

News from District 7410

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Letter from the District Governor

Greetings, District 7410 Rotarians!

So, here we are -- in March -- and it looks like we all got through another winter in Northeastern PA, pretty much unscathed. My daffodils are cautiously raising their stems and apparently some folks have seen our aviary-harbingers of spring, the robins. That, in itself, is cause for celebration!

February brought us several other reasons to celebrate as well. On the 23rd of the month, we celebrated Rotary's 111th anniversary of its founding, and on that day District 7410 welcomed a new club to the



Slate Belt Pres Bill & Sec'y Val with DGN Karin & Gov.

family. After over three years of preparation and growth, the Rotary Club of Slate Belt (Northampton County) became our 43rd active club. All of us will have the opportunity to congratulate these fine folks when they settle on a date for their Charter Night. Stay tuned!

Also in February, a team of 7410 Rotarians accompanied the Operation



Part of the twenty-eight 2016 Operation Honduras Volunteers

Honduras crew on their annual service trip to San Pedro Sula. Along with two construction projects (2nd floor of orphanage bldg. and two classrooms at an existing elementary school), we also assisted with "Gift of Sight" distribution of glasses and distribution of dental supplies.

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Be a gift to the world

For the full report on the trip, come to the Saturday morning session at the District Conference to see the video documentary and talk with our Rotarians who gave both their time and personal funds to bring hope to this extremely needy part of our world.

One final note on February: Congratulations to the new **MMI Interact club**, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Hazleton, and the renewed charter for the **Weatherly Interact club**. We look forward to hearing about your upcoming projects.

In this month of March, as we complete the 3rd quarter of our Rotary year, the focus is on the following:

- **Short Story Illustration Contest for 11th and 12th graders:** Judging of submissions by clubs before sending entries to DG Barbara. All info available on District website.

- **District Conference final preparation:** This celebration of what we do is crafted for all Rotarians in our district. Make sure you read all the conference flyers in this issue so you don't miss out on anything. Please pay particular attention to the newly released Conference service project. All conference info is posted on the District website.

- **Rotary Day at the Ballpark:** Our end-of-year celebration on June 5th. This is your club's chance to participate in the district-wide food collection service project, enjoy fellowship time with our District 7410 Rotarians, and showcase Rotary to all ballpark attendees.

As your club gears up for spring activities, we hope you include engagement in our district-wide projects, conference contests, and fellowship events.

Regards,
DG Barbara

2016-18 UNESCO-IHE Scholarship

Applications Available

The Rotary Foundation and UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education are working together to tackle the world's water and sanitation crisis and are offering up to 10 scholarships for graduate study at UNESCO-IHE's Delft campus in the Netherlands. The partnership aims to increase the number of trained profes-

sionals who can devise, plan, and implement water and sanitation solutions in developing areas. The scholarships also are designed to promote long-term productive relationships between Rotarians and skilled water and sanitation professionals in their communities.

Scholars will receive a Master of Science degree in urban water and sanitation, water management, or water science and engineering. Graduates work with their Rotary club sponsors on a related project to benefit their local community. **The application deadline is 15 June.**

For more information, review the application toolkit and scholarship terms and conditions or contact grants@rotary.org.

Updated RF Reference Guide

More Useful Than Ever

Do you have questions about Paul Harris Fellow recognition, how to use your recognition points, or the basics about district and global grants? The Rotary Foundation Reference Guide has answers to these questions and more. Take a look at the updated version on the District website www.rotarydistrict7410.org today!

Global grant resources

The updated Guide to Global Grants (formerly the Grant Management Manual) is now available on the district website. It's designed for Rotary members who are interested in applying for global grants and in developing more effective and sustainable projects. Copies can be downloaded from the district website or ordered at shop.rotary.org.

Hey, Rotarians!

Check out this YouTube video message from Saturday's keynote speaker, Nate Lombardi.

You just don't want to miss this guy!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EtRyVo8LICU&feature=youtu.be>

Bringing Anthracite Coal Miners, Families into the Light

The anthracite miners and their struggling families that were so much a part of Northeastern Pennsylvania in both the 19th and 20th Centuries faced the prospect of being forgotten.

Coal mining itself is remembered and recognized in museums, libraries and institutions of higher learning, but what about the heart and soul of the industry—the miner himself and his family?

The new Anthracite Heritage Foundation (AHF) is dedicated to the proposition that their names will not be forgotten and buried with several generations of miners. That includes compiling a registry and providing an ongoing program of events that will educate students and the public about the lives of anthracite miners. Its mission is guided by many of the principles of the Ellis Island Foundation, which has done much the same with waves of immigrants. The registry is simply an attempt to list on a public memorial wall a representative sampling of all the men who worked in the mines in the anthracite region,

Donald Sanderson, Wilkes-Barre architect, along with the late James Burke, have been instrumental in bringing the project to this junction, with a lot of help from King's College and a board of trustees of movers and shakers who govern the foundation. The first 100 names etched in bronze on a 22-by-36-inch panel will be part of a Wall of Honor on Wilkes-Barre's Public Square in the near future. Sanderson, who has coal mining



The miners lived lives of obscurity, spending most of their waking hours *underground* and “*emerged* dark and dirty like phantoms from the bowels of *the earth.*”

blood in his veins, has almost single-handedly gathered some 300 names at this point, with a goal of 6,000. That doesn't even come close to the number of those laboring in the deep mines over a span of almost a century.

