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# News from District 7410



## Letter from the District Governor



**March is the month** of the Shamrock, St. Patrick’s Day and the Pot of Gold at the end of the Rainbow, isn’t it? It is a great month to start looking forward to how we Rotarians will fulfill our goals, meet our Humanitarian Service objectives, cover our commitment to Polio, and total up our 2016-2017 Foundation contributions. I may have mentioned in a previous letter, clubs should focus on April to get all the Foundation and Polio funds in to RI so that the clubs and District are credited in this year.

**Foundation:** Last month I wrote that our District Annual Fund giving was only at 33% of this year’s goal. I know many clubs are still pulling their funds together, so we aren’t done yet. Help me move the money over! Remember, three years from now, half of that contribution will come back to provide resources for Rotarians to do Humanitarian Projects. Let’s give our future clubs and Rotarians as much as possible to continue our good works. Please, focus on getting to our total District Goal of \$90,000!



**Membership:** As of February 1, 2017, we have 1140 members, which is hovering around maintenance level with last year. We have a loss of 12 members, so we still need to ‘grow’ our membership. This month, I have participated with two clubs (Hamlin and Winola) in inducting new members. If you would like to have a new member induction with one of us on the Leadership team, send me a note or text message!

**District Conference:** Registration is open on Eventbrite.com for our Conference at The Inn at Pocono Manor. There are a number of options for participation. Rooms are available at \$165, which is taxes, activities fee, and continental breakfast included. We will release any excess of rooms back to the general availability block around April 5<sup>th</sup>. If you plan to stay, book your room ASAP! There are a limited number at our rate - so get going! Rooms are reserved separately from the conference registration.

Call the Inn at [570-839-7111](tel:570-839-7111) and identify yourself as part of the Rotary District

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR CONTINUES....

7410 Conference.

The Conference is really taking shape. Do you want to play golf in the Friday morning golf Tournament? The golf tourney organizer is PDG Budd O'Malia.

Register with him at: [budds4u@yahoo.com](mailto:budds4u@yahoo.com) or call him on his cell at: [570-814-3918](tel:570-814-3918).

We will kick off Friday afternoon with a Current President's forum with the RI President's Representative from 4:-5:30 pm followed by a brief Hosted Reception prior to the general no-host cocktail hour.

Dinner will follow with a greeting from our RI President's Rep., and then our keynote speaker for the evening, Kenton Lee, from Because International and The Shoe that Grows.org. Here we are asking for a specific action from each club in the District. Please help us build a HUGE contribution for shoes. The ask is that each club contribute 10 pairs of shoes. OK, well, at \$15 per pair = \$150. When Kenton finishes speaking, we want to surpass his wildest dreams. Let's see how many pairs we can commission him to have made. The beauty of this contribution is the shoes can come back to us to use in one of the International Humanitarian Service projects to put shoes on children who don't have them or can't afford new ones. The Interactors are raising funds right now to contribute. Let's show them that our Adult clubs are right there with our own donation!

After dinner and **Kenton Lee**, let loose with AM Radio and

dance, and go out at the fire and have a s'more or two! The rest of Friday night is for fellowship and socializing.

Saturday is a full day of sessions covering much of what we have done, can celebrate, and focus on as Rotarians. Around the Lunch time, we will be celebrating our Youth and Youth initiated Humanitarian Service. Sponsor your Interactor, Rotoractors, Rylarians, and Exchange students. We have a young Clean Drinking Water Activist speaking to us all at lunch...**Ryan Hreljac**. Ryan started his commitment to build wells for clean drinking water when he was 6 years old, and to this day, his foundation **Ryanswell.ca** raises funds and builds wells, and works on water and sanitation projects in Africa and elsewhere

Our Saturday evening will be full of fun. We will have the Theatre League help us with a Murder Mystery starting during the cocktail hour. Dinner will feature our RI President's Representative, John Stairs of Burlington, Ontario, Canada speaking on behalf of John Germ and Rotary International. Since we will be solving a murder mystery after PDG John speaks, you may want to come dressed as your favorite detective. Later, after the excitement is over, there will be a gourmet petite desserts and liqueurs.

