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# News from District 7410



## Letter from the District Governor

Letter from District Governor Marcia Loughman...

This is my last official letter for the monthly newsletters. June brings graduations, alumni events, RI Annual Convention, and much more. Thirty-seven of us will be off to the RI Convention in Atlanta this year. It should be very interesting and stimulating.

It is hard to imagine that a year has gone by, and it is almost time for the Banner Exchange and your next District Governor, Karin Breitlauch, to begin our next Rotary Year.

As I reflect on this past year, I would especially like to thank a few people who have helped me with District Service for this past year.

First, Art Peoples has helped me throughout the last two years to get ready to take on this responsibility. If not for Art's advice and help, I would have been spinning! Thanks Art for all your sage counsel and help.

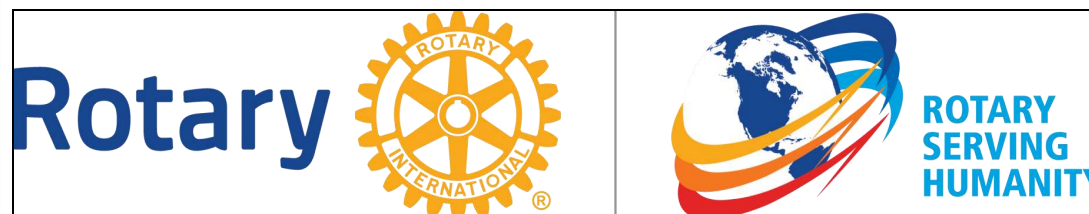
Thanks also to Sandy Peoples and Wes Skillings for pushing me a little and editing me a lot to be able to complete a letter each month for the newsletter, mostly on time. Thank you also for your patience.

**OUR SEVEN ASSISTANT GOVERNORS** have helped with the seven clusters. If not for Norm Kelly, Nancy Brittain, Karen DeMatteo, Joe Loughman, John John, Albert Kobe and Paul Brenner reaching the clubs throughout the year, it would have been a difficult proposition. Thank you for your dedication and the support you have given me as Governor throughout this year.

This was Mary Ellen Bentler's first year as Foundation Chair, and she has done a great job of handling the DDF grants and preparing for the next cycle of funding. During this year, we had \$21,000 to work with, and every project received something with which to work and succeed with their goals. The Foundation Committee had a great event for the 100th year of Foundation. Thanks for that as well.

Thank you to Melissa Saxon for again successfully leading the Youth Exchange Committee. You and your committee (Anne Seine, Buddy O'Malia, Ted Silver, Irene Carey and Pat Mazai) have done a great job of bringing students in

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and arranging for students to go out both long term and short term.

Karen DeMatteo has been such an effective leader with RYLA and promoting Interact and Rotoract. A special thanks to Karen for taking on many challenges this year along with RYLA leadership serving 80 young people each of these two sessions. Karen will be taking on the District Governor Nominee role in July, and she has developed a strong team to follow her taking over the RYLA Program in 2017-2018.

I would like to recognize Jeff Gilbert as Finance Chairman this year in the last of his three-year term for three successive years of outstanding leadership on the Finance Committee. John Regula took over as District treasurer, and in this his second year on the job, has provided great organization and timely financial reporting. Thank you both for leading this function and doing an outstanding job.

I would like to recognize Art Peoples' leadership of the Multi-District PETS organization. This important program plays a vital role in providing our incoming Presidents with training and exposure to all things necessary for club leadership and management. There is a host of District leaders who participate in facilitating this training. This year Karin Breitlauch as DGE was one of the key leaders providing a stimulating curriculum. Thanks to all.

And last, but not least, I want to thank most especially Roger

Mattes, who took on the Chairmanship of the District Conference, and the Conference Committee who worked their way through all the requirements and desires for a successful Conference. North Scranton committed as the Sponsoring Club. Buddy O'Malia took on yet another golf tournament and led us in the tribute to Rotarians who passed away in this year. Kerry Nix and Bob Chavey worked on the committee lending elegance to the Speakers gifts.

### **Working Behind the Scenes**

Carol Hemphill, Pat Mazai, Joe Loughman and Karen DeMatteo and Tim Genetti worked behind the scenes on so many details it's hard to list them all. Pat Ward and Michelle Reilly joined to serve as MCs for the dinners. I want to thank Joe Loughman, especially for the House of Friendship which was full of Club and RI information. It was well expanded for all of the work being done in Rotary Service. Thank you to all the clubs with projects that were displayed, and for the Chinese Auction Baskets that raised funds for Foundation.

The District Conference speakers were fantastic and provided great inspiration for us all. And special thanks to Karen DeMatteo for embracing and leading The Shoe that Grows project which, at present, has raised \$9,000 to provide shoes for Syrian refugee children in Lebanon Thank you to all the clubs and individuals who answered the call and contributed the funds, lead by the clubs of

The Abingtons, Tunkhannock and Stroudsburgs to name a few. As this is being written, Karen DeMatteo, Joe Loughman and John John are progressing the project to the next steps of ordering the shoes and sorting out the logistics of getting them shipped and delivered to their recipients. These were the most successful parts of the Conference.

