

News from the District

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[A Message from the District Governor](#)

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Happy New Year and greetings to everyone in District 7410. The weather has been cold, but many of you have been hot on welcoming new members into your clubs. Our growth has been slow, but in the right direction. So keep up the great job, and don't let the weather deter you.

February is World Understanding Month. It would be a perfect time to spend a meeting learning about a Rotary project in another part of the world, or invite a speaker who is from another country or has visited another country to expand your knowledge of the world. Maybe you know a Rotarian who has been to an International Convention. How about one of our incredible exchange students both inbound or a returned student? How about our own Clubs in Dunmore and North Scranton and the work they do every year in Honduras? How about the global grants that clubs such as Montrose and Newfoundland have participated in? How about a neighbor who has immigrated to this country recently? So don't let this month pass without including someone or something to support our theme. Remember knowledge leads to understanding which leads to peace.

This newsletter has more information about our upcoming District Conference at Skytop in the beautiful Pocono Mountains on April 24-26, 2015. We have planned a wonderful, fun program with great speakers. So please make your reservations early. What a great way to celebrate our Rotary year and the arrival of Spring! That groundhog better not see his shadow!

At the end of this month, our District is hosting a Youth Conference at Keystone College for our young people in Rotaract, Interact, Youth Exchange and RYLA. Look for more on this chance to create a synergy among the youth programs. It is free for the youth and the clubs.

February 23rd is also our very own Rotary Anniversary! So let's celebrate that as well and continue to Light up Rotary.

DG Carol



District Events

March 20-21 - (PETS) President Elect Training Seminar - save the dates

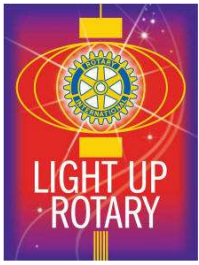
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7. Jerry Reisch (Dallas) Dallas, Kingston, Pittston, Plains, Plymouth, The Greater Nanticoke Area, Wilkes-Barre, Wyoming.

Why go to District Conference?

Let me count just six of the many good reasons:

- You will enjoy the camaraderie of like-minded Rotarians who want to work together to bring *Peace Through Service*.
- You will learn more about Rotary at the district and international levels and be able to share that knowledge with your club members when you get home. Better yet, bring them with you.
- You will want to bring your family because we have special activities for them such as golf and special planned activities for children.
- You will experience the pride and joy of watching our youth exchange students as they present the flags and colors of their homelands and receive their official jackets.
- You will benefit from plenary sessions about: Membership, Polio, Foundation, Alzheimer's, and much more. John and Jane Capps will also be on hand to offer some motivational moments.
- Don't forget to visit the House of Friendship and participate in the fabulous basket raffle to benefit Foundation.

And you will be able to spend three wonderful days at Skytop which was recently voted the best resort in North America. And did we mention the gourmet meals?

So what are you waiting for? Invitations will be mailed in early February. Registration forms will also be placed on the district web site. Sign up early and get your other club members to sign up too!

See you at District Conference at Skytop Resort in the beautiful Pocono Mountains.

*Warm Rotary Regards,
Sandy Peoples
District 7410 Publicity Chair*

Skytop Lodge in the Poconos April 24-26, 2015



District Conference - 2015

District Governor Carol Hemphill

invites everyone to return to the
beautiful, elegant, yet affordable

Skytop Lodge

in the Pocono Mountains

for another great District Conference

on April 24, 25, and 26, 2015.

Weekend package – only \$736, double occupancy.

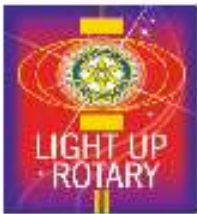
Only \$542.00, single occupancy.

Includes two night's lodging and a gourmet meal plan
of five meals: Friday night's dinner, Saturday's breakfast,
lunch and dinner, and a Sunday breakfast or brunch.

Watch for a mailer to your home and
visit our District 7410 web site.

Two day, five meal guests must register with Skytop.

Visit Skytop at: www.skytop.com or call 570-595-8930.



**ROTARY DISTRICT 7410 CONFERENCE
GOLF TOURNEY
SKYTOP LODGE IN THE POCONOS
FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2015 - 9 A.M.**

**CAPTAIN 'N CREW FORMAT-- SHOTGUN START
COMPLIMENTARY GOLF – CARTS \$24 per person**

**Staying @ Skytop-complimentary box lunch. (Not staying \$26.46 - if desired)
Don't have a foursome – we'll match you up with others.**



NAME _____

PHONE () _____ CELL () _____



ROTARY CLUB OF _____

NAMES OF OTHER PLAYERS IN YOUR GROUP: (please print)

**PLEASE SEND THIS FORM & CHECK FOR CARTS AT \$24 PER PERSON &
_____ NON-INCLUDED LUNCHEES AT \$26.46 EACH.**

TOTAL: \$ _____.

