



News from District 7410

Letter from the District Governor

And the new Rotary Year begins!

There is no official theme for July. However, I would label it GO!

With PETS and District Assembly behind us, July is the month in which Officers change and Boards turnover. Many People are taking a breather with vacations and their children out of school, so it's a great time to take stock of the previous year's successes and plan for year ahead.



Our new theme for the year is "Rotary Serv-

ing Humanity." Could there be a more fitting theme? As we enter this year, our Rotary Foundation is 100 years old and performing well for us. It is rated in the top ten worldwide, and #6 ranking with Charity Navigator. The funds we give and the Foundation distributes for service are stewarded well and have maximum impact for community and worldwide service.

Our efforts and funds for the eradication of Polio may finally succeed in meeting the goal.... Good-bye Polio! It has been a very long sustained effort, but each and all of us can be very proud of our work and investment in this project. Never has such a project been undertaken. And it started with Rotarians asking, " Why not?" And answering: "TOGETHER, CERTAINLY, WE CAN DO IT!" So, let's keep our eyes on the prize... Polio - NO MORE!

So, as I step into the role of District Governor and follow Barbara's very successful year, I am looking forward to meeting with the clubs; the clusters; and help all the clubs in the district grow and develop successful projects and community activities. Together, we District 7410 Rotarians can share experiences and know how and continue fine traditions of service that makes us part of the fabric of Rotary worldwide.

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SERVING
HUMANITY**

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR CONTINUES....

Therefore my message for July is GET GOING! Look to a very good year! Review John Germ's goals and use the Presidential Citation document set your goals and get them logged into the RI website.

Below are some key dates to put on your Calendar right now for 2016-2017... Let's be District 7410.

- Rotary MAXIMUS! For membership, Foundation, RLI, District Conference, and The ATLANTA Convention. Let's be the best trained and capable to deliver on the promise that ROTARY SERVES HUMANITY!

—MARCIA LOUGHMAN - DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2016-2017

SCHEDULED UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, September 17, 2016 - 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. - **District Membership Seminar** – King's College – Wilkes-Barre, PA

Saturday, February 4, 2017 - 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. - **District Grants Management Seminar and Pre-PETS** - Genetti's Conference Center – Hazleton, PA

Saturday, February 11, 2017 – 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. – **District Grants Management Seminar and Pre-PETS** – Towanda Country Club – Towanda, PA

Tuesday, February 21, 2017 – 5:30 p.m. – 9 p.m. - **District Grants Management Seminar and Pre-PETS** – Marzoni's – Moosic, PA

(note: All President-Elects are required to attend one of the three Pre-PETS sessions)

Friday, April 28- Sunday 30th, 2017 District Conference at The Inn at Pocono Manor —A Celebration and Sharing of Club Fellowship, Project successes and Rotary .

Saturday, May 13, 2017 – 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. – **District Training Assembly for Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers** – King's College – Wilkes-Barre, PA

June 10 -13, 2017: **ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION, ATLANTA.** (GO TO www.rotaryconvention2017.org/ TO FIND REGISTRATION INFORMATION)



Presidential Citations

To qualify for a Presidential Citation, clubs must complete two mandatory activities and additional activities in several categories. Although most will be verified through RI data, you may have to rely on info entered in Rotary Club Central.

For the first time, club's eligible achievements will run the span of the entire Rotary year— July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

District Governors will be able to track club achievements online and they are encouraged to be supportive in helping them achieve the stated goals.

District Citations

This is a special citation to districts that...

- * show at least 51 percent of their clubs earning Presidential Citations
- * Contribute at least 20 percent of their District Designated Fund to PolioPlus
- * Increase annual fund giving by at least five percent over last year
- * Achieve a three-percent increase in membership



Sponsored by New Milford Area Rotary Club
& New Milford Men's Club

 **HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT** 9AM • \$20

Entry fee includes Chicken BBQ Dinner
Contact: Peter Conigliaro (570) 465-3830

 **CHICKEN BBQ** 11AM until gone • \$10.00

Pre-sales must be picked up by 12:30pm.

