school supplies, and uniforms, Pathways Togo scholarships give Togolese women the tools they need to reach their full potential. A Pathways Togo scholarship can change a woman's life forever, and allow her to bring that change to her community and to her world."

Danielle Naugle has already done a lot in bringing "change to her community and to her world," and she seems poised to open a new chapter on continuing that calling.

Rotary District 7410 Event

District 7410  
**Rotary**  
Northeast PA



# *Your Special Invitation*

## ROTARY DISTRICT 7410 CONFERENCE GOLF TOURNEY

Wilkes-Barre Municipal Golf Course  
1001 Fairway Drive, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702

Friday, April 29th, 2016

**FORMAT:** Captain 'n Crew – shotgun start  
**START TIME:** 9:00 AM  
**PRICE:** \$27 Includes 18 holes, cart, lunch, and prizes

Spend the day in this beautiful setting  
with fellow Rotarians and friends.

**REGISTER BY:** April 15th

Send this form and cash or check (payable to Rotary  
District 7410) to PDG Budd O'Malia, 133 Greenwave  
Blvd., Larksville, PA 18704.

Questions? Call PDG Budd at 570-814-3918.



Team Captain:		Phone:	
Rotary Club:			
Names of Players:			

Don't have a foursome? No problem! We'll match you up with others.





# Upcoming Club Events

## Wilkes-Barre Rotary Hosting 'Party with a Purpose'

Coming up in February 4th 2016, the Rotary Club of Wilkes-Barre is holding a Mardi-Gras themed event known as "Party With A Purpose" at Genetti's in Wilkes-Barre. The event will benefit the students that attend the Wyoming Valley Children's Association (WVCA) in Forty-Fort. Cost to attend is \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door.

The event will feature Mardi Gras foods, including shrimp and rice, cajun pasta, and mesquite roasted chicken, a wine and beer tasting, a silent auction with great baskets, and a 50/50 raffle, as well as entertainment and a full cash bar. Tickets to the event are available by calling 570-714-1246 x306, or by emailing Donna Sedor at Sedor.d@gmail.com.

WVCA is a non-profit organization offering early childhood education pro-

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grams to nurture the development potential of all children. The agency offers a rich learning environment, individualized instruction, small class sizes, certified teachers and access to expert therapeutic support. WVCA is proud to partner with the United Way of Wyoming Valley.

The Rotary Club of Wilkes-Barre originated in Northeastern Pennsylvania in 1916 and is one of the longest running clubs in the Wyoming Valley. The world's first service club, Rotary began with the formation of the Rotary Club of Chicago, Illinois, USA, on February 13, 1905. The club was started by a young lawyer, Paul P. Harris, and three of his friends. He wished to recapture the

friendly spirit he had felt among businesspeople in the small town where he had grown up. Their weekly meetings "rotated" among their offices, providing the new service club with its name. Today, Rotary flourishes and includes 1.2 million men and women as club members, providing community service in 168 countries. The Wilkes-Barre Club meets Tuesdays at 12:00 noon, weekly at Best Western Genetti's in Downtown Wilkes-Barre and follows the Rotary motto - Service Above Self - in all club projects. The rotary Club of Wilkes-Barre will be celebrating its 100th year in 2016.



**SAVE THE DATE**

**Mid-Northeast Multi District PETS  
Presidents-Elect Training Seminar**



**Serving Rotary Districts 7210, 7230, 7255, 7410, 7470, 7490, 7510**

**March 18 and 19, 2016**

**Hanover Marriott Hotel, Whippany, NJ**

**Special Sessions for Repeat Presidents**

**And Assistant Governors**



**IMPORTANT: Don't forget to elect your club officers now, and enter in District db.**



## YOUNG PROFESSIONALS...

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In early January, district and club leaders will receive an email with an application link from Rotary's Young Professionals Campaign team. In the meantime, you can start working with clubs to identify highly engaged younger Rotarians and Rotaractors in your clubs/districts—a diverse planning group is key to the success of these events.

**Note:** This funding opportunity is open only to clubs and districts in the United States.

Questions? Email [RotaryYPC@rotary.org](mailto:RotaryYPC@rotary.org).

Regards,

*Rotary's Young Professionals Campaign Team*

About the Campaign...

Rotary's Young Professionals Campaign is a unique opportunity for our organization to develop innovative strategies to attract and engage young professionals and to equip and empower Rotary clubs to put those strategies into action. Through research, social media outreach, and the testing of new creative concepts, Rotary is learning more about how young professionals view Rotary, why they volunteer, and how they make meaningful connections with other leaders. This campaign was made possible by a generous donation from a Major Donor.