We set a goal to reduce the cost of the Conference and achieved that. The cost was almost half of previous conferences. The golf Tournament was well attended with 32 golfers present e Conference had 132 participants in varying combinations of days, sessions and meals.

Over this past year, we have been challenged as membership growth is flat, and some clubs struggle to retain members. While we have many great Rotarians engaged in service, we are not growing the value of Rotary service enough to keep pace with our local and international needs for service.

Polio is not yet vanquished, so we must continue to support the needs to bring it to an end. We are so very close, let's not let go now, lest Polio come roaring back to life. With global mobility, Polio is only a plane ride away.

As I end my Rotary year as Governor, I am departing with mixed feelings. I appreciated everyone's warm reception and energy. I found all the work various clubs were doing energizing. We

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# DALLAS ROTARY CLUB

WINE & DINE FESTIVAL - **JUNE 17 2017**

**VIP**  
**\$40**  
On Line Only! - Limited Available!

**\$25**  
At the Gate

**\$15**  
Advance Purchase Price

**\$5**  
Designated Driver - At the Gate Only



Tickets can be purchased at the following locations:

DallasRotaryWineAndDine.com

Gerrity's Supermarkets - 4 locations  
Hanover, Luzerne, West Pittston, & Wyoming

J&J Deli, Dallas

Pierce Drugs, Kingston

Nimble Hill Vineyard & Winery, Tunkhannock

Hilbert's, The Tractor Store, Dallas

Valentine's Fine Jewelry, Dallas

Time: 12PM - 6PM | Where: Luzerne County Fairgrounds. Rte. 118, Dallas

**DallasRotaryWineandDine.com**

[The Rotary Club of Tunkhannock](#)

# Crestwood, Hazleton Tops in Relays

On a very warm May 18 evening, the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Rotary Invitational Relays for junior high athletes took place at Tunkhannock Memorial Stadium. Nine teams from NEPA (Crestwood, Hazleton, Lake-Lehman, Scranton Prep, Susquehanna, Tunkhannock, Western Wayne, Wyoming Area, and Wyoming Valley West) participated in the Relays. Junior high athletes (grades 7-9) were eligible although varsity 9th graders were not. All PIAA eligibility and rules applied. All track events were professionally timed by Wil-Time Event Management.

Within each Division (Boys & Girls), medals were awarded to the top three relay teams in each of the 14 (seven track and seven field) events. Additionally, within each Division, trophies were awarded to the top overall field team, and the

overall Invitational Champion.

There were seven relay races on the track (4 x 100/110 shuttle hurdles, 4 x 800 relay, 4 x 200 relay, 4 x 1600 relay, 4 x 100 relay, mid-distance medley and 4 x 400 relay). The field events included: throws (shot put, discus and javelin), pole vault, high jump, long jump and triple jump.

Crestwood was the top team on the boy's side with 101.50 points, edging out Wyoming Valley West with 81 in second and Wyoming Area with 57 in third.

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## **GOVERNOR'S LETTER...**

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have a rich array of passions and projects. I am leaving with what feels like unfinished business, and leaving that with Karin Breitlauch to carry on. We still have a challenge ahead to attract and retain members. We need to grow our public recognition and our leadership of service locally and internationally. Our presence is sometimes all too quiet. For some, staying the course of "Service above Self" is daunting and challenging. The power of collective action can overcome this, but we need to work together.

We can be an effective organization. But there is much hard work to do to make it so. While I am at the end of my Governor year, I know there are miles to go before I sleep, and yes I will continue with you on this road less traveled.

Thank you all for a year full of learning, for your support and for your service.

**Yours truly in Rotary Service, DG Marcia Loughman 2016-2017**



**Rotary Relay Chair Rod Azar (blue shirt) congratulates the winning Crestwood boys' team above. Below Azar with the winning girls' team from Hazleton**





## Calling all Businesses, Rotary Clubs, and Individuals!

Become a 2017 RYLA sponsor today and help instill leadership skills and foster a sense of community in our area youth!

### *Sponsorship Opportunities*

- **\$1,500 Challenge Course Sponsor:** The Challenge Course at Keystone College is a series of elements of cables and ropes. Each element, or obstacle, has a story line and requires teamwork to complete.

Sponsorship includes:

- Name/Logo placed at Challenge Course.
- Name/Logo listed in RYLA Graduation Program.
- Name/Logo in Rotary District 7410 newsletter.
- Signage at Rotary display table during RYLA.
- Link from RYLA website.
- Social Media acknowledgement.



- **\$500 T-Shirt Sponsor**

Sponsorship includes:

- Name/Logo on sleeve of T-Shirt.
- Name/Logo listed in RYLA Graduation Program.
- Name/Logo in Rotary District 7410 newsletter.



- **\$350 Cinch Sack Backpack Sponsor**

Sponsorship includes:

- Name/Logo on cinch sack backpack.
- Name/Logo listed in RYLA Graduation Program.
- Name/Logo in Rotary District 7410 newsletter.



- **\$200 Friend of RYLA**

- Your donation will go where it's needed most.

**Yes!! I want to help maintain the quality of the RYLA 7410 program by becoming a sponsor today!**

Business Name (as you would like it listed): \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

For additional information or to participate in this sponsorship opportunity, please contact Karen at [ryla7410@gmail.com](mailto:ryla7410@gmail.com). Thank you for your support!