 **CAR CRUISE-IN** All day

Bring your classic/custom car or street rod!
(No dogs around cars, please.)

Contacts: Ken Bondurant (570) 465-7527 & Jack Beaudry (570) 465-7528

 **CRAFT FAIR & FLEA MARKET** 8AM

Vendors and Yard Sellers wanted!
Contact: Eleanor Lempke (570) 465-3505

District Banner Exchange Held in Historic Setting



Edwin Belon (right), president of the Lehighton Club, passed the Governor's banner to Richard Sidelnick, incoming president of the North Scranton Club.

The historic Tripp House in Scranton was the site of the annual district banner exchange on Sunday, June 26. It was hosted by the North Scranton Club.

DG Barbara Belon was in attendance from the Lehighton Club, ceremoniously passing the baton to her successor DGE Marcia Loughman from the North Scranton Club.



DG Barbara Belon (right) pinned the Governor's pin on incoming DG Marcia Loughman. Shown in inset are Marcia and her proud father.



District's Newest Rotary Club Receives Their Charter

While the official Charter Night celebrations were held in May, the club received their official, framed charter as well as their "Charter Member" certificates on June 9th. This new club has already racked up multiple successful fundraisers and service projects, and is now working on starting a community-based Interact club. They're off to a great start!



District 7410 Rotarians –

Thanks for a terrific year, and your individual and club's participation in this year's District-sponsored events. We began our "*Change the World*" campaign at the 2015 PETS, and because of the generosity of your members, your club donations to The Rotary Foundation will continue to make a difference in the lives of both people in your community and around the world.

Yours in Rotary,
PDG Barbara

Rotary International Director Makes Rare Visit to District

Rotary International Director for Zones 24/32, Julia Phelps, visited our district over the June 24-26 weekend. Saturday, Julia attended both the Dallas Wine & Dine event as well as the Wilkes-Barre celebration of their 100th anniversary of chartering. Sunday, before winging her way back to New Hampshire, Director Julia attended our district's Banner Exchange where incoming DG Marcia received her governor's pin, as well as the "Governor's Home Club" banner, which North Scranton will get to keep for the Rotary year.

At the Banner Exchange, Director Julia announced to the attendees that as of May 31st, District 7410 had out-performed all other districts in Zone 32, racking up a total of 51 new members. Way to go, District 7410!



Director Julia speaking at the banner exchange.



Director Julia celebrating 100 years with Wilkes-Barre Club President Bob Lawrence.



Director Julia (center) at the Luzerne County Fairgrounds with PDG Carol (left) and DG Barbara.



Wyoming Rotary Scholarships

The Rotary Club of Wyoming recently awarded scholarships to three Wyoming Area students. They were awarded on the basis of the students' dedication to Community Service, one of the four avenues of service of Rotary International. Students (from left) are Matthew Dovidas, top recipient, and runners-up Nico Vasquez and MacKenzie Bilbow. In back are Rotarians John Piszak, Darrel Evans and John Harrington.

Rotary Club of Dallas

Dallas Rotarians Install Officers And Directors

The Dallas Rotary Club recently installed their officers and board members for the 2016-2017 service year at a dinner meeting held at the Appletree Terrace, Newberry Estate, Dallas.

This year the club also recognized eleven of their members with “Quarter Century Plus Service Awards.” Their combined service to Rotary exceeded 350 years.

Their guest speaker for the evening was Shannon Peduto, Executive Director of the Luzerne County Child Advocacy Center. She presented the Dallas Club with the center’s first ever Guardian Shield award in recognition of the club’s faithful and ongoing contributions to the center. Another highlight of the evening was the presentation of the crayons. Members and friends were asked to bring boxes of crayons, and they brought in more than 300 boxes for the children to use at the center. Another special guest was Miss Luzerne County, Cassie Cerulli, who gave heartfelt remarks about the joys of public service and giving back to our communities.