An estimated 35,000 alone died working in the mines, and that does count those whose injuries and illnesses contracted there led to their deaths.

Burke, by the way, is credited with inspiring the story of “The Molly Maguires,” both on the stage and in the movie starring Sean Connery and Richard Harris. His other projects include a video on anthracite miners and their families that is still shown to colleges stu-

dents and interested organizations.

The two men felt that miners were not only unappreciated but lacking respect.

They worked underground for most of the daylight hours and emerged dark and dirty like phantoms from the bowels of the earth. They were able to contribute very little to community and civic life and often died too early in the life cycle. The premise is that these men and their families lived lives worth remembering, and their ancestors became the hardy stock that built the region.

“Jim wanted to educate the public as to the value of the miners, what they did and how they changed the history of this whole country,” Sanderson told the *Times Leader* in January.

To add a miner to the registry costs nothing. If the family would like to memorialize the person, they can do so for a \$35 donation, leading to, the person's name being permanently mounted on the memorial wall, part of the Miners Memorial on Public Square. That property on Public Square was donated by King's College.

Rotarian Joe Rudawski of the Freeland Club, is Vice President of the AHF and you can reach out to him at PO Box 248, Freeland, PA 18224 or at [570.450.0885](tel:570.450.0885) (home) or 570.401.6644 (cell).

Looking for a speaker at one of your club meetings? You may want to contact Joe.

**The North Scranton Rotary's
4th Annual Wine and Cigar Tasting
Sunday May 22 12:30-3:30**

Held at



Cigars provided by Altadis U.S.A. Inc.

Tickets: \$30.00 in advance, \$35.00 at the door

Includes two glasses of wine, two cigars, appetizers, and a chance for a great door prize!

For tickets, please call 570-346-4695 and ask for Terry or email northscrantonrotary@gmail.com

A portion of the proceeds will benefit our annual dictionary project. Each year, we distribute a dictionary to every third grader in Scranton! Come out and help to support a great cause!



Civic Groups Enrich Lives in Their Communities

How important is community service as technology makes face-to-face contact with each other less of a necessity? In an editorial dated Jan. 23, 2016, The Times Leader, made its position clear on the value of civic groups with the accent on service, making special mention of the Rotary Club of Wilkes-Barre, which will be celebrating its 100th birthday in June.

It's a message worthy of sharing in our district, whether in the Abingtons or Wyoming. Perhaps you can inspire your own local newspaper to devote a few paragraphs to extolling the virtues of community service. How about authoring a guest editorial or sponsoring a student writing contest on public service.

Following, for your inspiration, is that commentary:

Suppose you could make the lives of the Wyoming Valley's disabled children and their families a bit better.

Or maybe provide area residents with easy access to a top-flight college. Or plop a public golf course right in the heart of the Valley, putting affordable recreation within reach of hardworking people.

You most likely would jump at the chance to play a role in just one of these community-enhancing projects, let alone lay claim to all three.

So, then, why not join an area civic group such as the Rotary

Club? During a century of service, beginning in 1916, the Wilkes-Barre Rotary Club's members have powered an impressive list of projects that include supporting the startup of the Wyoming Valley Children's Association, the area's Penn State University campus and the city's Hollenback Golf Course.

"The Wilkes-Barre Rotary Club has been a bedrock of community service in this region," said club member Mark Riccetti Jr., director of operations and special events at the Luzerne County Historical Society.

Chartered by Rotary International, the local club intends to mark its 100th anniversary in June with a dinner at the F.M. Kirby Center for the Performing Arts. Not surprisingly, proceeds from the \$100-per-ticket affair will benefit local charities. Rotarians, like their compatriots in other do-good organizations, typically find a way to make their gatherings count for more than the consumption of calories.

Regrettably, participation in the nation's civic groups isn't nearly as strong today as in prior decades, perhaps because young adults wrongly picture them as stereotypical, 1950s-era supper clubs. Increasingly, leaders are trying to shed that image. Among the tactics: Roll out the welcome mat for minorities and women, and get more flexible with scheduling, encouraging members to get together at hours that suit their lifestyles, not necessarily the 5 p.m. dinner hour.

Seek out a local service club that fits your geographic and other criteria. Rotary International's club finder indicates its groups in this region represent communities including Kingston, Plains Township, Plymouth, Mountain Top, Pittston, Dallas, Wyoming, Scranton, Free-land and Clarks Summit.

And that, of course, doesn't begin to include the many other options available in Northeastern Pennsylvania, such as local affiliates of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, Junior League, Kiwanis Club and Lions Club.