Some of the members of the Dallas Rotary Club recently gathered around their sign at the triangle on Rt 309/415 to promote their 5th annual rain-or-shine Wine and Dine Festival on Saturday, June 17th from noon until 6:00 p.m. at the Luzerne County Fairgrounds, Rt. 118, Dallas. From left: Co-chair Paul Saxon, Sandy Peoples, Ken Chapple, Todd Buckley, Co-chair Colette Mahoney, Melissa Saxon, Jerry Reisch. Watch for the directional signs on Rt. 118 for easy entry into the event.

### [The Rotary Club of Dallas](#)

## You're Invited to Wine & Dine Come Rain or Shine

Here's the perfect gift for Dad on Father's Day weekend. Why not have the whole family meet him and Mom at the Dallas Rotary Club rain or shine Wine and Dine Festival on Saturday, June 17 from noon until 6:00 p.m. at the Luzerne County Fairgrounds on Rt. 118, Dallas for a day of food and wine tasting and entertainment and good old fashion family fellowship.

More than 50 vendors (wineries, food vendors and crafters) will be selling their

products at the event, and there will be live music all day long for your entertainment and enjoyment. Tickets are \$15.00 if purchased in advance, and \$25.00 at the gate on the day of the event. Designated Driver tickets will be available only at the gate for \$5.00. And this year they are offering VIP tent amenities for only \$40.00.

Live entertainment will include: The Jeanne Zano Band, Flaxy Morgan, Big Daddy Dex and the Dan Reynolds Duo.

The list of wineries is extensive this year, at least 14 in

all. They include: Maiolatesi Wine Cellars, Nimble Hill Winery & Brewing Company, Red SEE, "WINE & DINE," PAGE SEVEN.

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Hazleton bested the field for the girls with 106 points, followed by Crestwood with 68 and Wyoming Area with 65.

Check out the the photos from the event at our website::

[www.TunkhannockRotary.org](http://www.TunkhannockRotary.org) in the 2017 Rotary Relays photo album if you want to see your favorite teams/winners.



Bill Speare, currently a member of the Trail Rotary Club, has perfect attendance for the past 52 years!

*Bill's attendance has been continuous in other clubs in District 7210 and elsewhere before Trail.*

## The Rotary Club of The Stroudsburgs

# Getting Historical after 95 Years



Jeff Wright, in historical garb, celebrates the Stroudsburgs Club's 95<sup>th</sup> birthday.

On May 11, the Club of the Stroudsburgs celebrated its 95<sup>th</sup> birthday as club historian Jeff Wright shared club and community events over the last nine and a half decades. His presentation included wonderful pictures of Stroudsburg past, as well as tall tales of past Rotarians.

The original club had 25 members with a \$10 initiation fee and \$30 for dues.

The following week, May 18, the club celebrated the current generation by awarding three scholarships to high school seniors and Interact club members.

*More photos from the Stroudsburgs on Page Nine.*

## WINE & DINE...

Shale Ridge Vineyards, Benigna's Creek Winery, Buddy Boy Winery & Vineyards, Juniata Valley Winery, Sand Castle Winery, Capra Collina Winery, Grovedale Winery & Vineyards, Antler Ridge Winery, Hidden Creek Vineyard & Winery, O'Donnell Winery, Colonel Ricketts Hard Cider, The Renegade Winery, and possibly more.

Tickets can be purchased in advance at the following retail locations: J&J Deli, Dallas; Hilbert's, The Tractor Store,

Dallas; Pierce Drugs, Kingston; Valentine's Fine Jewelry, Dallas; Nimble Hill Vineyard & Winery, Tunkhannock; Gerrity's Supermarkets in Hanover, Luzerne, West Pittston and Wyoming.

You may purchased online at [DallasRotaryWineandDine.com](http://DallasRotaryWineandDine.com). Explore the website for more information.

This year they are pleased to have their two major sponsors returning to support their fundraising event: Century 21 Smith Hourigan Group and AMP

Global Strategies. Proceeds from this event support their many local community projects such as a Christmas shopping spree for children, a Christmas party and luncheon for the Dallas Active Adult Center, an auction and raffle to benefit the Back Mountain Food Pantry, book scholarships for graduating high school seniors, dictionaries for third graders and much more.

Come join them at the festival. It's a good time for a good cause!



**2017 Football  
Home Schedule**

- 9-2 Akron
- 9-9 Pittsburg
- 9-16 GA State
- 9-30 Indiana
- 10-21 Michigan
- 11-11 Rutgers
- 11-18 Nebraska

# Penn State

## SEASON TICKET RAFFLE

### 2017 SEASON TICKETS

**First Prize:** Two Penn State Season Tickets  
Seven Home Games  
Akron - Pittsburg - Georgia State - Indiana - Michigan - Rutgers - Nebraska

**Second Prize:** Two Penn State Season Tickets  
Four Home Games  
Akron - Georgia State - Michigan - Rutgers

**Third Prize:** Two Penn State Season Tickets  
Three Home Games  
Pittsburg - Indiana - Nebraska

Each Game Prize is for two seats per game.  
Seating in East Side and Reserved Parking Pass.