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: DISTRICT 7410

**MAIL TO: PDG BUDD O'MALIA - 133 GREENWAVE BLVD
LARKSVILLE, PA 18704 – CELL 570-814-3918**

PLEASE REGISTER BY APRIL 1, 2015 – SPACE IS LIMITED

ROTARY SHORT TERM EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Rotary's Short-Term Exchange Program presents opportunities for students to advance their knowledge and world understanding by allowing them to visit a different country for a limited period of time. Participating students live with a matched host family in their selected country from three to six weeks in the summer under the sponsorship of a local Rotary Club. The objective of the Short-Term Exchange Program is to foster world peace, international understanding and good will by extending international communication at the personal level through the exchange of students of high school age. It is our hope that these students will be able to see firsthand the problems and accomplishments of other peoples of different colors, creeds, and cultures.



The ESSEX Short-Term Family-to Family Exchange arranges for the student's family to host a matching Rotary applicant (between the ages of 15 and 18 1/2 years) usually during the summer. Exchanges can be arranged between the two families for not less than 3 weeks and not more than 6 weeks. The exchange in each country is for an equal amount of time except for Argentina, Australia, Brazil, India, and South Africa. These countries will not exchange with us unless we host their applicants for a minimum of 8 weeks during their summer months. During this period, the student must not have a job or commitments that would interfere with the obligations of hosting.

Cost of travel, the ESSEX fee, Rotary District fees, Rotary insurance, clothing and personal expenses are the responsibility of the participating students and their families.

Travel to the host country is arranged by each student's family communicating with the other student's family, determining dates, times and airlines to be booked for the exchange. Frequently, students who exchange first accompany their host sibling on the return flight home.

The earlier an application arrives, the better your chance of exchanging in your first choice country. It is also helpful for placement if you are able to host a student of either gender.

Qualifications for Short-Term Exchange Students

Any student, age 15-18-1/2, of good character who possesses a warm personality and a desire to live abroad and host in return is eligible for Rotary's Short-Term Exchange. Candidates should be adaptable and flexible, well mannered and want to experience life in other countries and cultures. Children of both Rotarians and non-Rotarians are eligible.



Short-Term Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. How do I go about participating in the Rotary Short-Term Exchange Program?

Contact any local Rotarian since candidates must be sponsored by individual Rotary Clubs. The local Rotarian will put you in touch with the club or the district Youth Exchange Chairperson for details about short-term exchange and application forms. Your high school counselor may be familiar with the local Rotary Club and can help you make that contact.

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2. Why is it called an exchange program?

You will be matched with a student of similar interests in a country of your choice. The two of you will spend an agreed-upon time together — half of that time in your home and half in his/her home.

3. Is proficiency in a foreign language needed?

No! The program is cultural in nature but is also for a short period of time. Many countries throughout the world teach English as a second language, and most participating students are quite proficient in it. If you have taken a foreign language in high school and elect to visit a country that speaks that language, you will be able to gain some conversational ability. Most students do not find language to be a barrier to having a great exchange experience whether they know the language or not.

4. How does a student benefit from being abroad?

Being away in a foreign country has a powerful broadening and an accelerating effect on your maturing process. Managing your own finances and making decisions give you more confidence and independence to take care of yourself. You become more tolerant of other people, different cultures and different personalities. Your youth exchange experience will be priceless, something that you can't replicate any other way.

5. How much does the short-term program cost?

Three elements comprise the cost of the program:

- An application fee (\$125.00) which includes the cost of processing and administration.
- Cost of Rotary and ESSEX-approved life and medical insurance while abroad. A one-month or three-month Short-Term Plan B insurance policy through CISI-Bolduc is mandatory. A 3-4 week exchange would require a one-month Plan B policy at the cost of \$76.00 and a 6 week exchange would require a 3 month Plan B policy at the cost of \$208.00.
- Cost of round-trip airfare from your home to the foreign country where you will exchange.

You have the choice of using the ESSEX-recommended travel agency, Tzell Park Avenue or making your own travel arrangements. In either case the travel information must be provided to the ESSEX Short-Term Chair, Short Term Contact, and CISI-Bolduc Insurance as soon as it is confirmed by the travel agency used.

6. What is so special about Rotary's Short-Term Exchange Program?

The Rotary International Exchange Program is volunteer-driven. It is organized and administered by volunteer Rotarians and their families throughout the world within the local Rotary club, the district, and regionally. Rotary volunteers screen student applicants, select the exchange students, prepare them, and arrange hosting abroad, travel, insurance, visas, etc. All of this is done by Rotarians as an unpaid service.

Because we depend on volunteers, the Rotary Program is the least expensive, safest and highest quality program. Students are provided supervision by members of the local hosting Rotary club, who are directly involved in the welfare of these students. Because of this close connection with local Rotarian advisors, students away from home are more comfortable knowing that Rotarians from their host club are available to help and offer guidance.

More information can be found at www.exchangestudent.org under Short Term Program and Short Term Application.

Contact Irene Carey, PDG Youth Exchange Short Term Chair at icarey1@verizon.net 570-239-7076 or Melissa Saxon, District 7410 Youth Exchange Chair for application information at msaxonyeo@gmail.com or 570-852-9591. Applications for the program are due by February 28.

Rotary  **District 7410**
District Governor Carol Hemphill

Youth Day

Join us for a half day of fun and information about all Rotary has to offer our young people. Learn about Youth Exchange from some of our students who are currently spending their school year in NEPA. Hear from former RYLArrians about how RYLA changed their life while having a blast. Do you Interact? Current Interactors will share what their HS clubs are doing and how you might start a club in your school. What's next? Rotaract Clubs in College!