Throughout the conference we will have awards, and recognitions. Don't forget to get to Brenda Allen and assure your membership efforts are re-

corded. The top three clubs that have grown their membership, but have grown their average member age younger, will win \$300 toward the registration fee for the Atlanta conference.

It concludes Sunday morning with a service to honor our Rotarians who have passed away during our last Rotary year. Please be sure that ROGER MATTES has the name and details of any Rotarian from your club who needs to be honored.

And one last opportunity at The Inn at Pocono Manor: a Sunday brunch (self paid extra). It should be a relaxing way to finish the weekend.

So, with all that District Conference has to offer, get registered and join us for an interesting, informative and fun weekend.

—**Marcia Loughman, DG 2016-2017**

## Attention, Rotarians!

The Conference Committee is still looking for members from Action Groups or Fellowships. What is needed are members who are attending the conference to explain what these groups are and encourage more Rotarians to get involved. It's a great concept to become aware of and utilize. How exciting to be able to network with like-minded Rotarians from all over the globe.

Contact: Pat Mazzei at: [patmay1122@aol.com](mailto:patmay1122@aol.com) **Rotary Groups** for SUBJECT. This way it won't go into my Spam.



**[www.wingsoverwine.info](http://www.wingsoverwine.info)**

**Time:** Noon - 5p.m.

**Date:** Saturday May 13, 2017

**Location:** Bradford County Airport, Towanda, PA

**\$20** advance, **\$30** day of event, **\$5** designated drivers

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# DISTRICT 7410

# SAVE THE DATE

## DISTRICT CONFERENCE



THE  
INN  
AT POCONO MANOR

APRIL 28 - 30, 2017



## District 7410

# District Conference

The 2017 District Conference will be held on April 28 -30, 2017 at the historic Inn at Pocono Manor. Many changes in the event have occurred from years past. We promise you more fun, less talk.

This year's Friday night festivities will begin with a Cocktail party followed by a Dinner/Dance featuring the dance band am Radio. After the music stops, join us for an outdoor campfire with our various Youth Groups and gourmet s'mores.

Our Saturday schedule will include several opportunities to meet with, and network with Rotarians from all over North-eastern Pennsylvania. Our agenda includes topics from End Polio Now updates and Membership to International Service Projects.



Our featured speakers include Rotary International Representative and Past District Governor John Stairs from Burlington Ontario, Canada.

Our Keynote Speaker will be Kenton Lee of *The Shoe That Grows Organization*

Kenton had a vision, while living in Nairobi, of providing shoes, for thousands of barefooted children that could grow with the child.



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## District Conference (Continued)...

Out of this vision came a unique design which has saved thousands of children from a childhood of soil transmitted diseases and parasites.



*The Shoe That Grows* has been selected by District Governor, Marcia Loughman, to be our main charity for the District Conference. All clubs and members are encouraged to give generously to this worthy cause.

Also featured will be Ryan Heljec, Founder of the Ryan's Wells Foundation, who at age 6 started an international charitable organization dedicated to providing clean run-



ning water in third world countries.



We will also have our District's own John Naugle of Access Development, a group dedicated to promoting sustainable agro-processing and aqua-technologies in Africa, Asia, and the Caribbean.



Saturday evening's festivities will include a Rotary Cocktail Hour followed by a Dinner Gala with a dinner theater Murder Mystery! Guests are encouraged to come dressed as their favorite sleuths to try and figure out "Who done it."

Cap off your evening with our Desserts & Cordials Banquet. This elegant candlelit affair will include delectable fancy sweet desserts and smooth top shelf liquors.

On Sunday we will honor District Rotarians who have passed away in the last year with a befitting ecumenical memorial service. Please come to help us respectfully celebrate many lifetimes of community service.

The Registration fees have been slashed! Be sure to register early for the 2017 District Conference online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rotary-district-7410-conference-pocono-manor-tickets-30235431991>

- Full Event ..... \$175.00
- 1st Time Attendees (Full Event)..... \$150.00
- Friday Night Dinner/Dance Only (includes cash bar, cocktail hour and s'more campfire)..... \$ 75.00

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**Rotary District 7410**

Saturday Sessions and Lunch Only

..... \$ 40.00

Saturday Night Murder Mystery Banquet (includes cash bar cocktail hour and dessert & Cordial Banquet)

..... \$ 95.00

Saturday Sessions, Lunch & Dinner Banquet (includes cash bar cocktail hour and dessert & Cordial Banquet

.....\$125.00

Hotel fares are also discounted for our members and will need to be re-served separately online at [www.poconomanor.com](http://www.poconomanor.com) or phone (800) 233-8150.