One Rotary Center  
1560 Sherman Ave.  
Evanston, Illinois 60201-3698

## Rotary Club of Hazleton



Hazleton Rotary Club Members Mark Imbriaco, Jason Brenner and Paul Brenner prepared flower orders for distribution by club members at a weekly club meeting.

## Hazleton Rotarians Distribute Plants to Brighten Christmas

For the 13<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, the Rotary Club of Hazleton is here to help brighten holidays with poinsettias, amaryllis and Christmas cactus. Orders were taken by Rotary Club members earlier in November.

Proceeds from the sale are used to fund a number of the club's community service projects.

"We want to thank everyone who purchased Christmas plants from the Rotary Club" comments Mark Imbriaco. "Your support is sincerely appreciated" adds co-chair Paul Brenner.

For more updated information on Rotary Club of Hazleton activities, visit the website [www.hazletonrotary.org](http://www.hazletonrotary.org) or the Rotary Club of Hazleton Facebook page.

## Annual Shopping Spree

It was a morning filled with the Christmas spirit for some lucky area youngsters and Rotary Club members and their families/friends who got together on Sunday, December 6, at Boscovs for a special holiday shopping spree.

A cooperative effort of the Rotary Foundation, the

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## Rotary Club of Hazleton

### SHOPPING...

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Rotary Club of Hazleton, the United Way of Greater Hazleton and Boscov's, over 30 children whose names were provided by The Salvation Army, Catholic Social Services, Commission on Economic Opportunity and United Charities were given an hour to purchase gifts for themselves and/or family members.

"It was up to each child to decide what they wanted to purchase and for whom" explains Rotary President Ron Avellino, "Rotary club members and their family/friends were chaperones just to help the children if they needed it."

"This was the fourth time this project has occurred for the club and I hope it continues.", Avellino adds. "It was a pleasure for the

adults who were present to watch as their "shoppers" very carefully selected items, not just for themselves, but for family members as well. It showed us these children really understood the "giving" spirit of the season."

Special thanks is extended to Boscovs for opening their store early for this community service project and for providing refreshments for everyone once the shopping was ended.

### Plenty of Help

Rotary Foundation President Lex Slood was Project Chairman. The following Rotary Club members, as well as some family members/friends served as chaperones: Joan Buffington, Gary & Kathy Lagana, Jason and Christina Brenner, Tracy Karchner, Lani & John Drobnock, Mary Pat & Claudia Stroia, Pat & Mike Korb, Kathie Oh, John & Brenda Beltra-



Dave and Mary Ann Haupt help out young shoppers as Project Chairman Lex Slood looks on.

mi, Donna Barna, Charles DeCosmo & Stephani Lyons, Tim & Michelle Genetti, Mike Portonova, Ken Trippet, Michele Fisher, Paul & Lani Brenner, Dave & Mary Ann Haupt and Lex & Jennifer Slood.

For more information on Rotary Club of Hazleton activities visit the Rotary Club of Hazleton Facebook Page and the Rotary Club of Hazleton website.



### Keeping Kids Warm with Kidz Coatz

Above Gary, Paul, Jason, Rich, Susan, Lani, Tracy, Donna, Jane, Mary Pat, Megan, Gene, Pat and Joe packed and delivered coats for the Hazleton Rotary Club's annual Kidz Coatz Project. At left, Hazleton Rotarians Donna Barna and John Beltrami with United Charities Home Staffers Jill and Tracy Zapatocky, beneficiaries of the 2015 drive. Read the story behind Hazleton's Kidz Coatz Project on Page 18. (Note: Last names of club members in top photo not provided.)





# Our Clubs in Action

## Rotary Club of Sayre



## Ring Christmas Bells

## Rotary Club of Hazleton



## Sayre's Littlest Bell Ringer

Sayre Rotary Club members and families recently spent a day ringing the bells for the Salvation Army Kettle Campaign. Shown are Rotary Club members Bob Crocker and his wife Val with their Granddaughter, Eliana Stone, the Club's youngest future Rotarian. This is one of many community service projects the club enjoys each year. The Sayre Rotary Club is always looking for community minded individuals to join the club and enjoy the many opportunities to serve those less fortunate than ourselves – not only in our community, but around the world. At the same time, membership in Rotary provides a great opportunity for networking and fellowship. The Sayre Rotary club meets every Tuesday at 12:10 pm at the Rail House Restaurant in Waverly, NY.