**Drawing Date: August 13, 2017**  
at the Pittston Tomato Festival  
\$20.00 per ticket

**For information or to purchase tickets please contact:**

Proceeds go to community service projects sponsored by the Rotary Club of Pittston.



## The Rotary Club of Hazleton

# It's a Donation toward "Imagination" in Hazleton

The Rotary Club of Hazleton recently donated \$2,000 to the United Way of Greater Hazleton for its Dolly Parton Imagination Library Project. The money has been allocated through a Rotary Club 2016-17 Community Grant Program. These "Service above Self" community grants are intended to benefit organizations and agencies in communities in the Greater Hazleton Area.

This United Way project is a preschool literacy program that is open to children who enroll with a new,

F R E E ,  
hardcover  
book every  
month from  
birth to five  
years of  
age, re-  
gardless of



socioeconomic status and age-appropriate. It ensures that children will have quality books at home to inspire a love for reading and literacy. It helps ensure that children enter kindergarten with a strong ability to read and an eagerness to learn which should help strengthen the literacy level of our community.

In the photo above Pat Ward, President of the United Way of Greater Hazleton, receives a \$2,000.00 donation for its Dolly Parton Imagination Library Project from Rotary Club President-Elect Toni Kelpsh.

The Dolly Parton Imagination Library was initiated in 1996 by Dolly Parton and adopted by United Way of Greater Hazleton two years ago July. The program that started in East Tennessee is now nationwide with over 23 million books already distributed

Project Chairperson Kathie Oh says "It is obvious that books and the ability to read, understand and enjoy them are essential to the success of a child and helps that child become a productive member of his/her school and Community. The Rotary Club is very pleased to be able to help The United Way give this gift to area youngsters and their families. I congratulate the Rotary Club membership for all of its hard work and dedication to fundraising projects that allow us to follow the Rotary motto of "Service above Self."

## Rotary Club of the Stroudsburgs



In photo above President Ruth Ann and scholarship committee members, Amy Leiser and Tameko Patterson flank this year's "Service Above Self" scholarship recipients, Kayla Mercado, Alyssa Graziano and Lily Kondrat

At left, Karen DeMatteo is flanked by Kwaku Anim Appiah (left), Vice President, and Christopher Vo, President, of the Stroudsburgs Interact Club. Chris and Kwaku each received a scholarship of \$2,000 over the next four years.





**Blakeslee Rotary Club's**  
**35th ANNUAL BOB MATIRKO MEMORIAL GOLF CLASSIC**  
 "The Best Golf Tournament In The Poconos"

**WEDNESDAY JULY 19, 2017**

JACK FROST NATIONAL GOLF COURSE  
 BLAKESLEE, PA

11:00 am Registration  
 12:00 pm Lunch  
 1:00 pm Shotgun Start  
 Beverages on Course  
 Beverage Stations  
 After Golf One Full Hour Cocktail Party  
 Followed By Awards Banquet & Full Course Buffet Dinner

\$125.00 Per Player (Includes):

- ◆ 18 holes of golf with cart
- ◆ Lunch, Cocktail Hour & Dinner
- ◆ Closest to the Pin Prize (Men & Women)
- ◆ Longest Drive Prize (Men & Women)
- ◆ Flight Prizes - Tournament will be flighted based on size of field
- ◆ First Hole-in-one on a designated hole wins \$50,000



Let's Drive This Fundraiser To The Green



**One Lucky Foursome Will Win Up To \$2,000 !!! (\$500/player)**

Winings are based on size of tournament. Based 100 Players, anything less than 100 players, Pot will be \$1000.00  
 All teams are eligible, winner will be randomly drawn from score cards. Pick-Of-The-Hat Drawing

<b>Best Ball Tournament</b>		
Individual Players or Create Your Own Foursome:		\$125.00 Golf & Dinner * \$45.00 Dinner Only
Team Captain	Phone	Email
Golfer 2	Phone	Email
Golfer 3	Phone	Email
Golfer 4	Phone	Email

Support the Blakeslee Rotary's community efforts—Become a Hole, Tee or Green Sponsor  
 Holes Sponsor - \$125.00 Tee & Green Sponsor - \$100.00

Hole sponsors will have their own 11x17 sign placed at their sponsored hole, Sponsorship highlighted in our dinner presentation, listed in our program book and be listed as a sponsor in the Journal of the Pocono Plateau.

Tee and Green sponsors will have their own 8.5x11 sign placed at their sponsored Tee/Green, listed in our program book and be listed as a sponsor in the Journal of the Pocono Plateau.

Business Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 (As you would like it to appear on sign)  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like to be a Corporate or  
 Ad sponsor, please ask any Rotarian for our  
 Corporate/Ad Application

Scan to Register  
 & Pay Online



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## The Rotary Club of Newfoundland

### Cash Raffle Splits 20-Plus Grand with Charities

On Monday May 1<sup>st</sup> 2017, the Newfoundland club hosted their annual cash raffle dinner at The Station House in Gouldsboro. Each year, there are many prizes to give away, including the cash prize totaling \$10,000.