The Dallas Rotary Club was chartered in March 1927 and will celebrate 90 years of service to



The Rotary Club of Dallas installed their officers and board members for the 2016-17 service year. Seated from left: Treasurer Jerry Reisch, President Elect Kimberlie Reisch, President Jason Jolley, Vice President Paul Rodda, Secretary Ashley Wagner. Standing: Board Member Fred DiMaria, Board Member Paul Saxon, Past President Ted Horn, Board Member Nick Stredny, Board Member Sandy Peoples. Absent from photo: Board Member Ron Fitch.

our Back Mountain community and the world in March 2017.

They sponsor more than two dozen charitable projects in the Back Mountain including the annual Christmas shopping spree for 45 children and a Christmas luncheon for the Dallas Active Adult Center. They are also part of Rotary International’s worldwide campaign to eradicate polio. Their major fundraisers are an annual charity golf tournament at the Irem Country Club in September and an annual Wine and Dine Festival at the Luzerne County Fairgrounds on the last Saturday in June.



The Dallas Rotary Club honored eleven of their members with Quarter Century Plus Service Awards. Seated from left: Joe Stager, 31 years; George Bacon, 30 years; Paul Rodda, 41 years. Standing: President Jason Jolley; John Rhoads, 30 years; Kerry Freeman, 42 years; Ted Horn, 25 years; President Elect Kimberlie Reisch. Those not available for the photo who also received awards: Robert Baird, 42 years; Bernard Boback, 30 years; Ron Fitch, 28 years; Jon Pomrinke, 32 years; Kevin Smith, 26 years.

Rotary Club of Tunkhannock



**Tunkhannock's
2016-17 Leaders**

Newly installed officers and directors in Tunkhannock are (front from left) President Elect Samantha Maruzzelli, Secretary Carol Ziomek, Treasurer Sandy Lane and Director Tom Kukuchka. In back are (from left) President Ann Way, DG Barbara Belon, Past President Ron Furman, Vice President Don Streby and Directors Bill Milligan, George Gay and Rod Azar. (absent were Directors Karen Fuller, Norm Kelly, Mike Markovitz and Matt Pompey) Installation coverage on page eight.

Rotary Club of Dallas



Presented with Guardian Shield

The Rotary Club of Dallas was presented with the Guardian Shield award in recognition of their support of the Luzerne County Child Advocacy Center. From left: Executive Director Shannon Peduto, Forensic Investigator Shannon Joyce, Rotary Club President Jason Jolley.



Crayons Galore for Children

Members of the Dallas Rotary Club brought more than 300 boxes of crayons to the meeting to present to the Luzerne County Child Advocacy Center (LCCAC) for the children to enjoy. From left: Dallas Rotary Club President Jason Jolley, President Elect Kimberlie Reisch, LCCAC Executive Director Shannon Peduto, LCCAC Forensic Investigator Shannon Joyce.

Rotary Club of Tunkhannock

DG Barbara Belon Installs Tunkhannock Rotary Officers and Directors for 2016-2017

The Rotary Club of Tunkhannock held its 2016 Officer Installation and Awards Banquet on June 23 at the Tunkhannock Moose Lodge. District Governor Barbara and Edwin Belon were honored guests.

Two Tunkhannock Rotarians gave personal Paul Harris Recognitions: Patty Ehrenzeller made her husband Randy Ehrenzeller a Paul Harris Fellow and Tom Kukuchka recognized his daughter-in-law Sherri Kukuchka (absent) as a new Paul Harris Fellow.

Club Awards for the 2015-2016 Rotary Year were presented to: President. Ron Furman for Perfect Attendance; a Thank You Award to Terry Furman for her outstanding work on the Blessing of the Books Collections; the President's Award to Rod Azar for his leadership of the re-establishment of the Rotary Relays; a Distinguished Service Award to Ann Way for her years of outstanding service to the Club, including repeatedly burning the midnight oil handling all ticket sales for the annual Harvest & Wine Festival, and the Club Rotarian of the Year Award to Don Streby for his masterful solicitation of donors and sponsors for Club events.