Together with like-minded people in these clubs, you can give our community more of what it needs: caring.

Educational Sessions At District Conference

When: Friday Afternoon Seminar –

Topic: Rotary 101

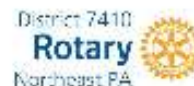
Time & Location: 3:00 pm, Salons: BD
This is a program designed for the newly minted or even the seasoned Rotarian looking to find out about the basics of Rotary.

- History – Where did we come from in the past 111 years?
- Five Objects of Rotary – How to apply them to your experience as a member
- International Rotary Programs – There's more fun at an international level
- The Rotary Foundation – basic information on how it works
- Moving forward – Rotary opportunity in the digital age

The program will be presented as an informal lecture with plenty of opportunity for questions. Enrich your Rotary experience by attending this information-packed seminar. Register now!



Pre-Conference Contest #1
"Most Unwanted Artwork of the Year"



*For those prior conference attendees expecting to find a Basket Raffle, simply put - - you won't!
But wait until you see what is replacing it. Read on!*

Who can win? Any of our clubs.

What is it? This is a two-part contest, first in your club, and second, at the District Conference.

How do clubs participate?

STEP #1: From now until April 27th, clubs select a meeting where each member can scour the back corners of closets and attics to find their "most unwanted" piece of art. This can be a painting, sculpture, wall art, drawing, or that piece given to you by great-aunt Beulah that you still can't figure out what it is. The clubs then select (by whatever means you choose) their entry for the competition, to be displayed on April 29th and 30th at the District Conference in the House of Friendship (HoF).

STEP #1a: To show off your selection, take a photo and upload it to our Rotary District 7410 Facebook page. Don't forget to identify your club in your posting. **NOTE:** Make sure to "Like" the District's Facebook page so you get postings on other contests and conference news.

STEP #2: As early as possible on Friday, April 29th, bring your art to the HoF. For your convenience, table display space will have been prepared for you. **ALSO**, bring your "Change the World" jars (labeled with club name, and empty, please!) which will be used in the voting, and place it by your contest entry in the HoF.

Voting: Conference attendees will vote for the "most unwanted art" by dropping change into the "Change the World" jars. Limited change will be available at the Conference Registrar's Desk.

Determining the winner: Voting concludes at 5:00 pm on Saturday, April 30th.

- If the club with the highest number of "votes" has at least one member present at the Saturday night gala, then the total amount from all jars will be sent to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) in the club's name.
- If no member from that club is present on Saturday night, then half the proceeds will be sent to TRF in that club's name. The other half will be sent to TRF in the name of the club, *with representation at the Saturday gala*, that had the next highest number of "votes".

Clubs can pick up their artwork at the end of the Saturday night gala. Be prepared for photo ops for your club attendees, the art, and various dignitaries present.

Ready, Set, Go! Start your hunt now for that piece of art with the winning characteristics!

Voters: Foreign coins and buttons do not count! 😊

[The Rotary Club of Hazleton](#)

Hazleton Rotarians Give Boost to Preschool Literacy

The Rotary Club of Hazleton recently donated \$3,500.00 to the United Way of Greater Hazleton for its Dolly Parton Imagination Library Project. The money has been allocated through a Rotary Club 2015-16 Community Grant Program. These "Service above Self" community grants are intended

Sponsorships And Rotary Marks

Dear District Governor,

I am following up on the issue of the use of Rotary Marks and the issue of sponsorships and cooperative relationships involving products such as alcohol, tobacco, gambling, and weapons.

I again would like to express my regret at the confusion that we may have created over how this policy should be interpreted.

To be clear, clubs and districts may carry on with current and planned activities in compliance with applicable laws and regulations. However, it is important that any use of the Rotary Marks in connection with these activities follows the Rotary visual identity guidelines available here, including not altering, modifying or obstructing the Rotary wheel or Rotary signature.

The RI Board recognizes that the existing policy related to this issue, and how it is communicated, needs to be reviewed. We look forward to providing you with an update once the Board has completed its review.

Sincerely,

Jim Barnes

Chief Programs and Member Services
Officer

Rotary International

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, FREE, age-appropriate hardcover book every month from birth to five years of age, regardless of socioeconomic status. 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.

Lehigh Valley Hospital-Hazleton enrolls the newborns into the program at its Family Birthing Center.

Pat Ward, President of the United Way of Greater Hazleton says "Begun over two years ago, the United Way has enrolled approximately 350 children into the program and now thanks to Rotary another 25 will be able to participate. It's a big boost".

The vision of the program is to promote preschool children and their families being excited about books and reading together. Children enrolled in the program start with receiving their first book of "The Little Engine That Could" and complete the program with "Look Out Kindergarten Here I Come."

The Dolly Parton Imagination Library was initiated in 1996 by Dolly Parton and

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Pat Ward, President of the United Way of Greater Hazleton, receives a donation for its Dolly Parton Imagination Library Project from Rotary Club President Ron Avellino.