Come, enjoy, and experience the magic that is Rotary



**Breaking News: Call The Inn at Pocono Manor for District Conference room reservations. The rate is \$165. Inclusive of tax, activity fee, and continental breakfast. Ask for 7410's special rate. "Rotary" is the promo code.**

***Not Just Another Auction***

Rotary Club of the Stroudsburgs Proudly Presents the 2017 Not Just Another Auction Rotary Serving Humanity

March 16, 2017 from 5:30pm-9:30pm  
Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort  
100 Shawnee Inn Drive  
Shawnee on Delaware, PA 18356

A fun filled night to raise funds to assist those affected by PTSD in Monroe County.

\$50 per person

Includes: Hors d'oeuvres -- Irish Inspired Buffet

Live and Silent Auction

Presentation of the Annual

Buzz Bensinger Lifetime Achievement Award

Cash Bar -- Attire is Semi-formal

Check it out at...

<http://stroudsburgsrotary.org/page/2017-not-just-another-auction/>

**Rotary Club of Hazleton**



**Fielding Calls to Fight Cancer**

Hazleton Rotary members Dorothy Anderson, John Beltrami, and Michele Ustynoski answered phones at the 39th Annual American Cancer Telethon-Greater Hazleton Unit on Saturday, February 25 at the Health & Wellness Center at Hazleton.

# NIGHT AT THE Races

SUNDAY, MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup> 2017

Start time 4:00 <sup>P</sup><sub>M</sub>  
Post time @ 5:30 <sup>P</sup><sub>M</sub>

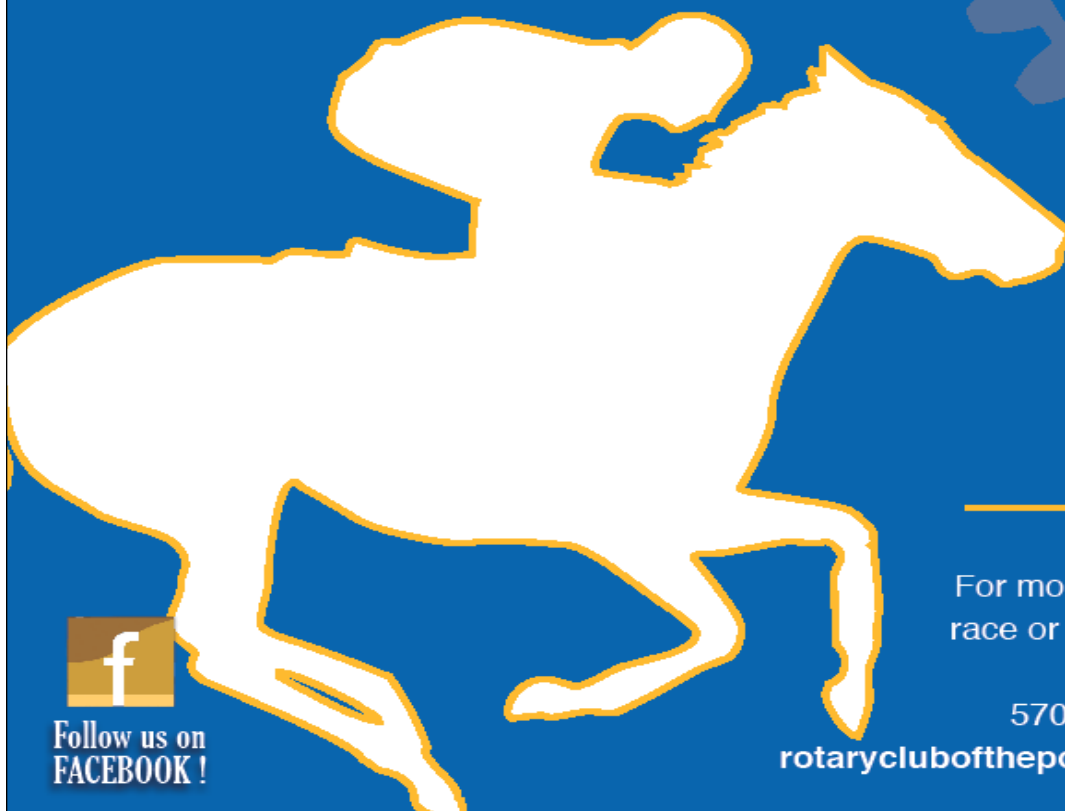
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Hosted @ The Pour House