Anyone interested in learning more about what membership in the Sayre Rotary club has to offer can either contact Nancy Brittain at 570-888-5950, speak with any other member of the Club or go to [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)



## Ring in Hazleton

Hazleton Rotary Club Members rang in the Holiday season by taking part in the Greater Hazleton Salvation Army Kettle Drive at Wal-Mart on Saturday, December 19th from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Hazleton Rotarians have been active participants in this annual project for a number of years. At right are Rotarians Sharon, Kathie and Michelle. Above are Rotarians Jerry, John and Project Chair Alan and family.





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The Rotary Club of Sayre

# Sayre Rotarians Help Bring Happy Thanksgivings

Each year the Sayre Rotary club puts together Thanksgiving baskets to be donated to Sayre families that may not have otherwise enjoyed "turkey with all the trimmings".

Each club member donated items to include in the baskets, including potatoes, milk, stuffing, vegetables, pumpkin pie and whipped cream topping just to name some of the many items necessary to make Thanksgiving dinner complete.

The turkeys were paid for with donations from the Sayre VFW and club funds paid for the pumpkin pies. In addition, a fifth basket was donated by the employees of the

Robert Packer Hospital Sterile Processing Department.

The person responsible for organizing the Department effort was Mary Jane Bloss who is the daughter of Sayre Rotarian Charlie Hammond. The members of the Sayre Rotary club would like to thank the Sayre VFW as well as the employees of the RPH Sterile Processing Department for their generous contributions to making the holiday happier for needy local families.

Preparing Thanksgiving baskets is one of many activities that the members enjoy each year to support our community.



Shown from right to left are some of the members of the Rotary Club of Sayre, including Charlie Hammond, Dayton Handrick, Ed Brittain, Nancy Brittain, Adam Bennett, Michele Licata, Bob Crocker, Sherry Griggs and Ella Belles.

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The Rotary Club of Plains

# Trail Rotary Celebrates 25 Years— Just for Starters



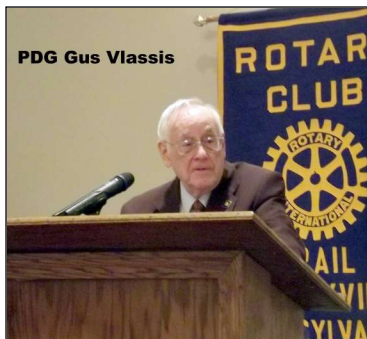
Charter Member Pat Lione



November 2015



AG Norm Kelly, Tunkhannock Club  
Nick & Judy Perez with Gail Rees, Lake Winola Club



PDG Gus Vlassis



Ellen Kanton and Sandy Kostick



DG Barbara Belon congratulates Bill Speare on his 51 years of Rotary Service

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The Rotary Club of Trail



Annual Breakfast Buffet Fundraiser  
**Youth Exchange Students  
 Visit Lackawanna Trail High**



Youth exchange student Louis Metens (above) speaks during pizza lunch at Lackawanna Trail. Below Metens (Belgium) poses with (from left) Teng Lu “Frank” Yu (Taiwan), Julia Alonso de Souza (Brazil), Bill Speare and Lisa Logan Clough

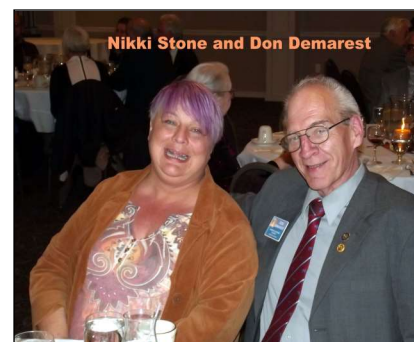


**Smart Boards at Trail Elementary**

Visiting the Lackawanna Trail Elementary Center for a demonstration of one of the Smart Boards are (from left) Principal Brian Kelly, Bill Speare, Lisa Logan Clough, Ellen Kanton and Ray Petty. They were donated with monies raised in the community and from a District Grant. Two went to the elementary center and one to the high school.



Barbara and Ray Petty



Nikki Stone and Don Demarest

The Rotary Club of Wilkes-Barre

**Service Groups Come Together**

Wilkes-Barre Rotarians attended the annual joint meeting with the Kiwanis Club

of Wilkes-Barre and the Lions Club of Wilkes-Barre, featuring John Maday, president of the Downtown Wilkes-Barre Business Association, as speaker.