Rotary  **District 7410**
2016 CONFERENCE

April 29 & 30
Mohegan Sun Conference Center
• Wilkes-Barre, PA

Visit rotarydistrict7410conference.splashthat.com

2016 Conference Service Project

“Blessing of the Books” Collection

In cooperation with the University of Scranton
Panuska College of Professional Studies (PCPS)

Books are personalized with a hand-written note and distributed by the PCPS to organizations and children’s programs to promote literacy.



Your club can participate in two ways:

1. Each attendee brings 1 or more new or gently used children’s books to Conference.
2. Clubs collect children’s books from their members and Interact clubs, and brings them to the District Conference.

Clubs that participate are asked to provide the names and contact info of organizations in their area that would benefit from receiving a supply of these donated books for distribution to local-area clients.

Help your community through participation in this service project!



[The Rotary Club of Winola](#) Taking a Polar Plunge For a Good Cause

That's Roger Mattes, bracing for the chill at the mid-winter Polar Plunge. A fund-raiser hosted by the Winola Rotary, the Polar Plunge raises money for little Evie Dixon, who was born with Spina Bifida. "The water was cold, but the hearts were warm," reported P.D.G.N. Mattes, who said there were hundreds of people were in attendance for the highly publicized event.

[Rotary Club of the Abingtons](#)

Local Baseball Hero Speaks to Rotarians

A native of the Abingtons—the third generation of his family line—has made his mark in major league baseball and was a featured speaker at a February meeting of the Rotary Club of the Abingtons. Cory Joseph Spangenberg is an outstanding second baseman for the San Diego Padres and, while home on a break before spring training, shared his story with Rotarians.

Cory is a hometown boy, a native of Clarks Summit. His baseball career began in his own back yard with his father, Ken, who taught him the rudiments of the game. T Ball at Abington, led to the Minor Farm Team then on to the Major Farm Team in Little League. His father proved to be a remarkable coach, as he taught his son, Cory, how to play the game. Cory's career took off while in high school. In his senior year, 2009, he led the Abington Heights varsity baseball team to a Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association Class AAA state



championship.

His college career began at Virginia Military Institute (VMI), where he played for the VMI Kaydets. He was named Freshman of the Year in the Big South Conference, but military school brought its own demands. When Cory found that the military focus interfered with his academic courses and his love of

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Breaking Conference News for Under-40's!

Yes, you asked for it, and we're delivering!

On **Saturday April 30th**, a very special session is planned just for you.

Three young Rotarians (Katie, Kendra, and Lucy) whose combined ages are less than 80 will be delivering a session complete with ice-breaker and plenty of time to discuss what this dynamic group is most interested in doing for their clubs and their communities.

Have an idea for a district-wide service project that could be both planned and executed by the under-40 contingent in our district? Then this is the session for you. Want to discuss how young Rotarians could be instrumental in implementing more technology into their clubs? Then come meet your colleagues and see how far your collective brain power can drive your ideas.

Access to both the online registration site link and the mail-in registration form can be found at <http://portal.clubrunner.ca/50202>



Rotary District 7410 Event

District 7410
Rotary
Northeast PA



Your Special Invitation

ROTARY DISTRICT 7410 CONFERENCE GOLF TOURNEY

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

Friday, April 29th, 2016

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

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

REGISTER BY: April 15th

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

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



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

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



Upcoming Club Events

The Rotary Club of Dallas

You Can Wine and Dine, Rain or Shine, in Dallas

The Dallas Rotary Club, in association with the Dallas Area Fall Fair, Inc., will be sponsoring its fourth annual special event for charity on June 25 from noon until 6 p.m. at the Luzerne County Fairgrounds, Rt. 118, Dallas, PA.

The Wine & Dine Festival will feature tastings of the finest wines from the Back Mountain and Endless Mountains areas and beyond. A variety of food and goods will also be on sale by area vendors and craftsmen, and there will be live musical entertainment all day long.

The Dallas Rotary Club is an all-volunteer, public service organization and will be holding this event to support their various charities and projects such as their annual Christmas Shopping Spree for 45 area children, their annual Christmas luncheon for 50 area members of the Dallas Active Adult Center, their book scholarships of \$500 each for six area high school seniors to use during their first year of college, and much, much more.

You may visit their website



Some of the Wine and Dine Festival Committee members recently met to plan this much anticipated annual event. Seated from left: Melissa Saxon, co-chair Paul Saxon, co-chair Colette Mahoney, Brenda Pugh. Standing from left: Art Peoples, Jason Jolley, Kelvin Swanger, JoAnn Prohaska, Todd Buckley. Committee members not pictured: Kim Reisch, Ed Gray, Joe Stager, Ken Chapple, Ashley Wagner, Becky Yurko, Sandy Peoples.

at www.DallasRotaryWineandDine.com or look for them on Face book for upcoming ticket information on line or at local retailers.



Jason (left) and his father, Robert Jolley.