When: Saturday February 28th 2015

Time: 9am to 1:30 pm Lunch included

Where: Keystone College La Plume PA

Who: 9th thru 12th grade students who have been to RYLA, Current Interactors, All inbound YE, Rotarians that work with Interact or want to know more about starting a club.

Space is limited so each Interact Club may send 3 members

Rotary Clubs with no Interact may send 1 to 2 RYLArrians

<http://rotarydistrict7410youthday.splashthat.com/?preview>

Visit this site to RSVP by FEB 20th. Contact Chairs at ryla7410@gmail.com



Andy Chapman



Karen DeMatteo



Melissa Saxon



It's RYLA Application Time!!

Letters are out this week to every Club President & Secretary. All forms are on the District Website.

Important Dates are:

Application Deadline April 25th (paperwork and payments)

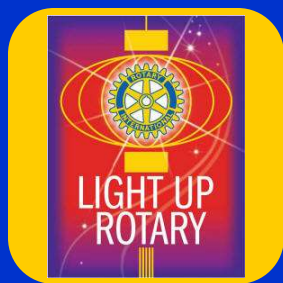
RYLA Conference June 21st to the 25th

Does your club have a facebook page? I hope you do. it's a great way to share all the wonderful projects you do for your community and the world. FREE Advertising!
Did you know our District has a facebook page? Well yes we do!

Please go find us at "Rotary District 7410" and "like" us. Use your Club page to "like" us and say Hello so we can "like" you back and then see and share all those great photo's and projects. We also post content from RI and many other Rotary Programs. See you on facebook!

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Our Clubs in Action

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THE ROTARY CLUB OF THE ABINGTONS

Rotary Club of the Abingtons recently installed a new member, sponsored by Dr. Doug Thran. Bryant Olson represents the Ramada Inn of Clarks Summit, where he is the manager. He lives in Dickson City with his wife. He was installed by Gus Vlassis and Warren Watkins.

Rotary Club of the Abingtons accepted a transfer member from the Lewistown Club recently. John Keeler works for Penn East Credit Union and lives in Scranton with his wife Ann.



L-R: Doug, Gus, Bryant, and Warren.



L-R: Gus Vlassis, Warren Watkins, John Keeler, and President Deb Kennedy.

THE ROTARY OF HAWLEY

Hawley Rotary and Head Start

Hawley Rotary has been a long-time supporter of the Hawley Head Start Program by supplying books for their library signed by each Rotary guest speaker. The club has also provided assorted party events and a monthly collection of \$3.00 donated by every Rotarian.

With the Hawley Rotary contribution, two computer tablets were purchased for Head Start students. The tablets, geared to children 3-6 years of age, come complete with headphones. When students returned from Christmas vacation, the tablets were ready for use and have become one of the most eagerly used teaching tools among the very young students. In the photo, the smile on Daniel's face shows his excitement when using the new Rotary-purchased tablet.



THE ROTARY CLUB OF HAZLETON

New members were inducted into the Rotary Club of Hazleton at the January 7th weekly meeting

The Rotary Club of Hazleton held its “New Member Induction” at the weekly January 7 meeting. Past President Jerry Panisak conducted the induction ceremony which welcomed new members Jason Brenner, sponsored by Paul Brenner; Mark Finkelstein sponsored by Lisa Finkelstien; Joe Lettiere sponsored by Kevin O’Donnell; Jim Kelshaw sponsored by Tim Genetti and John Patton sponsored by Pat Ward. Unavailable for the ceremony was Carla Thaller sponsored by Donna Barna.

The main objective of Rotary is service in the community, in the workplace and throughout the world. Rotary volunteers build goodwill and peace, provide humanitarian service and encourage high ethical standards in all vocations.

Rotary members are professional men and women who work as volunteers to improve the quality of life in their home and work community. Club membership represents a cross-section of local business and professional leaders. Rotary International is one of the of world’s largest service organizations with some 30,000 autonomous clubs in more than 160 countries.

Members are expected to maintain an acceptable attendance, pay annual dues to their club and participate in the club’s fundraising and other projects. New members are introduced at a weekly club meeting and presented with their Rotary lapel pin by their club sponsor. Members must wear their name badges at every weekly meeting. In order for a new Rotarian to graduate from a red “new” member to a blue "full member" badge, he or she must complete four requirements from a list of seven.



Row 1, L to R: Jason Brenner, Lisa Finkelstein, Jim Kelshaw, Joe Lettiere. Row 2, L to R: Paul Brenner, Mark Finkelstein, Jerry Panisak, Tim Genetti, Kevin O’Donnell, Pat Ward and John Patton.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF MID VALLEY

Mid Valley Rotary Donates Dictionaries to third grade students at Lakeland Elementary School

Mid Valley Rotary as part of its annual charitable work for the Mid Valley Community donates dictionaries to all of the third grade students in the Mid Valley Schools. Mid Valley Rotary also donates to the Mid Valley Food Bank, Library and Veterans appreciation night.