Ann Way (at left) receiving her Distinguished Service Award from President Ron Furman. At right, Don Streby with his Rotarian of the Year Award presented by President Ron.

After the Awards Ceremony, outgoing President Ron Furman reviewed the many accomplishments of the club during his year as President. One of his proudest personal accomplishments was keeping his gavel from being "stolen" by Club Rotarians during his Presidency (a favorite game of Club Rotarians). Although Ron did admit that after his installation as President at last year's banquet, his new gavel was briefly "stolen" by Tom Kukuchka (gavel thief par excellence) but Tom had pity on him and returned it at the end of the evening. Since that event occurred in late June before Ron officially took over the Presidency on July 1, Tom's escapade did not really count as a "steal" during his Presidency and Ron became the first President in 5 years to hang onto his gavel for his entire Presidency.

DG Barbara Belon then installed Ann Way as the 2016-2017 President of the Rotary Club of Tunkhannock. She also swore in the other officers and directors for the next Rotary year.

At the passing of the gavel portion of the ceremony where outgoing President Ron Furman presents a new gavel to incoming President Ann Way, the gavel box came up empty as the gavel "thief" gremlins were already at work. (See next page.) The gavel was located and Ann proceeded to tie it around her neck to guard it for the rest of the evening. The evening ended with the new President's address to the club as to her "hopes" for the next Rotary year starting July 1. *Continues Next Page..*

Rotary Club of Tunkhannock



Tunkhannock President Ron Furman found the gavel box empty (left) when he proceeded to pass the gavel box to incoming President Ann Way. It seemed the gavel “thief” had struck again. But it was subsequently recovered, allowing President-to-be Ann to address the assembly, gavel secured around her neck..

Tunkhannock Rotary Welcomes New Member

On May 5, President Ron Furman inducted Rich Seaberg into the Rotary Club of Tunkhannock. Rich’s sponsor was Rod Azar. Rich is the Director of Security for the Tunkhannock Area School District and oversees the D.A.R.E . (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) course for 5th graders, in which participants are taught how to make good decisions, and how to get out of bad situations. Rich teaches the students about the dangers of drugs, alcohol and abuse of prescription drugs, as well as, defining problems, responsible choices, responding to pressures, communication styles, the five W’s of reporting events, and avoiding risky situations.



New member Rich Seaberg is flanked by his sponsor, Rod Azar (left) and President Ron Furman. Seaberg, a security professional, educates youngster about drug and alcohol abuse along with his other duties.



Plains Community Service Award Goes to Student

The Chief Roland Biscontini Community Service Award was presented to Raven Bozek, an eighth-grade student at Solomon/Plains Junior High School. The certificate and \$250 award was presented by Plains Rotary Club President Allen Bartoli. The award is named after the former Plains Twp. Police Chief and Rotarian Roland Biscontini and is given to an 8th grade student in recognition of their community service.

End of the Summer Extravaganza



August 25, 2016

GROTTO PIZZA, HARVEY'S LAKE

Boat rides at 4pm

Cocktails @ 6 at the Sports Bar and dinner at 7

ORDER OFF THE MENU

NO BUFFET OPTION!!!

EACH CLUB WILL HAVE THEIR OWN CHECK THIS YEAR!!!!

All reservations for this event must be made to JK by August 15th
CELL 570-574-4246 or email to john.karavis@citizensbank.com

David Yefko, President, Rotary Club of Plymouth

Rotary Club of Lehighton



**Lehighton Rotarians
Cap 2015-16 Year
With 'Rotary Reads'**

In conjunction with the inaugural year of the "Chalk Positive" day in their community, the Rotary Club of Lehighton set up a reading tent, where club members volunteered to read a children's story to attendees. Stories were read on the half hour, followed by drawing time, where the children were encouraged to draw a picture from the story. Along with supporting literacy, this project also gave away books to young readers.