At an annual service organization luncheon recently hosted by the Wilkes-Barre Kiwanis Club at Genetti’s Hotel and Conference Center, John Maday, president of the downtown Wilkes-Barre Business Association, said those organizations remind people of humanity in the midst of turbulence.

“These organizations prevent chaos from overtaking us,” said Maday of the spirit of volunteerism, community service and compas-



John Maday speaks at meeting.

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## **Kidz Coatz Brings Warmth to United Charities Home**

Some needy children in the Greater Hazleton Area will be provided with new coats through the Hazleton Rotary Club Kidz Coatz Project. The Hazleton Rotary Foundation, a 501©(3) non-profit affiliate of the Rotary Club, is looking forward to continuing this project, held annually, since 2007.

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

Because of the economy, the number of children needing warm coats continues annually. Last year, the Hazleton Rotary Foundation provided over 350 coats for area children, and over 400 coats were distributed in November of 2010! This winter season more than 300 coats will be given to keep area children warm.

Coats are sorted and delivered to the area elementary and middle schools by members of the Rotary Club of Hazleton. Coats will be delivered to the schools within the week.

“The Rotary Foundation is very happy to be working with the Rotary Club of Hazleton, which annually provides generous financial support to this project. 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 Rotary Foundation Pres-

ident Lex Sloot. “We are very, very grateful to all those community members who have donated to this project over the years—it has been truly awesome!”

The motto of Rotary is “Service Above Self” and it always gives the club membership an extra feeling of satisfaction when they are able to help people with an immediate need.

“We were told all the boys who live at the United Charities Home were in desperate need of

warm winter coats since they had outgrown theirs”, explains Rotarian Donna Barna “and we were happy to be able to provide them with new ones as holiday gifts.”

“It was great that we could take this on as a special Christmas project and we were only too glad to have been able to help these young men be warm and comfortable in the NE PA winter months’ adds Rotary President Ron Avellino.

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### **WILKES-BARRE**

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sions such organizations represent.

The event, a gathering of members of the Wilkes-Barre Rotary, Wilkes-Barre Lions and Kiwanis clubs, provided an oppor-

tunity for Maday to look back in history and underscore how far the nation has come, in spite of challenges from forces intent on destroying our freedoms and democracy.



### **Pittston Inducts New Member**

The Pittston Rotary Club inducted new member Karen Lugiano, daughter of President Ken Darby (right). Marty Snyder was the inducting officer. Karen was also presented with the enthusiasm plaque.

[The Rotary Club of Dallas](#)

## Shopping Spree: Honor Society Teams with Rotary

The Rotary Club of Dallas recently hosted its annual Christmas shopping spree for 45 Back Mountain children from the school districts of Dallas, Lake Lehman and Northwest. They have been hosting this event for children for more than 50 years in memory of Rev. Andrew Pillarella who was instrumental in founding this event for children.

The Davis Bus Company provided a school bus to take the children to McDonald's in Shavertown where a complimentary breakfast was provided. Then they were off to the Bon Ton at the Midway Shopping Center where they were treated to coats, boots, hats, mittens and outfits for school.

The children were paired with a chaperone, appointed by the Dallas Rotary Club, to help them with their selections on their wishes-come-true shopping day. Many Rotary members, spouses and friends worked with several students from the Dallas High School Honor Society who helped the children find the perfect items to take home. Each child had his or her picture



Dallas High School Honor Society students who helped Santa: kneeling from left: Megan Mancenelli, Cassidy Muldoon, Carley Perloff, Catherine Dillon. Standing from left: Ryan Martin, Kaitlyn Yakus, Alexa Dosick, Jill Kwak, and Richard Burkhardt also known as the Rotary Santa

taken with the Rotary Santa.

The Dallas Rotary Club provided a generous shopping allowance for each child, and a discount coupon from the Bon Ton stretched their shopping dollars even further. The Rotarians raised the money through their annual fall charity golf tournament, their annual wine festival last summer, and generous donations from foundations at a local church.

At the end of the day the children boarded the big yellow school bus and headed back to Dallas to rejoin their families. A good time was had by all.

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[The Rotary Club of Pittston](#)



### Short Story Participants

On Thursday December 17 the Rotary Club of Pittston presented "Short Story" Participation Awards at their Christmas Party to Sofia Quaglia, 5<sup>th</sup> grader at Pittston Area and Dylan James Horton, 5<sup>th</sup> grader at Wyoming Area. Parents were also in attendance.