Pictured from left Don Booth, Mid Valley Rotary, Alan King, Lakeland Principal, Mrs Josefa Dombrsky, Mrs Louise Ofcharsky and Mrs Angela Koshuba, third Grade teachers, and Stan Kennedy, Mid Valley Rotary.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WYOMING

The Rotary Club of Wyoming recently installed three new members. JJ Sidorek, manager of Kost Tire, Dallas, Josh Bryant, sales representative for Xerox Corporation, Dan Mulhern, attorney and officer in the Naval Reserves. All were sponsored by members Mike & Rich Sobeck of Dallas.



Pictured from left to right: Rich Sobeck, Dan Mulhern, Josh Bryant, District Governor Carol Hemphill, JJ Sidorek, Mike Sobeck, Darrell Evans - Rotary Club President.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF TUNKHANNOCK

Tunkhannock Rotary Welcomes Its Newest Member

Frank Oliver was inducted into Rotary by President Norm Kelly at the January 8, 2015 Tunkhannock Rotary club luncheon at Purkey's Pink Apple. Frank was sponsored by Norm Kelly and pinned by Jeanne Brady. Frank is a former Rotarian and the club is excited to welcome him back to membership.



Left to right: Jeanne Brady and Frank Oliver

THE ROTARY CLUB OF TUNKHANNOCK



Tunkhannock High School Chorus under the direction of Tara Kasperowski (in light blue)

Tunkhannock High School Chorus Entertains Rotarians at Holiday Luncheon

At the Tunkhannock Rotary Holiday Luncheon on Dec 18 at Purkey's Pink Apple, the Tunkhannock High School Chorus, under the direction of Tara Kasperowski, sang holiday songs and songs from their recent public concert. They included a song in Latin, another in German and several Christmas compilations, including some traditional and lesser-known Christmas Carols.

Check Presentation to Tunkhannock Public Library

The January 8, 2015 Tunkhannock Rotary Club Luncheon at Purkey's Pink Apple featured guest speaker was Kristin Smith-Gary, the Director of the Tunkhannock Public Library (TPL). President Norm Kelly presented a check for \$7,000.00 to Kristin for the library. Among other resources, the Club donation sponsors the Learning Express Library and a subscription to the Wall Street Journal. Kristin reported that part of our last year's donation was used to buy books for kids to promote Literacy, a Rotary club area of focus.

The Learning Express Library provides free and unlimited access to interactive skill-building courses and a broad range of 128 practice tests that includes the ACT, SAT, GED, ASVAB, Firefighter, Police Officer, Paramedic, Postal Worker, Real Estate Agent & Broker Exams and more. Practice tests include instant score reports that help target those skill areas that need the most attention and complete answer explanations accompany each test question. For the SAT or GED, Learning Express Library offers a complete course series, as well as targeted essay writing practice with multiple writing prompts and it immediately lets the individual know how they performed in each skill area. Learning Express Library is a resource that can be helpful to students preparing to take college entrance exams, as well as, those whose careers require official exams. It is widely used on an annual basis at TPL with, for example, in 2012: 601 people doing GED, 288 using reading, 287 practicing mathematics and 110 using reading comprehension modules.

The TPL also provides a Community Room, which was used over 500 times for community meetings of various sorts, including for the monthly Tunkhannock Rotary Harvest & Wine Festival Committee meetings that are held annually from February through October.

The club was able to increase its annual donation to the library this year due to the overwhelming success of the 2014 Tunkhannock Rotary Harvest & Wine Festival. In addition to the TPL, the money raised at the Festival is used to provide donations to local community, youth services and international programs.



Tunkhannock Public Library Director received Club Donation from President Norm Kelly

THE ROTARY CLUB OF TUNKHANNOCK

Tunkhannock Club Member George Gay and his wife, Trixie present highlights of their cruise to Asia



George & Trixie Gay
Asian Cruise



At the January 15th Tunkhannock Club weekly meeting, George and Trixie Gay provided a very interesting account of their extended 50th Wedding Anniversary trip to Asia via cruise ship. The Diamond Princess, their home for several weeks, was 952 feet in length and had a maximum crew capacity of 1115 while accommodating 3,078 passengers. George during his military service in the United States Marines had spent time in Asia and was anxious to revisit the area. Trixie who had never been to Asia was excited to see that part of the world in which George had served. She especially wanted to see the Great Wall of China.

The cruise that included 7 countries and 13 ports of call was divided into 2 legs. On the first leg of the trip, George and Trixie traveled from Alaska to Beijing, followed by the second leg from Beijing to Singapore. George related that on the first leg of the cruise, the ship was at maximum capacity with passengers primarily from Canada and China. On the second leg of their journey, the ship was not quite as full and many of the passengers were from Australia. The 7 countries they visited were: Russia, South Korea, China, Japan, Vietnam, Thailand, and Singapore. The voyage from Alaska to the first port-of-call in Japan took 7 days and included a rather strong storm that most people endured in their cabins. Day 4 of that part of the journey, the ship changed its route to avoid a storm that was stronger than the one they had already experienced.