Dallas Chief Looks Both Ahead and Back

At a recent meeting of the Dallas Rotary Club, President Jason Jolley invited his father, Robert Jolley, to address the group. Mr. Jolley is the Chief of Police of Dallas Township and the President of the Pennsylvania Police Chiefs Association. Chief Jolley discussed the President's Commission on

Policing in the 21st Century, looking back at 40 years in law enforcement, the positive policing that has been the norm for the Dallas Township Police Department, and the Back Mountain in general. A lively and informative question and answer period followed his talk with members staying well beyond the usual meeting time.

Celebrate



Rotary!

Sign up today for the
Rotary District 7410
Conference.

April 29 & 30

**Mohegan Sun Conference Center
Wilkes-Barre, PA**

• **Friday, April 29 - Saturday, April 30**

Mohegan Sun Conference Center - 1280 Highway 315, Wilkes Barre, PA

• **Full Conference (Excluding Golf) - \$295**

Friday and Saturday sessions, cocktail hours, two dinners, one lunch, morning snacks and tea/coffee services

• **Friday Only Conference - \$110**

Includes all afternoon workshops, cocktail hour and evening plenary with dinner

• **Saturday Only Conference - \$185**

Includes all Saturday sessions, morning snacks, lunch, cocktail hour and Elizabethan Feast

• **Friday Evening Dinner & Keynote Only - \$55**

• **Saturday Morning Sessions & Lunch Only - \$40**

(Rotarians and non-Rotarian Guests)

• **Saturday Evening Elizabethan Feast & Keynote Only - \$65**

• **Friday Golf Tourney - \$27**

Includes 18 holes, golf cart, and lunch

• **Registration form can be downloaded from District website**

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Visit rotarydistrict7410conference.splashthat.com to sign up online & view accommodation choices.

Check out our Facebook page for contests and the latest information.



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the 2016 lineup...

District Conference Sponsorships

Each year, the Rotarians in District 7410 are given an opportunity to showcase their company's information in a "Sponsors Booklet" at our District Conference. As an alternative, Rotarians can submit messages (e.g. "Congratulations, President Tom, for a great year!"), photos of club projects, or other celebrations of your club's accomplishments during the 2015-16 Rotary year. Your donation not only supports the conference, but helps celebrate your club or your vocation as well as advertising your business.

Advertising opportunities:

- \$200+ Full page advertisement and corporate logo added to Conference registration website and District website, and District Facebook page
- \$100 Full page advertisement (approx. 8" x 4 ½") plus District Facebook post
- \$50 Half page advertisement (approx. 4" x 4 ½")
- \$25 Business card-sized advertisement

SEND ME IN, COACH...

Yes, you can count on my support of our 2016 District Conference! I'll send a check to Rotary District Treasurer, John Regula, 327 Baker Lane, Clarks Summit, PA 18411 along with the information requested below, and will email our business card graphic, or the text or photo for the advertising spot to District Governor Barbara Belón at bjbelon@gmail.com.
Deadline date for submission: **April 1st**

Advertising Level: \$ _____

Donor: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____



Our Clubs in Action

The Rotary Club of Hazleton

Rotarians Prove to Be Real Pal to PAL

The Rotary Club of Hazleton recently donated \$2,000.00 to PAL, the Hazleton Police Athletic League, to help with its 2015-2016, 59th year of existence. The money was allocated through a Rotary Club 2015-16 Community Grant Program. These "Service above Self" community grants are intended to benefit organizations and agencies in communities in the Greater Hazleton Area.

PAL provides after school basketball for boys and girls, ages 7 to 15. Monday thru Friday, 6:00PM-9:00PM. There are currently two divisions for boys and one for girls. Each participant practices one day a week and plays one day a week.

Since its inception, PAL has been held at various Hazleton Area schools, The Jewish Community Center and cur-



The Hazleton Rotary Club recently awarded a \$2,000.00 Community Service Grant to PAL, the Hazleton Police Athletic League. L to R: Rotary Projects Chairman Tom Hood, Rotary Vice President Toni Frumkin, PAL President William Drumheller, and Rotary President Ron Avellino

rently, PAL basketball takes place at The Hazleton Area Community Center

and Arthur Street School.

PAL doesn't believe in superstars, just the thought that everyone can have a night of fun and year of wholesome recreation, Players learn all about the game in a stress free atmosphere while playing with a modified set of rules, which allows for everyone to play one-quarter each game, no substitutions.

While most other leagues are geared toward winning, PAL wants its players to play while having fun, to learn how to play the game and to work as a team. Admission to the games is free and no collections or donations are asked of the attendees.

"Since we started PAL in 1957 we have not asked the City, firms, businesses or civic organizations to sponsor teams or donate funds." explains William Drumheller, PAL President. "In the past, we had light bulb and candy

DOLLY PARTON...

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adopted by United Way of Greater Hazleton last July. The program that started in East Tennessee is now nationwide with over 23 million books already distributed

Rotary President Ron Avellino 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."