This years' winners were Jill Alecci, Mikayla and Michael Seagraves, Debbi Tereschak, Duncan McCallum and Cheryl Story. All of the winners agreed to split the prize. Good food and fellowship are only a small part of this event. This is currently Newfoundland's biggest fundraiser in which they raised a total of \$10,421 to go toward local, and international projects. This event is made possible by the many sponsors and their generous contributions.

This year's contributors include Hamlin KFC/Taco Bell, Frey-Fetsock Funeral Home, Colwell Termite & Pest Control, Dime Bank, Dutch's Market, P&N Auto, Schiff's Cash & Carry, Stone Silo Foods, Vector Security, Edward's Sand & Stone, Honesdale National Bank, NBT Bank-Newfoundland, Overboard's Restaurant, Spall Rydzewski & Anderson PC, Wayne Bank, The French Manor, 84 Country Store, A J's Automotive, Alice's Wonderland, Comfort Inn Pocono Lake Region, Country Girl's Salon, Ken Coughlin, Mike and Rebecca Dawson, Jam Room Brewery, GS&J Automotive, Joanne Strada Beauty Salon, John's Italian Restaurant-Greentown, Luhrs Roundhouse True Value, NBT Bank-Mary Ellen Bentler, Pro Care Physical Therapy, Schwartz Wealth Management, Senart Films, Station House Fun Station, The Hotel, TJ Maxx-Dickson City, and Tom Pardi's Garage.



Pictured from left are Sam Alecci (accepting for his wife), Michael and Kathleen Seagraves (accepting for their children), Debbi Tereschak, and Duncan McCallum.

## Rotary Club of the Abingtons

### Making the Honduras Connection

BY EILEEN CHRISTIAN

The Rotary Club of the Abingtons recently sponsored our past president Attorney Roger Mattes for a trip to Honduras. He was part of a work force to make life better for the poverty stricken people who live there.

The Republic of Honduras is a Central American country with lovely Caribbean Sea coastlines to the north and the Pacific Ocean to the south. It is a tropical rain forest and has an abundant ar-

ray of unique plant and animal life. The Mayans lived in the area centuries ago and left important hieroglyphics. Eight million people live there today, most in startling poverty.

Roger was part of a third work force that had been coming and going to Honduras for months. The first group of volunteers were medical professionals who specialize in care of the eye. Ophtho-

[The Rotary Club of Dallas](#)

## Continuing Tradition of Books for Local Scholars

Several area high school students, who will be college bound this fall, were recently presented with checks for \$500 each to help offset their expenses for books during their first semester on campus. The Rotary Club of Dallas has awarded more than \$90,000 in scholarships since the inception of the program.

For more than 50 years it has been an honor

and a privilege for the Rotary Club of Dallas, an all-volunteer community service organization, to share in the dreams of our best and brightest young people from Dallas, Lake Lehman and

*SEE, "BOOKS," PAGE 14.*



### Paul Harris Fellow Presented in Dallas

The Dallas Rotary Club recently celebrated its 90th year of Service Above Self at the Appletree Terrace in Dallas. Dallas Rotarian Fred DiMaria was presented with a Paul Harris Fellow award for his many contributions to club projects and the community. From left: President Jason Jolley, Fred DiMaria, Laurie DiMaria, and Past President Sandy Peoples who nominated Fred for the award.



Dallas Rotary President-Elect Kimberlie Reynolds (seated left) with (seated from left) Sara Reichold, Dallas; Emily Demko, Northwest; Kortnie Savage, Lake-Lehman. Standing from left are Rotary Treasurer Jerry Reisch; Corey McAndrew, Dallas; Noah Gorski, Lake-Lehman; Brian Hardiman, Northwest; Rotarian and State Representative Karen Boback. Rotarian John Doerfler was chairman of the scholarship program, but was unable to attend.

 The Rotary Club of the Pocono Mountains

ANNUAL

# GOLFTOURNAMENT

Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017

@ Mount Airy Golf Club

 Mount Airy  
CASINO • RESORT

Registration & Breakfast • 7 am

Shotgun Start • 8 am

Lunch • 1 pm

[The Rotary Club of Tunkhannock](#)

## Tunkhannock High Interact Club Caps Busy Year

At the April 27 Tunkhannock Rotary Club Meeting, Honorary Rotarian Tommasina Fiorillo, who is the current Faculty advisor for the

Tunkhannock Area High School Interact Club, introduced the Club President Allison Sorokach and Vice-President, Alexandra Gordon. Allison and Alexandra presented a summary of the activities and fundraising endeavors that the Interact club has undertaken during the 2016-2017 school year.

The Club has been very active as can be seen in the Table below and has raised over \$1,300 for a variety of charitable organizations and events. In addition to their Club fund-raising efforts, Club members volunteered their time for our Rotary Club's Candy Cane Day monetary collection for toys for kids for Xmas, roadside clean-up and packing meals for the Stop

Saluting Our Youth Since May was Rotary Youth Services Month, the Tunkhannock Rotary Club saluted our youth from Tunkhannock Area High School (TAHS) at several events from April 27 through June 1

Hunger Now Event. They also collected candy to give to trick-or-treaters at the Trunk or Treat Event in October.

The Tunkhannock Interact Club contributed \$60 to the Rotary District 7410 International Project, "Shoes that Grow."