As George and Trixie took us from one port-of-call to another with pictures, they provided interesting commentary about geography and economics mixed with their travel experiences. We learned that while on their voyage, they traveled from 62 degrees latitude to less than 1-degree latitude and they crossed the International Date Line. George added the date line is not a straight, but rather a line that is set by political boundaries. They mentioned they saw strong presence of United States companies such as McDonald's, Starbucks, and Kinkos during their travels. They felt the countries they visited with the strongest economies were China, Japan, and South Korea.

Despite all the interesting pictures George and Trixie shared, a club favorite was the photo of them celebrating their actual 50th Wedding Anniversary while on their cruise of a lifetime.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF TUNKHANNOCK

Tunkhannock Rotary Holds Holiday Social in January

Saturday evening, January 24, 2015, the Tunkhannock Rotary Club had a wonderful holiday social at the Tunkhannock Moose Lodge. Chef Michael and his staff prepared a gourmet meal complete with hor d'oeuvre's, the main course, and dessert table. Alan Thatcher with his guitar performed music for the enjoyment of members and their guests throughout the social hour. Much conversation and laughter prevailed and the event was deemed a success.



Rotarian Al Noble and his wife pause for a photo.



President Elect, Ron Furman and Terri enjoying conversation with other Rotarians and their guests.



Rotarians John Proctor and Frank Oliver discussing their dessert table.

ROTARY AWARENESS

Club member, Jeannie Brady, organized the program for this week, Rotary Awareness. In addition to Jeannie, Rotary Club members Frank Oliver, Stephanie Holdt, Tom Daniels, Diane Ljungquist, Sandy Lane, and Al Noble related the circumstances that led to Tunkhannock Rotary Club membership.

Jeannie led off the program relating that her first experience with Rotary was at the age of 15 in her birthplace, Taiwan. At that time, she learned one of the main programs within Rotary International was the Exchange Student program. When she moved to the United States and Tunkhannock, Mr. Fitz would hurry out the door of their workplace to attend the weekly Tunkhannock Rotary meeting. She asked if she could join, but at that time was told there were no women members. By 1989, a woman had been granted membership in Rotary and when someone approached Jeannie to consider membership, she joined Rotary on September 25, 1989. She has served the club in several capacities including Club President. She feels that the Rotary matches qualities that her mother instilled in her and the Buddhist philosophy of the '3 Givings' – give of yourself in service, knowledge, and financially. The Rotary project that most specifically touches her heart is Roadside Clean-Up. Her mother in Taiwan for many years had made it her own personal community service project to keep the streets clean in their neighborhood.

Frank Oliver spoke about his reasons for joining Rotary. Frank left Tunkhannock in the late 1970's to become a fund-raising consultant working on several projects throughout the United States. During his career experiences, he learned of Peter Drucker's belief that the Salvation Army "is by far the most effective organization in the U.S. No one even comes close to it in respect to clarity of mission, ability to innovate, measurable results, dedication and putting money to maximum use." [Purtell, G. (April 2002). "The Most Effective Organization in the U.S.": The Salvation Army and Peter Drucker. *Capital Research Center, Compassion and Culture*. Retrieved from www.capitalresearch.org.] Frank added that from his perspective, Rotary somewhat mirrors the Salvation Army, an organization that relies on local volunteers who do things that relate back to the Salvation Army's overarching mission. In his experiences while working in several locations throughout our country, he encountered individual Rotary Clubs whose members were completing projects that related to and were appropriate for their community while still reflecting Rotary's overarching mission. He attended Rotary Club meetings as a guest speaker to provide information about various fund-raising projects in which he was involved. And, throughout the country, Rotary Clubs were extremely supportive of those projects. Three years ago, Frank returned to Tunkhannock to enjoy retirement. Since his return, he has become involved in several community service projects that have also been supported by Rotary. When asked to join a community service group, Frank typically asks, "What is the mission of your group". It would seem that the mission of the Tunkhannock Rotary matches Frank's mission. When asked to join the Tunkhannock Rotary, he said, "Yes". *Continued on the next page*

THE ROTARY CLUB OF TUNKHANNOCK

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Due to a friend's health event that greatly impacted Stephanie Holdt, she decided to obtain the necessary certification to work for Aflac Insurance. That decision ultimately brought her to employment as a Health and Life Agent at Tri-County Insurance Company in Tunkhannock. Tri-County President and CEO Al Noble and Samantha Maruzelli (Partner and Agent) are valued members of the Tunkhannock Rotary Club. Their invitation to attend a Rotary Club meeting resulted in Stephanie becoming a member. Stephanie, who before joining Tri-County was involved in a real estate company with her husband, has three children. When they were young, she was actively involved as a volunteer with various school activities. Now old enough to tell her that type of involvement is an embarrassment to them, she finds she can satisfy her desire to be involved in community service projects through Rotary.

Tom Daniels related that his journey to Tunkhannock Rotary membership took a number of years. When growing up on Long Island, he participated in Boy Scouts. Upon moving to Tunkhannock, he continued his involvement in Boy Scouts as his own sons earned the ultimate Boy Scout Eagle Award. Sadly, he and his family lost their home to the most recent major flooding that occurred on the Susquehanna River. The outpouring of help he and his family received from the community as they went through the process of flood recovery including building and settling into a new house was amazing. On many occasions, Tunkhannock Rotary Club member Harry Sharpe had asked Tom to join Rotary. Now that the new house is completed, Tom related that he has simply run out of excuses and deciding that the timing was right joined the club this past December. He sees his membership in Rotary as an organized way to give back to the community in the spirit in which the community responded during the flood recovery. Tom concluded by mentioning he is convinced that one of his sons, who has been involved in several community service projects including helping in Haiti, is destined to be a Rotary member.