"As an educator, I am happy that the Rotary Club leadership agreed to

fund this project that will introduce books and reading to many area youngsters." says Tom Hood, Project Committee Chairman. "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".

For more information on the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, contact The United Way of Greater Hazleton at hazleton.pa@unitedway.org.

To learn more about the Rotary Club of Hazleton got to its website, www.hazletonrotary.org or visit its facebook page, Rotary Club of Hazleton

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baseball, he transferred to Indian State River College in 2011.

In the MLB Draft that year, Cory signed with the San Diego Padres in the first round, receiving a \$1.864 million signing bonus. Before the 2012 season began, MLB.com rated him as the 81st best prospect in baseball.

While he played in the Minors, with the Lake Elsinore Storm in 2012 and the San Antonio Mission in 2013, Cory continued to thrive, honing his baseball skills. The Padres soon promoted him to the major leagues in September 1, 2014. In his second Major League game against the Arizona Diamondbacks, he hit a walk-off home run.

When Jedd Gyorko, the Padres second baseman, suffered injuries in May and June 2015, Cory had a new opportunity to show off his baseball skills. Gyorko was traded in December 2015. Cory Spangenberg was ready for the 2016 season.

Cory has a third generation Abington family. His grandparents, Billie and Ken Spangenberg, live in Chinchilla. In addition to his father, Ken, his mother, Lynne, is a guidance counselor at Abington Heights High School. His two brothers, Zach and Kenny and a sister, Heather make up a very supportive family. Cory came home to rest up in the holiday season with his family and to prepare for the spring baseball season.

Note: From the Abington Journal, Feb. 3, 2016, by Rotarian and columnist Eileen Christian. eileenchristian1835@gmail.com

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sales, but currently we are charging a registration fee of \$55.00 per child instead. This is the only cost for anyone coming into the league.

However, for the first time we were looking at a shortfall and the possibility that PAL could not continue because we could not cover all of the costs involved, mainly insurance and security. We were facing the possibility of having to discontinue the program."

Drumheller continues, "Now you can see why we are so grateful to the Hazleton Rotary Club. Without their help, we would have had to close down the PAL program after 59 years in existence. Thousands of area youngsters have participated in

PAL activities down through the years and it would be very, very sad to have to discontinue this program after all this time. At least, we can now run the program for another year".

"PAL is an all-volunteer organization that has helped area youngsters for so many years. We couldn't see it fall on the wayside because it wasn't getting the help it needed from the community it has served for so long". explains Ron Avellino, Rotary President. "Our club members work hard on various fundraisers to help area organizations, such as PAL, help others. It would have been a shame to see this organization fold after 59 years of existence."

"Mr. Drumheller recently

spoke to the Rotary Club about the PAL program and it was easy to see that his 50 year dedication to PAL has been a labor of love. You couldn't help but understand that the PAL motto "It is Better to Build Boys and Girls Than to Mend Men & Women" is one he believes in and follows. The Hazleton Rotary Club is pleased to help him and his fellow volunteers continue this dedication to area youngsters" says Project Chair Tom Hood.

For more information on the PAL program, you can contact Bill Drumheller at 570-455-5102. Scan the Hazleton Rotary Club website and its Facebook page for updated information on club activities.



Sponsored by:



Hazleton Rotary
Presents

A NIGHT AT THE RACES



Saturday, April 16, 2016
J.J. Ferrara Performing Arts Center
212 W. Broad St., Hazleton
Doors open at 6 p.m.

Lots of Good Food—Eat Like a Horse!

Tickets are \$8 in advance; \$10 at the door
Limited number of horses available for sale @ \$10 each!
Winners take home \$50 !!!

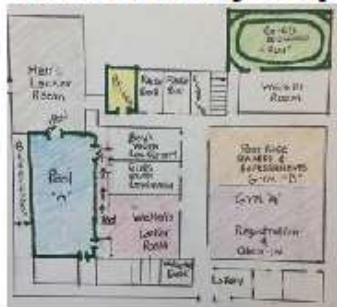
Call Jason Brenner (570-454-8706) or
Jane Danish (570-578-6220) for details
...or ask any Rotarian.

Proceeds from the event support local projects such as Kidz Coatz, Dictionaries for 3rd Graders, Scholarships for High School Students, and funding for many local non-profit agencies.

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The Rotary Club of Dunmore

YMCA Facility Map



- Registration/Check-in: Gym A. Please arrive 30-40 minutes prior to assigned Wave Time.
- Report to Pool "A" 10 minutes prior to assigned Wave time & report in.
- At conclusion of 10 minute swim, 10 minute transition to Bike Room.
- At conclusion of 25 minute bike, 5 minute transition to Wellness Center for Run on Treadmill
- At conclusion of 20 minute run, enjoy refreshments in Gym "B".
- Awards will be presented shortly after conclusion of final wave. (Awards will not be mailed.)
- Each participant will be emailed with their unique Wave start time. Wave times will be assigned on a *first come* basis. All attempts will be made to assign as close to your requested start time.