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Everyone is invited!

Enjoy a fun and exciting night of horse racing and raffles.  
Come out and play! It's easy... no experience needed!



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For more info on sponsoring a  
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**Amanda Kuhn**

570.807.6810 or visit us at

[rotaryclubofthepoconomountains.com](http://rotaryclubofthepoconomountains.com)



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**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  
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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

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

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## *Partnering for 'A Week of Service'...*

Dear fellow Rotarians,

Rotary will be partnering with other service organizations in an International Week of Service, 25-31 March 2017. All over the world, volunteers like you are working to improve their communities. In the spirit of *Rotary Serving Humanity*, I ask you to invite another local service group to volunteer with you. Information and resources for this event can be found at [weekofservice.org](http://weekofservice.org). Visit the [International Week of Service 2017 Facebook event page](#) to RSVP and see what other clubs are planning.

Organizations participating in this event include: Lions Clubs International, Rotary International, Optimist International, Junior Chamber International, Kiwanis International, Moose International, Soroptimist, Y's Men International, Pilot International, and Sertoma Inc.

To participate, your club can work with one or more other area service groups to do something together for your community. They can join you in a pre-planned event, or you can plan a new event together. Find a fellow service organization in your community [here](#). Share your photos and videos at [weekofservice.org](http://weekofservice.org), on the event page, and on social media using #weekofservice2017. To promote your activities locally, we've provided you with a [customizable press release](#).

This event will help us to promote all of our organizations, highlight membership opportunities, and reinforce the importance of doing good in the world. It's a chance for our volunteers to forge lasting relationships and creating the potential for future joint projects. Your participation will also achieve one of the service goals listed in my presidential citation.

I hope you'll join me in what promises to be a unique, important opportunity to better your community.

Sincerely,

John F. Germ

President, Rotary International 2016-17

# **The North Scranton Rotary's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Ham Dinner**

**Sunday March 12th, 2017 12:00 P.M.-4:00 P.M.**

**At The Goodwill at North Community Room**

**1539 N Main Ave, Scranton**



**Tickets in Advance: \$10.00 Adults,  
\$6.00 Children Under 12**

**Tickets at the Door: \$12.00 Adults,  
\$8.00 Children**

**Ticket includes Ham, Potatoes, Vegetables, Desserts, & Beverages**

**Eat In or Take Out! Door prize and Basket Raffles!**

**Tickets available for purchase at Sidel's Restaurant. Credit Card Accepted.**

**Or email us at [northscrantonrotary@gmail.com](mailto:northscrantonrotary@gmail.com)**



[The Rotary Club of the Abingtons](#)

## Sharing Books at a Green Place of Respite

BY EILEEN CHRISTIAN

If you have used Routes 6 and 11 anytime since 2009, you may have noticed that a parcel of land that once was just a triangle of grass has become an important part of our community. The bit of green grass, hardly noticeable in 2009 has become a memorial park honoring veterans in our area. If you are on the top of the hill at Thurston Street or at the top of the hill at Clarks Street, just beyond Highland Avenue, the hillside road runs down to Routes 6 and 11. A quiet respite, a soft comforting zone, has been developed there, becoming the Veterans Park in Clarks Summit.

### Remembering Veterans

When Herman Johnson was on the Clarks Summit Council, he focused on the idea in 2009 to establish a spot to commemorate the armed services of the United States of America. He was joined by others, the Veterans of Foreign War, along with the community to place a permanent marker, a tribute to our veterans.