Registration Form

Checks must accompany each entry and may be personal or corporate checks.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Number of Golfers: _____

Names of Golfers: _____

Our Participation will be:

- ___ Tournament Sponsor w/ foursome \$1500
- ___ Cart Sponsor w/ foursome \$1000
- ___ Lunch Sponsor w/ foursome \$1000
- ___ Gold Sponsor w/ foursome \$520
- ___ Silver Sponsor w/ foursome \$450
- ___ Golf Foursome \$380
- ___ Single(s) Golfer (each) \$95
- ___ Hole Sponsor \$75

Sponsorship Sign(s) are to read as follows:

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Please return form and payment to:

Rotary Club of the Pocono Mountains
 1056 Rte 390, Cresco, PA 18326

**YOU'RE
CORDIALLY
INVITED
TO...**

The Rotary Club of the Pocono Mountains
Annual Golf Tournament
 Hosted @ Mount Airy Golf Club

Friday, July 15th, 2016

Registration & Breakfast • 8 am

Shotgun Start • 9 am

Lunch • 2 pm

Included with your golf registration there will be a continental breakfast served at the Course. Following golf, share in a lunch buffet.



If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, help is available. Call 1-800-GAMBLER or e-mail problemgambling@state.pa.us



We thank you in advance for supporting Rotary, which in turn supports your local community!



The Rotary Club of the Pocono Mountains

Annual **GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Friday, July 15th, 2016

@ Mount Airy Golf Club



- 8 am - Registration & Continental Breakfast
- 9 am - Shotgun Start
- 2 pm - Lunch





Our Clubs in Action

The Rotary Club of Tunkhannock

High School Track Teams Compete at Rotary Relays

On May 20th, the Tunkhannock Rotary Club hosted the 32nd Annual Rotary Relays Invitational Junior High Track Meet at Memorial Stadium in Tunkhannock. The historic Rotary Relays began in the 1980s, and returned in 2016 after a five-year hiatus due to junior high sports funding issues within the region.

The event was attended by seven different teams from the Wyoming Valley Conference and Lackawanna League including Hazleton Area, Lackawanna Trail, Lake-Lehman, Susquehanna, Tunkhannock Area, Wyoming Area and Wyoming Valley West.

Over 200 girls and boys competed in 14 different relay events including seven track relays (4x100/110 shuttle hurdles, 4x100, 4x200, 4x400, 4x Mid-Distance Medley, and 4x1600), three throwing relays (3x Shotput, 3x Discus, and 3x Javelin), three jumping competitions (3x Triple Jump, 3x Long Jump & 3x High Jump) and the 2x Pole Vault Relay.

Electronically Timed

The event was electronically-timed by Wil-Time Event Management, who also does the official timing for several other PIAA and NCAA track & field meets throughout the region. The top three relay teams in each of the 14 events received individual medals, and six team trophies were handed out for the best school on the track, best field event school and individual team champions.

Wyoming Area won the boys overall title, with Hazleton Area and Wyoming Valley West rounding out the top three. Hazleton Area won the girls title, with Wyoming Valley West



Runners wait at the starting line at the Memorial Stadium track.

and Wyoming Area taking second and third, respectively.

Gate fees and donations were collected to benefit the Special Olympics and the Paralympics. The club thanks the generous sponsors who helped fund this event and the relay t-shirts. The Tunkhannock Rotary Club hopes to build upon the successful return of this track meet, and looks forward to an even more successful event in 2017.

Exchange Students Attend Weekly Rotary Luncheon

The Rotary Club of Tunkhannock has had the pleasure of hosting three foreign exchange students for the 2015-2016 Rotary year. All three students were invited to give a presentation on their home country at the May 26 Rotary luncheon.

Frank Yu is from Taiwan and explained the Taiwanese education system and described some cultural events in Taiwan. One of the events he showcased was the Lantern Festival, where the participants placed a wish on the lantern as they were released. He mentioned that the main source of



Rotary Club of Tunkhannock



The Interact Officers presented a check for \$50 for Polio Plus (to be matched by the Rotary Club) to President Ron Furman (center).