Diane Ljungquist currently the CEO at Tyler Hospital related that her parents raised her to work hard and give back to the community. As a child she was involved in Girl Scouts beginning at the Brownie Scout level. As her career path led her from Berwick to Wilkes-Barre to Tunkhannock, she has been involved in service to her community. When approached to join Tunkhannock Rotary, her two biggest concerns were: 1) would she be able to make a difference and 2) did she have the time to be a member. She is glad that she was asked to join Rotary and that she said yes. She has found membership has enabled her to become better acquainted with the community and is impressed with the difference the local Rotary makes in our community and Rotary International makes in the world.

Sandy Lane related that she was one of the earlier female Tunkhannock Rotary Club members. She has served in a variety of leadership roles including President and currently as Treasurer. She mentioned that upon gaining employment as Business Manager in the Tunkhannock Area School District, School Superintendent Kent Kresge informed her it was expected that she become involved in a community service club. Kent also a Rotary member, suggested that Sandy consider joining the club. Sandy was hesitant at the time because there were no other female members. As soon as a few ladies joined the club, Kent approached her again and she decided it was time to join. While Sandy has many positive Rotary experiences, she related her experience with hosting a foreign exchange student from Serbia. While in the United States as a foreign exchange student, Dia decided that she wanted to stay in the United States and attend Drexel University. Sandy concerned about cosigning for a rather large sum of money it would take to begin the process, mentioned in passing to Rotary member Don Sick (now deceased) how upset she was to tell Dia she could not help her with her dream. Don's response was, "Give me 24 hours". Within that time, Don found a core group of people including Sandy to be responsible for the financial funding needed. Dia completed her degree at Drexel, paid everyone back ahead of schedule and currently lives with her husband in the Philadelphia area. Now that she is retired, Sandy has time to visit Dia more often.

Al Noble first came to Tunkhannock as a student teacher in 1957. He added that the aforementioned Kent Kresge was also a student teacher at the same time. After teaching in the Wyalusing school district for five years, Al left education to begin a career in insurance. He first became involved in another community service group in Tunkhannock that had their meetings in the evening. He found it difficult to attend the evening meetings and discontinued his membership. At the time he was first asked to attend a Rotary meeting, nothing really came of it. Sometime later when he was asked to join Rotary, he accepted. The first project he coordinated for Rotary was the Road-Side Clean-Up project. Upon mastering that activity, he was asked to become involved in more projects that led to his being considered the 'club fundraiser'. Al has been involved at the district level of Rotary for many years especially the Leadership Education Program.

A common theme that was prevalent with all the speakers was the desire to give back to the community that many times had provided assistance to them or a project that was/is extremely important to them. Additionally, the majority of them added that the reason they joined the Tunkhannock Rotary Club was very simple, it was because . . . someone asked them.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF TRAIL

Grant Money Presented

The club presented a check to board members of the Factoryville Public Library for the purchase of computer equipment.

The library will have two new computers and a printer installed; one for administrative tasks and the other making the internet available to its patrons.



L-R Beth O'Malley, Eleanor Kane, Martin Reynolds, Ray Petty, Lisa Logan Clough, Ellen Kanton and Bill Speare

TV Raffle and Super-Sunday Mixer

The winning ticket was pulled on Sunday for a 50" flat screen television. Kyle Smith had a pleasant surprise when he got the call telling him he would have a new 50" TV in time for the big game.



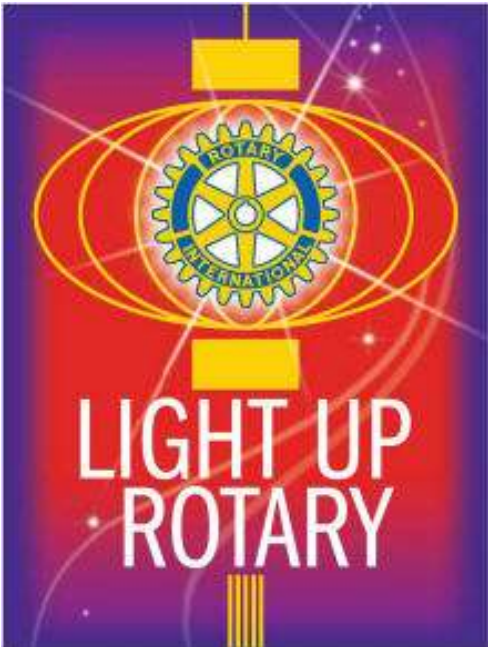
L-R Bill Speare, Don Demarest, Beth Polovitch, Lisa Logan Clough and Nikki Stone

High School Principal Visits

Dr. Mark Murphy, principal of the Lackawanna Trail Jr/Sr High School spoke to the club at a recent meeting. Dr. Murphy discussed new trends and initiatives in education.