*Happy New Year!*



## The Rotary Club of Dallas



Dallas Rotarian and Chairman Ken Chapple (left) receives a check from deli employee Ryan Wertman.

## Dallas Rotary Club Rings for Salvation Army

The Rotary Club of Dallas has rung the bells for the Salvation Army for many years.

Members, spouses and friends volunteered for two days in December to help the Salvation Army assist others during the holiday season.

Their kettle drive on Rt. 309 in Dallas brought in hundreds of dollars, thanks in part, to a very generous donation of \$400 from J&J Deli, Rt. 415 in Dallas. The funds came from their management, employees and tips from their customers.



Several gentlemen from the center also enjoyed the party. From left: Tom Law, George Stolarick, Jerry McNulty, Ed Day.

## Dallas Active Adults Treated To Christmas Luncheon

On Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, several members of the Rotary Club of Dallas welcomed 50 members of the Dallas Active Adult Center to the Appletree Terrace at Newberry Estate. The third annual Christmas Luncheon featured a feast of traditional holiday foods with all the trimmings and a fabulous assortment of desserts, all made and served by Rotarian Fred DiMaria, owner of the Appletree Terrace, and his staff.

The event was made possible by the support of the members of our community who faithfully participate in Dallas Rotary's fundraisers such as the annual charity golf tournament in September and the wine and dine festival in June.

Rotarian Eric Martin led the group in singing many old favorite Christmas songs. Richard Burkhardt, who played Santa, and Tom Pickett also entertained the group with several more Christmas songs, and they invited everyone to sing along. The Dallas Active Adult Center members enjoyed the meal and the music and each left with a happy heart and a bag full of gifts and treats. They were also given hand-made scarves knitted or crocheted just for them by the Prayer Shawl group of women at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Dallas.



Several ladies from the Dallas Active Adult Center enjoyed the meal and fellowship at the third annual Dallas Rotary Club sponsored Christmas party held just for them. From left: Sally Stein Kirchner, Laura Rydzewski, Jean Duda, Betty Karwaski.

New Rotarians

## District 7410 — 2016 Club Data

Hamlin	Justin Carley Elly Culotta Rebeca Kriefski Jennifer Wargo
Honesdale	Kevin Mullally
Mt. Pocono	Julio Masdiaz
North Pocono	Tim Buckland
Pittston	Karen Lugiano
Tunkhannock	Susan Kelly Daniel Whipple
Weatherly	John Sernak
West End	Hector Cintron
Winola	Paul Davis

Club	Total Memb.	New Memb.	Attend. %
Abingtons	64		44.96%
Athens	15		
Blakeslee	13		42.31%
Dallas	44		70.00%
Dunmore	16		94.00%
Forest City Area	12		75.00%
Freeland	8		
Hamlin	26	4	62.41%
Hawley	19		74.00%
Hazleton	86		33.54%
Honesdale	37	1	55.00%
Jim Thorpe	24		40.00%
Kingston	20		64.00%
Lehighton	10		
Mid-Valley	6		46.00%
Milford-Matamoras	24		0.00%
Montrose	22		70.00%
Mountaintop	16		69.00%
Mt. Pocono	19	1	
New Milford	12		
Newfoundland	39		63.03%
North Pocono	19	1	
North Scranton	26		80.00%
Pittston	13	1	
Plains	21		56.00%
Plymouth	22		
Pocono Mountains	20		56.00%
Sayre	14		73.00%
Scranton	36		
Smithfields, The	23		44.00%
Stroudsburgs, The	102		68.94%
Towanda	12		
Trail	13		60.00%
Troy	24		
Tunkhannock	65	2	
Weatherly	12	1	100.00%
Wellsboro	51		
West End	29	1	
Wilkes-Barre	30		
Winola	16	1	
Wyalusing Area	27		54.00%
Wyoming	19		

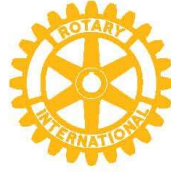
**Share Your Speaker with Us...**

Rotary Club speakers are often the headliners when it comes to our weekly meetings. They can be informative, uplifting and entertaining, with messages worth delivering to a wider audience. If you'd like to share one of those messages with other Rotarians in District 7410, feel free to email it this way.— **Editor Wes at [skill@epix.net](mailto:skill@epix.net).**





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