Tunkhannock Interactors Give Final Report to the Rotary Club

With the school year coming to a close and the current senior Interact Officers graduating from High School, the Officers took the opportunity on May 19 to update the Tunkhannock Rotary Club on yet another very active year.

Among their achievements this year, they helped the Rotary

Club collect donations for toys for kids for Xmas on Candy Cane Day, had a Heavenly Hats Parade for chemo patients, packed 10,000 meals for the Stop Hunger Now Program and participated in Prom Prep Day. They also received a Presidential Citation for their work this Rotary year.



Exchange Students...

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transportation was scooters rather than private cars. Frank gave each of the Rotarians a package of tea from Taiwan.

Louis Metens from Belgium spoke about the political situation in his country. There are three official languages in Belgium: Flemish, French and German. Louis mentioned that some of the things that Belgium is noted for are: chocolate, comics, waffles and beer.

Julia Alonso talked about her home country of Brazil. Portuguese is the official language and the country is made up of many immigrants. Julia is from Sao Paulo, which is over twice the size of New York City. Carnival is one of the main attractions in Brazil.



Julia Alonso, from Sao Paulo, Brazil, giving her presentation to Tunkhannock Rotarians. More photos of the busy exchange students on page 17.

Endless Mountains

Rotary Road Rally

DATE: October 9th, 2016

TIME: 9 AM – 2 PM

START: Sayre Riverfront Park

COST: \$50.00/vehicle

Includes shirts, lunch, participation plaque, and donation to the Children's House, Towanda, PA., for driver and navigator.

Must register by September 24th to guarantee t-shirt

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT "THE CHILDREN'S HOUSE"

Registration form available at
www.facebook.com/EndlessMountainsRotaryRoadRally
Email questions to: vjacoski@gmail.com



Rotary



[Rotary Club of North Scranton](#)



DG Marcia Loughman inducted the new club president, Richie Sedelnick. Richie is being pinned by outgoing club president Terry Beilman.



Shown after the installation (from left) are Buddy Cosgrove, Bob and Clare Angeloni, Marcia and Joe Loughman, Beverly and Steve Solfanelli.

Club Dines at Installation

On the beautiful evening of June 20th, the North Scranton Rotary Club held their annual Installation Dinner at the Cosgrove Farm.

The event was planned by 2016-2017 Club President Richie Sedelnick and hosted by Master of Ceremonies Bob Angeloni. The Gino Marrazzo Memorial Rotarian of the year award was given to Carl Baruffaldi for his outstanding demonstration of Service Above Self throughout the year. While many Rotarians received their perfect attendance awards, Bob Gilbert topped them all with 36 years of perfect attendance!



North Scranton Club Secretary Dave Guskey presenting Bob Gilbert with his 36 years of perfect attendance.



Chrissy Sedelnick, Terry Beilman, Laurie Beaupre and Kendra Roderick enjoy the food.

MORE NORTH SCRANTON PHOTOS NEXT PAGE.

Rotary Club of the North Scranton

North Scranton Rotarians Enjoy Weston Park Outing



Photos clockwise from above:
—Richie Sedelnick, Bob Angeloni, Tom Staples, and Mike Barrows grilling up some burgers and dogs!
—Group photo of club members;
—Dominic Jacobino, Chrissy Sedelnick, Nikki Wagner, and Joe Loughman serving burgers and dogs;
—Steve Solfanelli and Terry Beilman getting the root beer ready to be distributed.
—The Scranton Police Department giving demonstrations and educating the youth of North Scranton.
—A North Scranton Resident who is thoroughly enjoying his chocolate ice cream and his heart-shaped sunglasses he won playing games. Next stop, the pool!