*(See check presentation on following page.)*

The Interact Club applied for and were awarded a grant for \$4,000 from Williams Atlantic Pipeline to get the Tiger

Care Closet up and running at the High School. The Interactors work throughout the year to organize the donations and maintain the closet. All high school students have access to the closet for Free. Closet items include: clothing, toiletries, shoes, backpacks, purses and accessories. Having access to the closet has helped students prepare and dress appropriately for job interviews, the Future Business Leaders of America Club (FBLA) trip to Harrisburg, as well as, provide essentials such as warm coats and seasonally appropriate clothing.

Due to the overwhelming amount of donations and the overall success of the Tiger Care Closet, the Interact Club was given a bigger space in the school for the closet.

**Interact Club Fundraising Activities**

Project	Amt.	Money Donated to	Amount
Pulsera bracelet sale	\$340	Pulsera Project in Central America	\$340.00
Bonfire	95.95		
Bake Sale (Parent Teacher Conf.)	42		
Twigs Gift Cards	375	Veterans Day Lunch	\$20.00
Christmas Candy Grams	111	Interfaith Friends Holiday gifts	\$100.00
Sweatshirt Sale	345		
		Shoe that Grows	\$60.00
		Heifer International-2 baskets of hope	\$100.00
		Tiger Care Closet	Remainder of money

### The Tunkhannock Rotary Club

## *Crack Robotics Team Struts Their Stuff for Rotarians*

At the May 11 Tunkhannock Rotary Luncheon, the TAHS Tigertron Robotics Team, led by teacher Scott Howell, gave a demonstration of the capabilities of the robot they constructed this year for national and international competitions. TAHS has been a member of FIRST since 1997. FIRST is a worldwide organization promoting science and technology to elementary through high school students. The word FIRST stands for “For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology”. It was founded by Dean Kamen in 1989. Kamen is the inventor of a portable insulin pump, the Segway, as well as Project Sling-Shot a cheap portable water purification system to alleviate the



**Members of the Tigretron Robotics team (from left) Nick Kosty, the robot (with Rotary Club President Ann Way sitting behind it), Logan Gravelle and Scott Howell**

world water crisis. In existence since 1997, the Tigertrons provide a mentorship experience by collaborating with business and technology leaders from our local community to see what is needed in the area of robotics.

The Tigertrons have won national and world awards. They placed third in the World Championship in 2003.

*SEE, “ROBOTICS,” PAGE 17.*

### **BOOKS...**

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Northwest Area School Districts. They received their scholarships at a recent dinner held in their honor at the Irem Country Club in Dallas with their parents and siblings in attendance.

The funds to support the scholarship program and other outreach programs are raised at two major events: the Wine and Dine Festival in the spring and the Golf Tournament in the fall. This year the festival is on Saturday, June 17 at the Luzerne County Fairgrounds on Rt 118, and the golf tournament is on Monday, September 18 at the Irem Country Club in Dallas.



**Tunkhannock Interact President Tommasina Fiorillo (left) presents a check for the “Shoes that Grow” program to President-Elect Samantha Maruzzelli and Alexandra Gordon, Interact Club VP. The fund-raising project was just one of several (see chart on preceding page) conducted during the 2016-17 school year.**

## HONDURAS CONNECTION...

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mologists, nurses, recorders and others arrived in Honduras many months before Roger got there.

Their mission was to evaluate the eyes of the 1100 students in a school and document who needed glasses. In addition to the students, several small towns surrounding the school set up a temporary exam center and any adult who wanted to be evaluated could do so at no cost. This first medical group, examined each of the eyes of the students and found that many would see better if they had glasses. Secretaries took all this information down, noting the contact information of each person, what prescription glasses they needed and giving them a choice of the kind of frames they might like to have. With all the examination completed, the first group of people left Honduras and returned to America.

The prescriptions were given to another group of professional eye glass makers with instructions on the making of the glasses.

This group of volunteers made the precise corrective glasses and fitted them into the desired frames, labeling each pair with the correct person so that everyone who needed glasses in that school and

those surrounding towns, would have exactly what they needed to see life better. This second group of professional volunteers did not go to Honduras but were an intricate part of the success of the mission.

Roger was part of the third group of volunteers. They arrived in Texas from all over America and traveled together for the long plane trip. Not only were there volunteers on the eye mission but others left their own jobs and comfortable houses and were going to Honduras to build an elementary school.

### **Going Right to Work**

On the very day they arrived they all went to work. Each person on the trip knew what they were scheduled to do and started working as soon as they arrived.

Those set for building were shown the poorly laid out area and the rude tools they would need to build the school. They soon began digging and placing cinder blocks for the foundation of the school in the heat of the day, almost 100 degrees.

Roger's group of volunteers had with them the prescriptive eye glasses and with an Honduras guide went by van to the school where the children anxiously awaited their glasses. Roger saw a small boy, holding

his mother's hand and stumbling toward him. This child had almost no vision at all. Roger took out the pair of glasses that had been made for this child and for the first time ever, he could see his mother's face. It was a startling moment for Roger to be part of this remarkable scene to watch this little boy, look around in wonder at his world. It was a moment fixed forever in his heart.