L-R Ray Petty, Lisa Logan Clough, Ellen Kanton, Mark Murphy, Martin Reynolds, Barbara Frey, Nikki Stone, Beth Polovitch and Bill Speare



THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH SCRANTON

We inducted two new members to the North Scranton Rotary Club on January 28, 2015!



Dave Perry, sponsored by Tom Staples



Marty Wolff, sponsored by Nick Colarossi

North Scranton Rotary Club



For the 1999-2000 school year, The North Scranton Rotary hosted a German exchange student, Annie, for 3 months. Annie returned for a visit this January with her friend Vanessa. She joined us at our Wednesday morning and Thursday evening meeting. We also enjoyed a night out at Kelly's! Annie is a fellow Rotarian. We can't wait for their next visit!

THE ROTARY CLUB OF THE STROUDSBURGS

Three Rotarians receive their Paul Harris + 2 pins. Angelo Ortenzi, President Karen DeMatteo and Past President Paul Conforti. Past President Jim Becker officiated.



Our new Satellite Club has 5 new member's with one more to induct in January. Welcome to past Rotarians Debbie Kulick and Kim Filipkowski, welcome back! And new members, Ed Regina, John Beljean and Stacy Rodriguez. The NEW Satellite club meets Thursday evenings at 5:30 pm in East Stroudsburg.



Cleo Jarvis joined our lunch club! We look forward to getting to know her and finding ways to utilize all her fabulous talents. She was a Rotarian before she even know what Rotary was!



Our Rotary Wizards:

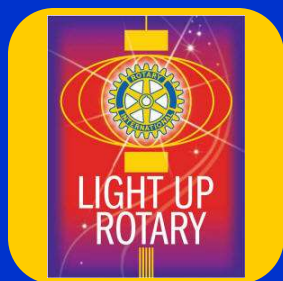
Nurse magic was performed by Rick Saldan. He motivated Jessica Peetz while Dennis made her cry happy tears. President Karen and Christa moved dollars through the air from an envelope into a grapefruit and Don Hannig, Stan Miles, Jim Hall and Chuck Niclaus had fun with plungers and toilet paper (pictured). You never know what will take place at the Stroudsburgs Rotary Club!



THE ROTARY CLUB OF THE STROUDSBURGS

In December, we recognized those families and community leaders to celebrate Rotary's Family and Community Month. Art Piancone with Pocono Alliance; Doug Arnold with Big Brothers Big Sisters; Rose Walsh and her daughter with the Red Cross; and Sue Scarborough with the Pocono Family YMCA. Pictured with them are Rotarians Jim Becker, Matt Rumph, Michele Baehr and President Karen DeMatteo.





Rotary of the Smithfields Presents
at the Chateau Resort at Camelback
3rd Annual

25+
Brews

Beer Tasting Evening

Light Food and Snacks
Entertainment by:
Crop Circle Agents

Benefits local charities
Fri, Feb 6th 7 PM – 10 PM
Chateau Resort, Tannersville

Rotary
Of the Smithfields



Tickets (21 and older only)
\$25 advance / \$30 at Door
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[Facebook.com/RotaryBeerTasting](https://www.facebook.com/RotaryBeerTasting)
Or Call Now 570 350-9246

THE ROTARY CLUB OF THE SMITHFIELDS

Rotary Club of the Smithfields to Hold Third Annual Beer Tasting Event At the Chateau at Camelback

The Rotary Club of the Smithfields is sponsoring a fun and entertaining night of Beer tasting/sampling at its Second Annual Beer Tasting fundraiser on Friday, February 6, 2015 from 7 pm to 10 pm at the Chateau Resort and Conference Center, 475 Camelback Road, Tannersville, Pennsylvania. Come and sample a variety of brews from premier local, regional and Pennsylvania breweries, including Shawnee Craft (Gem and Keystone), Barley Creek Brewery, Susquehanna Brewing Company, Yuengling, Yards Brewing Company, Straub Brewery, Lion Brewing (Stegmaier), Stoudt's Brewing Company, Widmer Brothers Brewing and Victory Brewing, together with Wood Chuck Cider. This is a great chance to sample and compare a variety of great beers in one place for one price for a good cause.

Beer tasting is designed to be a fun event with one simple rule: have fun sampling some really great beers and discovering new tastes and styles. Light food will be available to help compare flavors. More substantial fare will be available through the Chateau Resort.

The band Crop Circle Agents will be on hand to provide live music and round out the evening. Sample beer, dance, and listen to great music, this is what the evening is all about.

The cost is \$25 a person in advance and \$30 at the door.

You must be at least 21 years of age to participate. This is a fund raiser by the Rotary Club to help support its local charities and programs that provide service and aid in our community.

The Chateau Resort and Conference Center is located on Camelback Road, just off the Tannersville Exit (Exit 299) of Interstate 80 in Tannersville, Pennsylvania.