Rotary Club of Tunkhannock

Exchange Students Get Around

Rotary Exchange students — Frank Yu, Louis Metens and Julia Alonso — got an inside look at county government recently and gave presentations to their sponsoring club. They had the opportunity for a June visit to the Wyoming County Courthouse and the Wyoming County Commissioners. They also received Pennsylvania photo books signed by many of the Tunkhannock Rotarians as a reminder of their time in NEPA.

In photos from top left clockwise:

Yu (Taiwan) and Metens (Belgium) give their presentations to Tunkhannock Rotarians;

Visit with Commissioners (from left) Judy Kraft Mead, Tom Henry, and Ron Williams. Standing are Alonso, Julia Pinturier of France, Metens, Yu and Tunkhannock Rotarian Marta Kovacs (Wyoming Co. Examiner Photo);

Frank, Julia and Louis receive PA photo books from President Ron Furman.



Patty Ehrenzeller & Samantha Maruzzelli.



Don Streby and Stephanie Holdt .

Sprucing Up Continues at Center

As a follow up to the last report on the painting of the main room of the Wyoming County Senior Center by Tunkhannock Rotarians, two more painting events were held.

In addition, the Club replaced the sinks and countertops in the men's and ladies rest rooms, carpeted and replaced the curtain under the stage and finished painting the smaller rooms at the Center.

The Senior Center serves a large number of residents providing a place for gatherings, lunches, various talks, exercise classes, health events and as resource for a variety of

services for the senior community. The seniors using the Center have expressed their appreciation for the Clubs efforts to brighten up their surroundings.





[Rotary Club of Hazleton](#)

Pat Takes Helm of Hazleton Club

Pat Ward was installed as the 96th President of the Rotary Club of Hazleton at the annual President's Party held at the Valley Country Club on June 22, 2016.

Pat has been a member of the Rotary Club of Hazleton for 20 years and he was sponsored for membership by Rotarian Bernie Rudegear. Ward's Rotary activities have included service as the club's Sergeant at Arms, webmaster and club secretary, as well as vice president and president-elect. He is also a Paul Harris Fellow.

"The theme of the coming year in Rotary International is "Rotary Serving Humanity." Ward said. "That is something we should all aspire to, and I know our club will continue to work hard to help local organizations better serve the community. We can also look to assist other Rotary clubs around



Pat Ward: Life of President's Party

the world on international projects, should the opportunities arise".

Ward Continues: "We want to grow our membership this year, and welcome anyone who is interested in becoming a Rotarian and joining our great club, to reach out to one of our members..

SEE, "WARD" ON PAGE 19.



Honduras Project Update

While 85 percent of the work to add two new school rooms and a patio at the "School on the Dam" was done during our February 2016 service trip to Honduras, it is always nice to see the finished project, reports PDG Barbara. . The remaining work and the final funding effort was taken on by the Valle de Sula Rotary Club. They also funded the plaque (above) that has been proudly affixed to the exterior wall of the school. At left we see the children who now have a local school they can attend. "Many thanks to the clubs in our district that provided financial assistance for this international project," Barbara reports.

[Rotary Club of Sayre](#)



Clubs Jointly Install

The Rotary Clubs of Sayre and Athens, PA and Waverly, NY recently met at the Rail House Restaurant for a joint installation of new officers for the 2016-2017 year. Guest speaker was Marcia Loughman, District Governor Elect for RI District 7410, who officiated the installation. Shown from left are the new presidents of each club: Doug VanAllen from Waverly Rotary, John Savelli from Sayre Rotary, Val Jacoski from Athens Rotary and DGE Marcia Loughman.

Ward...

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“Our club will be challenged to “Focus on our community, focus on fellowship and focus on fun”. We currently have 90 active and 15 honorary members. These great Rotarians honor me by electing me as their President. We look forward to a great year”.

Pat graduated from Bishop Hafey High School and holds a degree in Mass Communications from Penn State University.

He has served as President of the United Way of Greater Hazleton since August, 2006. He assumed the position after stepping down as Chairman of the United Way Board, a volunteer position, to lead the organization through its transitional period and annual fundraising campaign.