Please Note:

SWIM: No Diving Starts. No wet suits. Hands & feet must be uncovered. No hand paddles, gloves, fins, boots, etc. No snorkels. No thongs.

BIKE: Set resistance to your preference. One water bottle permitted. Must fit in bike holder. Sweat towel permitted

RUN: 20 laps=1 mile. Run on treadmill only.

Who We Are

The Greater Scranton YMCA strives to put Christian principles into practice through programs that build a healthy spirit, mind and body for all.

The Dunmore Rotary supports our local community, and encourages and fosters the ideal of "Service Above Self" as a basis of worthy enterprise.

Contact us: Diana Dempsey
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1ST ANNUAL SAMUEL C. CALI MEMORIAL INDOOR TRIATHLON PRESENTED BY:

DUNMORE ROTARY &
GREATER SCRANTON YMCA

SUNDAY April 3, 2016
Individual and Relay
Teams Competition

Rotary 
Club of Dunmore



Spring Is in the Air

Consider Funding RF Charitable Remainder Trust

What if there was a way that you could make a gift larger than you ever thought possible? By funding a charitable remainder trust with The Rotary Foundation, you have the opportunity to make a greater impact around the world and still protect your financial security with payments for life.

Lifetime payments for you or your loved ones are just one of the financial benefits of setting up a charitable remainder trust.

Your gift may qualify you for a sizable charitable income tax deduction as well as other tax incentives.

To find out if a charitable remainder trust is right for you, please contact a Planned Giving Officer at planned.giving@rotary.org or 847-866-3100. You can also find more information on our website www.rotary.org/plannedgiving.

Contact Dempsey (above) or Mary Ann Lezzi, Dunmore Rotary President (570-840-8297), about sponsorship opportunities for this event.



"Favorite Shakespearean Quote Contest"



Now, this sounds simple, right? Of course it is!

Here's your opportunity to participate in one of this year's District Conference contests without hardly lifting a finger.

How? Read on!

- Step #1:** Log on to your Facebook account.
- Step #2:** Navigate to our *Rotary District 7410* Facebook page.
- Step #3:** Enter your favorite Shakespearean quote.

That's right...nothing to upload, nothing to purchase. Just type in your favorite quote from any of Shakespeare's works, giving attribution (source/play/character), of course. Make sure you include your name and Rotary club name so our Facebook staff can keep track of the entries.

This contest is open from **March 1st** through **April 24th**. One entry per person, please. Enter a quote and have your name entered in the Saturday night drawing for a chance to win one of the conference "participation prizes."

Conference information and registration website: <https://rotarydistrict7410conference.splashthat.com/>

Conference information is also available on our district website (<http://portal.clubrunner.ca/50202>), under the "District Information" menu selection.

Don't wait! Find that quote now.

*"Action is eloquence."
—Volumnia in Coriolanus*



"Service Project Selfie-Video Contest"



One action that strengthens all clubs is when we share our successes. This contest does just that. How? Read on!

- Step #1:** Create a "selfie-video" that describes one of the following:
 - ✓ A successful, new social media marketing technique your club used this year
 - ✓ A description of a new service project that your club undertook this year
 - ✓ A description of a new fundraiser your club tried this year
- Step #2:** Log on to your Facebook account.
- Step #3:** Navigate to our *Rotary District 7410* Facebook page.
- Step #4:** Upload your video. Be sure to include your club's name and contact information, in case another Rotary clubs wants more information.

These videos will be shown in the *House of Friendship* during the conference. Length of video should be from 1 to 2 minutes.

This contest is open from **March 1st** through **April 24th**. Upload your video and have your name entered in the Saturday night drawing for a chance to win one of the conference "participation prizes."

The name of the creator of the video will be entered in the prize drawing, to be awarded at the Saturday, April 30th conference Luncheon.

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Stardom awaits! Upload that video now.



Blakeslee Rotary Club's

ANNUAL BOB MATIRKO MEMORIAL GOLF CLASSIC

"The Best Golf Tournament In The Poconos"

All proceeds from this event will benefit our Youth and Community Service Projects.

WEDNESDAY JUNE 22, 2016

MOUNTAIN LAUREL GOLF COURSE

ROUTE 534 - WHITE HAVEN, 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):

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

EARLY REGISTRATION BENEFITS - SEE REGISTRATION FORM FOR DETAILS



Let's *Drive* This Fundraiser To The *Green*



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

LIMITED FIELD

First Pay = First Play

DON'T BE DISAPPOINTED! MAIL YOUR ENTRY ASAP!

Or Visit - www.blakesleerotary.org

Chris Matirko - 570-646-7337 * Chris Warriner - 570-620-8003



District 7410

June 5, 2016

“Rotary Day at the Ballpark”

When: Sunday afternoon, **June 5th, 2016**
Where: RailRider’s Stadium, 235 Montage Mountain Road, Moosic, PA
Who: All District 7410 Rotarians, Interactors, Rotaractors, RYLarians

You are cordially invited to this “end of Rotary year” event to celebrate our accomplishments in our communities and internationally, and by engaging in one last service project.