For information or tickets please contact Scott Amori at (570) 350-9246, www.rotaryofthesmithfields.org, www.chateaurort.com, www.facebook.com/rotaryclubofthesmithfields or www.facebook.com/rotarybeertasting for details.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF THE STROUDSBURGS



Honor a Veteran

Rotary is pleased to offer an opportunity for you to honor a family member who served their country. For \$10 you can purchase a lantern that will bear your service member's name, rank, war served in, and theater of operation. To do so, fill in the information below:

Name of service member: _____

Branch of Service & Rank (if known): _____

War served in (ex Civil, WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, etc): _____

Theater of operation (East, West, Europe, Russia, Pacific, Asia, etc): _____

Name of service member: _____

Branch of Service & Rank (if known): _____

War served in (ex Civil, WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, etc): _____

Theater of operation (East, West, Europe, Russia, Pacific, Asia, etc): _____

This lantern will proudly hang at our annual Not Just Another Auction on Thursday March 5th 2015. To attend the event go our website for further information www.stroudsburgsrotary.org and to inquire how to receive the lantern after the event if you do not attend email us at notjustanotherauction@gmail.com . All proceeds from the lantern sales will go to VALOR and Project Healing Waters, both organizations serve our Veterans suffering from PTSD and homelessness. Deadline to purchase is February 27, 2015 and all payment is due by that date.

Purchaser: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Amount \$ _____ paid

Check/Cash (Circle)

THE ROTARY CLUB OF THE STROUDSBURGS



The Rotary Club of the Stroudsburgs is honoring two outstanding local civic leaders. Yesterday, Rotarian Holley Kearns announced that the club has initiated a new award, the Alexander "Buzz" Bensinger Lifetime Achievement Award, to be celebrated at the Stroudsburgs Rotary Club's upcoming "Not Just Another Auction" gala in March.

The inaugural winner of the Award is John J. Riley (pictured).

"The Alexander Bensinger Lifetime Achievement Award" will recognize Monroe County residents who are successful in their vocation and known for their community service, selflessness, service or philanthropy," Kearns said. "Buzz Bensinger was an active, integral member of our Rotary Club for 62 years, serving

as the club president in 1960-61. He exemplifies the generous spirit of service that is the credo for Rotary." Bensinger, a prominent local attorney who is now retired, has in the past also been honored by the Pennsylvania Bar Association and Monroe County Bar Association.

John Riley will receive the Alexander Bensinger Lifetime Achievement Award at the Stroudsburgs Rotary Club's auction scheduled for March 5 at 5:30 p.m. at Shawnee Inn. The public is invited. Reservations can be made at stroudsburgsrotary.org. The cost is \$50.

Mr. Riley is the founder of the accounting firm Riley and Company, opening his first office in 1969. He has turned over the reins of daily management of the firm, but remains active with community work.

John Riley has served the community in many capacities: treasurer of the Eastern Monroe Public Library and of the Wildlife for Everyone Endowment Fund, Board member for Kettle Creek Endowment Foundation and the Affordable Housing Board. He was honored by the Boy Scouts of America, Minsi Trails Council and is a past citizen of the year of both the Mount Pocono and Monroe County Chambers of Commerce. John Riley was honored in 1990 by the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants with its distinguished public service award.

An expert witness for the Pennsylvania Court of Common Pleas, Riley has lectured all over the country on the subjects of divorce, fraud and business valuation. He has published many professional articles, served on both state and national boards in taxation and financial statement presentation and been the president of both the state Federation of Sportsmen's Club and the Pennsylvania Game Commission.

For more information, contact Holley Kearns at notjustanotherauction@gmail.com.

Register for the auction at
[www.stroudsburgsrotary.org!](http://www.stroudsburgsrotary.org)

District 7410 December, 2014 Club Attendance

New Rotarians

Abingtons	Laurie Stephens
Blakeslee	Christy Brady Julianne Kuhl
Hazleton	James Kelshaw Joseph Lettiere Carla Thaller
Stroudsburgs	John Beljean Kimberly Filipkowski Cleo Jarvis Debbie Kulick Gail Kulick Edward Regina Stacy Rodriguez
Tunkhannock	Frank Oliver



Club	Total Mem.	New Mem.	Dec. At-tend.
Abingtons	58	1	51.30%
Athens	0		0.00%
Blakeslee	13	2	70.83%
Dallas	42		72.00%
Dunmore	17		94.00%
Forest City Area	12		77.80%
Freeland	0		0.00%
Greater Nanticoke Area	0		0.00%
Hamlin	23		70.24%
Hawley	21		59.00%
Hazleton	86	3	45.22%
Honesdale	36		39.00%
Jim Thorpe	0		0.00%
Kingston	22		74.00%
Lehighton	10		90.00%
Mid-Valley	6		50.00%
Milford-Matamoras	24		0.00%
Montrose	25		72.00%
Mountaintop	15		60.00%
Mt. Pocono	0		0.00%
New Milford	14		58.00%
Newfoundland	40		75.54%
North Pocono	0		0.00%
North Scranton	21		82.00%
Pittston	0		0.00%
Plains	24		50.00%
Plymouth	0		0.00%
Pocono Mountains	21		67.00%
Sayre	13		65.00%
Scranton	0		0.00%
Smithfields	17		63.00%
Stroudsburgs	101	7	74.77%
Towanda	0		0.00%
Trail	12		56.00%
Troy	24		65.00%
Tunkhannock	0	1	0.00%
Weatherly	12		100.00%
Wellsboro	0		0.00%
West End	29		79.31%
Wilkes-Barre	28		65.00%
Winola	17		53.00%
Wyoming	0		0.00%