Ward was a United Way volunteer for more than 25 years, including two years as campaign chair. He is a well-known community activist, public relations and marketing professional, political consultant and broadcast journalist, with over 35 years of experience in Northeast PA

He began his career at Hazleton radio Station WAZL and later became news director of that station and two others. He was also General Manager of WAZL.

For 17 years, as part of a wide-ranging career, Ward served as Vice President of Community Relations for Hazleton-Saint Joseph Medical Center and the Greater Hazleton Health Alliance.

He also worked as a staff assistant and press officer in the U.S. Congress and has been an advisor to several high-profile political campaigns.

Rotary Club of Hazleton



Officers, Board Members Installed

New officers and board members for July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017 were welcomed into the Rotary Club of Hazleton at the annual President's Party on Wednesday, June 22 at the Valley Country Club. Among those are (seated from left) Vice President Lisa Finkelstein, President-Elect Toni Frumkin, President Pat Ward and Immediate Past President Ron Avellino. Standing from left are Mark Imbriaco, Secretary Bernie Rudegear, Alan Whitaker, Treasurer Pat Owens Jr., Donna Barna, John Beltrami, Recording Secretary Lani Drobnock and Gary Lagana. Missing from Photo: Sergeant at Arms John Schwear, Dr. Gary Lawler, Kathie Oh, Jim Reinmiller and Ken Trippett.

Rotary Club of Plains



Plains Rotary Assists Special Girl

Upon hearing the Breznay family was in the process of purchasing a wheelchair accessible van for their daughter Lizzie, the Plains Rotary donated \$1,000 to the family. The Rotary club raises funds to support needs within the community. Its two major fundraisers are the annual Pasta-in-the-Park dinner and the Plains Rotary Memorial Golf Tournament. Lizzie, Helene and Brian thanked the Rotarians for truly helping make a special girl's dream come true. Pictured with Lizzie are L-R: Rotarians Joseph Gelli, Club President Allen Bartoli, Helene and Brian Breznay, Rotarians Ben Berrini and Gino Bartoli.

New Rotarians

Athens	Kimberly	Mastrantonio
	Harry	Schneider
Honesdale	Thomas	Shutkin
Stroudsburgs, The	Adam	Bush
	Steven	Love
	Jean	Tout-Puissant
Trail	Heinz	Hoffmann
	Joan	Kupetsky
	Steve	Stearns
Weatherly	Brianna	McCardle
Wellsboro	Michael	Birbeck
	John	Johnston
Winola	Linda	Brown
	Jacalyn	Mattes

District 7410 — 2016 Club Data

Club	Total Mem	New Mem.	Attend. %
Abingtons	60		49.79%
Athens	16		
Blakeslee	10	2	57.50%
Dallas	44		
Dunmore	16		
Forest City Area	12		72.90%
Freeland	10		
Hamlin	33		52.69%
Hawley	21		64.00%
Hazleton	89		34.31%
Honesdale	37	1	47.00%
Jim Thorpe	24		
Kingston	19		63.00%
Lehighton	9		
Mid-Valley	5		50.00%
Milford-Matamoras	26		0.00%
Montrose	23		81.00%
Mountaintop	18		
Mt. Pocono	16		
New Milford	16		
Newfoundland	41		73.57%
North Pocono	19		
North Scranton	25		88.00%
Pittston	16		25.00%
Plains	21		58.00%
Plymouth	22		
Pocono Mountains	21		60.00%
Sayre	18		64.00%
Scranton	38		0.00%
Slate Belt Rotary	25		50.00%
Smithfields	22		51.00%
Stroudsburgs	102	3	62.88%
Towanda	14		
Trail	17	3	51.00%
Troy	25		72.00%
Tunkhannock	69		46.03%
Weatherly	10	1	100.00%
Wellsboro	44	2	0.00%
West End	18		
Wilkes-Barre	30		
Winola	15	2	
Wyalusing Area	27		45.00%
Wyoming	20		57.50%





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