The next step after fitting each school child with glasses was to go to the surrounding towns.

When they arrived in the van, the whole town was there waiting for them, yelling and clapping with happiness. Smiles were big, laughter was plentiful as the recipients fitted themselves with their new shades and gratefully applauded the volunteers.

As Roger left Honduras after a week of work, he passed by the area that had been just a small piece of discarded land and he noted with pride the work of the volunteer builders. The walls were up, the roof was on and a makeshift school was ready to start.

Best of all, some of the 8 million people are wearing much needed glasses and one small blind boy in Honduras can see.



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### **ROBOTICS...**

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This year's challenge was to develop a robot that could pick up a big yellow gear, put it down and also climb a rope, among other functions. Team leaders Logan Gravelle and Nick Kosty put this year's robot through its paces. They explained that they do get a kit of parts from FIRST, but it is never enough to do the whole robot. They have to improvise a lot and create many things themselves.

They then demonstrated how the robot could pick up the big yellow gear. (Interestingly, the big yellow gear looks just like our Rotary symbol.) They also spoke about the benefits of being a member of this team and how it has helped them develop in various areas even though in both cases they gave up participation in sports to accommodate their robotics endeavors.

## ***Tunkhannock Rotary Backs Senior Scholars, Lock-In***

At the May 18 Tunkhannock High School Senior Awards night, Rotarian Ron Furman, chair of the club scholarship committee, had the pleasure of presenting two academic scholarships for \$1,000 each to Genevieve Farr and Andrew Macko.

Every year, TAHS seeks donations for the Senior Graduation Lock-in event. The idea is for students to have a safe and fun last night with their class on graduation night. The lock-in event resulted after a tragic car accident that killed three TAHS graduates in 2008. The school and local com-



**Andrew Macko (left), Tunkhannock Rotary Past President Ron Furman and Genevieve Farr at Senior Awards night scholarship presentation**

munities brainstormed to find a safe alternative for the young adults who are graduating.

The event is held at the high school, starting with check-in around 10:30 p.m. and continues

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The robot moves in on the yellow gear above and then scoops it up (below). Mission accomplished!



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## *Inbound, Outbound Students Speak to Rotarians*

At its May 25 luncheon, one of the Tunkhannock Rotary Club's inbound exchange students, Andres Mendez Perez, talked about his home in Mexico and his experiences here in the United States. Tunkhannock Area High School graduate Stefan Sehne followed with a presentation his year in Brazil.

Andres is from Navojoa, Sonora which is six hours from the U.S. border. The population is approximately 150,000 and the weather is hot.

He has two brothers, one was an exchange student in Thailand two yrs ago and is now a student in Guadalajara, Mexico. His little brother Adrian is in middle school. His dad owns a funeral home and is an architect and his mother has a gift shop. While Andres has

### **LOCK-IN...**

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until sunrise, usually at 5 a.m. There are multiple activities for the students, including swimming in the high school pool, music, games, a magician, hypnotist, and of course food. The event is free to graduating seniors.

At the May 25 Rotary meeting, the Tunkhannock Board of Directors voted to continue the club's yearly donation of \$200 to the 2017 Senior Graduation Lock-in.



**Inbound exchange student Andres Mendez Perez (left) talks about Mexico. Stefan Sehne (right) followed up with a presentation about his gap year in Brazil**

been here in Tunkhannock, his family in Mexico hosted a female exchange student from Italy.

Andres discussed various Mexican holidays including the Day of the Dead, which he contrasted with our Halloween that he got to experience last Oct. He also described some of the national dishes of Mexico.

He finished by detailing all his experiences during his time in the U.S. including his knee injury and having to be pushed around Washington D.C. by fellow exchange student Stefano Sica on the exchange student trip to D.C. He is looking forward to the Across the U.S. trip this summer.

Andres then said that he has had a great time during his exchange and thanked the Club for hosting him in Tunk-

hannock. He is also grateful for all the new friendships he has made during his stay.

### **Experiences in Brazil**

After Andres gave his presentation, outbound exchange student Stefan Sehne, who did his 2015-2016 gap year in Brazil, talked about his time abroad. Stefan graduated from TAHS in 2015 and then went off to the mountains of Brazil for his gap year exchange. His host city was in the coffee growing region and Brazil is one of the leading producers of coffee in the world.

Stefan got to eat a lot of meat and there were a lot of barbecues and beach parties, although he did go to some school while he was there. As a graduation tradition, the Brazilians shave their heads, so he did participate in that tradi-

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# Rotary Club of Hamlin/Lake Ariel Benefit Golf Tournament Monday June 5, 2017



**Hotel In One!  
Contest!  
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### Schedule:

- 11:00: Registration opens**
- 11:30: Luncheon and Putting Contest Qualifiers**
- 1:00: Shotgun Start - 4 Person Captain and Crew**
- 5:30: Putting Contest Finals**
- 5:30: Dinner and Awards Ceremony**
- Price: \$99 per golfer, Non-golfer: \$49 (includes lunch and dinner)**

### Players:

Team Captain \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Player 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Player 3 \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Player 4 \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Non-golfer(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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High school art teacher Lance Montross (left) with his winning students (from left) Jessica Ell (first), Nicole Macko (second) and Olivia Heise (third).