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

For those who prefer just the entrance ticket, **stadium seats** are available for **\$10**.

Food Collection Service Project – Even those who don’t want to attend the ballgame can participate in this worthy activity! Currently, six (6) clubs have already given their commitment to man food collection tables (Blakeslee, Forest City, Hamlin, Hawley, Mid-Valley, North Scranton). Two additional tables are still available. Extra help at any of the tables will always be appreciated. Participating clubs will be assigned a table (supplied by the RailRiders), set up outside the stadium entrance at 11:30 am. Clubs are expected to bring empty boxes in which to deposit the cans/boxes of food donations. Each food donor receives a ticket for the 7th inning stretch drawing for the “Rotary Basket”. For those who forgot to bring food, they can make a donation (\$1.00 minimum) and receive a ticket for the basket drawing.

Purchase your tickets now before they’re gone.
\$30 KOST tickets and \$10 stadium seats:

The Rotary/Interact/Rotaract Club of _____ commits to staffing a table prior to the ballgame on June 5th, 2015

We request advance purchase of _____ Kost Pavilion tickets at \$30 each

We request advance purchase of _____ bleacher tickets at \$10 each

Send checks to **District Treasurer, John Regula**, and **CLEARLY INDICATING** numbers for either **Kost OR Stadium seats**.

MAILING ADDRESS: 327 Baker Lane, Clarks Summit, PA 18411.



"Bring a Bell to Ring in the 2016 Conference"

District 7410
Rotary
 Northeast PA 

Help us officially open the conference in traditional Rotary fashion by participating in the "ringing in" of the Friday evening plenary session!

When? Friday Night Gala, April 29th, 2016.

What are we asking you to do?

Bring a bell -- any kind, any size -- to the Friday evening gala. When you check in at the Conference Registration Desk, show your bell and receive a ticket for the door prize drawing.



What you can win: Voucher for one free night's lodging at the Mohegan Sun Hotel, complements of the Mohegan Sun. Drawing will be held at the conclusion of the evening.

Want an extra chance to win?

Increase your odds of winning by uploading a photo of your bell to our "Rotary District 7410" Facebook page, and receive an extra ticket when you check in at the Conference Registration Desk. Don't forget to "LIKE" the page in order to get information on upcoming contests.

Simple, right? Start searching for that sleigh bell, dinner bell, cowbell, hand bell, or other permutation, and when our Master of Ceremony for the evening strikes the plenary bell, *chime in with your own!*

Conference information and registration website: <https://rotarydistrict7410conference.splashthat.com/>

The Rotary Club of Forest City Area



Forest City Area Rotarians with third graders at Forest City Regional Elementary School; Rotarians, Standing behind (from left) are Captain Harry Newak, Jr, Joe Smith, and Richard Kresock..

Getting 'The Words' Out

Every year, the Forest City Area Rotary Club donates dictionaries to local 3rd graders at Fell Charter Elementary School, Carbondale Area School District, Western Wayne School District, and Forest City Regional School District. We're excited to report another year of success.

Now students can look up words like "pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcano koniosis"!

New Rotarians

District 7410 — 2016 Club Data

Blakeslee	Courtney Brady
New Milford	Adam Kovalchick
	Christopher Lake
Plains	Michael Prushinski
Pocono Mountains	Kevin Hardy
	Sam Prynda
Stroudsburgs	Violette Francois
	Jeff Reichl
Troy	Kathy Watkins
Tunkhannock	Richard Miller
	Ann Marie Stevens

Club	Total Mem.	New Mem.	Attend %
Abingtons, The	63		
Athens	15		
Blakeslee	10	1	65.00%
Dallas	43		60.00%
Dunmore	16		
Forest City Area	12		58.30%
Freeland	8		
Hamlin	30		49.33%
Hawley	19		69.00%
Hazleton	90		35.91%
Honesdale	38		48.00%
Jim Thorpe	23		
Kingston	19		71.00%
Lehighton	10		
Mid-Valley	6		33.00%
Milford-Matamoras	23		
Montrose	22		67.00%
Mountaintop	16		64.00%
Mt. Pocono	16		
New Milford	16	2	
Newfoundland	39		65.91%
North Pocono	19		
North Scranton	26		68.00%
Pittston	13		0.00%
Plains	21	1	58.00%
Plymouth	22		70.00%
Pocono Mountains, The (Buck Hill Falls)	22	2	56.00%
Sayre	15		70.00%
Scranton	38		0.00%
Smithfields	21		49.00%
Stroudsburgs, The	98	2	68.54%
Towanda	14		64.00%
Trail (Factoryville)	13		50.00%
Troy	24	1	62.50%
Tunkhannock	66	2	47.96%
Weatherly	9		85.00%
Wellsboro	44		0.00%
West End	29		
Wilkes-Barre	30		
Winola	16		
Wyalusing Area	27		56.00%
Wyoming	17		56.70%





District 7410



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