## Rotarians Honor Poster Winners

At the April 27 Rotary Club meeting, Terry Furman, chair of the Tunkhannock Rotary Poster/Essay contest Committee, introduced Tunkhannock Area High School Art Teacher Lance Montross and the three winners of the Club poster contest.

All of the winners are his students.

The theme for this year's contest was a familiar one for Rotarians: "Service Above Self."

Olivia Heise won third place and received a gift certificate for \$50. Nicole Macko placed second and received a gift certificate for \$75. Jessica Ell won the top prize and received a gift certificate for \$100.

Jessica Ell also won third place in the District 7410 Poster Contest.



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### Giving to Special Olympics

Although entry for the public into the 2017 Tunkhannock Rotary Invitational Relays was free, donations were collected for Special Olympics. The Club then added additional funds to the money collected and at our May 25 Rotary Luncheon, President Ann Way (right) presented a check for \$500 to Special Olympics Area P. Mary Hvezda, Special Education Director for the Tunkhannock Area School District, accepted the donation on behalf of Area P. Mary reminded everyone that Tunkhannock will be hosting a Special Olympics track event on May 30 (rain date May 31) and all are welcome to come out and support these amazing athletes.

tion. His host father flew also went to the Amazon helicopters and he got a where he fished for piranha tour of the region and and swam with the pink city from the air. dolphins. In addition, the

His mother, inbound exchange student co-leader Anne Sehne, took the opportunity to go to Brazil and visit with Stefan and his host family.

He visited Rio and various Brazilian beaches. He

also went to the Amazon where he fished for piranha and swam with the pink dolphins. In addition, the exchange students had the chance to see some indigenous tribal ceremonies while in the Amazon.

Stefan reported he had a great exchange year and thanked the Rotary for supporting his journey.



The Rotary Club of the Pocono Mountains

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- **7 am - Registration & Breakfast**
- **8 am - Shotgun Start**
- **1 pm - Lunch**

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## New Rotarians

|                      |                |
|----------------------|----------------|
| Forest City          | Donna Gasper   |
| Hamlin               | Derrick Reid   |
| Trail (Factoryville) | Bill Smarkusky |
| Trail (Factoryville) | Mary Smarkusky |

### *Don't Forget!*

*We need to make sure all club officers are updated for next year. If you encounter problems entering them on the District site, contact Brenda at [Rotarydistrict7410@gmail.com](mailto:Rotarydistrict7410@gmail.com).*



### **Something for Scout Camp**

Rotary Club of the Abingtons President Bruce Valentine (left) presents Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 160 John D'Elia with a check for \$1,000 to be used for summer camp. Rotarian Skip Nelson is at right. Rotary is the chartering organization for Troop 160 and Rotarian Leah Rudolph is the Charter Organization Representative.

## District 7410 — 2017 Club Data

| Club                      | Total Memb. | New Memb. | Attend. % |
|---------------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| Abingtons                 | 56          |           | 43.23%    |
| Athens                    | 17          |           |           |
| Blakeslee                 | 11          |           | 79.55%    |
| Dallas                    | 43          |           | 57.00%    |
| Dunmore                   | 14          |           |           |
| Forest City Area          | 14          | 1         | 47.60%    |
| Freeland                  | 10          |           |           |
| Hamlin                    | 33          | 1         | 69.89%    |
| Hawley                    | 11          |           |           |
| Hazleton                  | 78          |           | 28.33%    |
| Honesdale                 | 39          |           | 43.00%    |
| Jim Thorpe                | 24          |           |           |
| Kingston                  | 20          |           | 66.00%    |
| Lehighton                 | 9           |           |           |
| Mid-Valley (Dickson City) | 2           |           | 83.00%    |
| Milford-Matamoras         | 25          |           | 65.00%    |
| Montrose                  | 22          |           |           |
| Mountaintop               | 22          |           |           |
| Mt. Pocono                | 19          |           |           |
| New Milford               | 16          |           |           |
| Newfoundland              | 39          |           | 56.43%    |
| North Pocono              | 18          |           |           |
| North Scranton            | 22          |           | 80.00%    |
| Pittston                  | 17          |           | 53.00%    |
| Plains                    | 19          |           | 65.00%    |
| Plymouth                  | 22          |           |           |
| Pocono Mountains          | 21          |           |           |
| Sayre                     | 17          |           | 65.00%    |
| Scranton                  | 38          |           | 0.00%     |
| Slate Belt Rotary         | 19          |           | 80.00%    |
| Smithfields, The          | 22          |           | 39.77%    |
| Stroudsburgs, The         | 105         |           | 64.48%    |
| Towanda                   | 12          |           | 80.00%    |
| Trail (Factoryville)      | 17          | 2         | 42.00%    |
| Troy                      | 22          |           |           |
| Tunkhannock               | 68          |           |           |
| Weatherly                 | 10          |           |           |
| Wellsboro                 | 44          |           | 0.00%     |
| West End                  | 16          |           |           |
| Wilkes-Barre              | 30          |           |           |
| Winola                    | 15          |           |           |
| Wyalusing Area            | 26          |           | 36.00%    |
| Wyoming Rotary            | 19          |           | 55.00%    |



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