Herman Johnson, is now Mayor Johnson and although his jobs as mayor have increased, he still has at his heart the little park on Routes 6 and 11, memorializing our nation's heroes. Since 2009, you may have seen him working alone at the park. He has been on his knees, plac-

ing mulch and planting rose bushes. You may have seen him consulting with Chris Calvey, who helped him design and place a granite memorial, with insignias of all United States services set in stone.

The gazebo went up in 2016, a place to just kick back and reflect. The handicap parking for veterans was also added, so that those, for whom the park was dedicated, would be able to come and enjoy it. The Mayor plans this summer to set in a small garden of bushes at the south end of the tiny park.

The Rotary Club of the Abingtons wanted to be part of this tiny place of splendor. This year we will place a little free library at the edge of the park, near the gazebo.

Our first little free library, #17238 is doing well on Depot Street in Clarks Summit. At any time of the day or night you can see visitors bringing in books they have read and taking out books they want to read. The exchange of books happens all the time.

This second library, just like the first little library, has been designed by Rotarian and architect Nelson Connell. His plans will be executed by master craftsman and Rotarian, Harry Mumford.

Harry said, "The plans that Ned drew up for the first pocket

library on Depot Street have worked so well, we will use them again for the second pocket library. Ned has ideas on how to change the look for a patriotic theme,"

### Homespun Idea

This second library, still under construction, will be part of the Little Free Library Association, which is a homespun idea turned into an international phenomenon. Ordinary people with more books than they need have made tiny libraries where books are exchanged. Each library looks different from the other.

All share in the same theme, "take a book, return a book." It does not have to be the same book, just any book to share. These tiny libraries can appear anywhere, some are in a neighborhood, some are on walkways or bike trails, at the beach or in the mountains, in countries all over the world.

When you are driving by the memorial park, perhaps you will stop the quick pace of your life and see that this miniscule green spot has become a patriotic oasis for reflection.

In the spring of 2017 you can then take a book from the small library, located in our small park in our small town..



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## UNIQUE AFRICAN SAFARI

MAY & AUGUST / SEPTEMBER 2017.

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The safari is limited to **EIGHT GUESTS** at the incredible price of only **US\$3290\*** per person, all inclusive. Non-Rotarians are welcome. Polokwane Rotarians with guiding experience will accompany the entire safari. All profits generated will be for Rotary Community Service Charity Projects.

\* *Excludes international and domestic flights.*

For more information and a full itinerary please contact  
Rotarian Charles Hardy at [charlois@mweb.co.za](mailto:charlois@mweb.co.za)

**SPECIAL EVENT** – Ask us about the exciting **Rotary Foundation 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Safari and Gala Dinner** from the 23<sup>rd</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> of March 2017.





# Our Clubs in Action

## The Rotary Club of Tunkhannock

### Wine Festival Profits Continue to Benefit Community

Each year after the October Tunkhannock Rotary Harvest & Wine Festival, various community organizations are selected to benefit from a donation to support their activities. Two community organizations have recently received donations.

#### **Seven Loaves Soup Kitchen -**

At the Feb 2 Tunkhannock Rotary Club Luncheon, Bill Ruark, who is on the Board of Directors of the Seven Loaves Soup Kitchen, provided an update on the Kitchen, which is now settled into its new facility.

They can now seat/feed over 80 people per night. They are always looking for volunteers to help prepare and serve the meals, as well as, leaders to manage the volunteers.

President Ann Way announced that she will work with the Kitchen to select a night when Tunkhannock Rotarians can prepare and serve the meal. Ann then presented Bill with a check for \$3,000 to help support the activities at the Soup Kitchen.

**Victims Resource Center's (VRC)** Education/Outreach Manager Patrick Rushton provided an update on their activities and programs at a recent Club meeting. The VCR supports victims of various types of crimes in Luzerne, Carbon and Wyoming Counties. Patrick also talked about the Lethality Assessment Program in Wyo Cty that is designed to reduce domestic violence homicides.

After his presentation, President Ann Way presented Patrick with a check for \$1,000 to support the work of the VRC.



President Ann Way presented checks to Bill Ruark for the Seven Loaves Food Kitchen (left) and Patrick Rushton for the Victims Resource Center (right).

## The Rotary Club of Hazleton



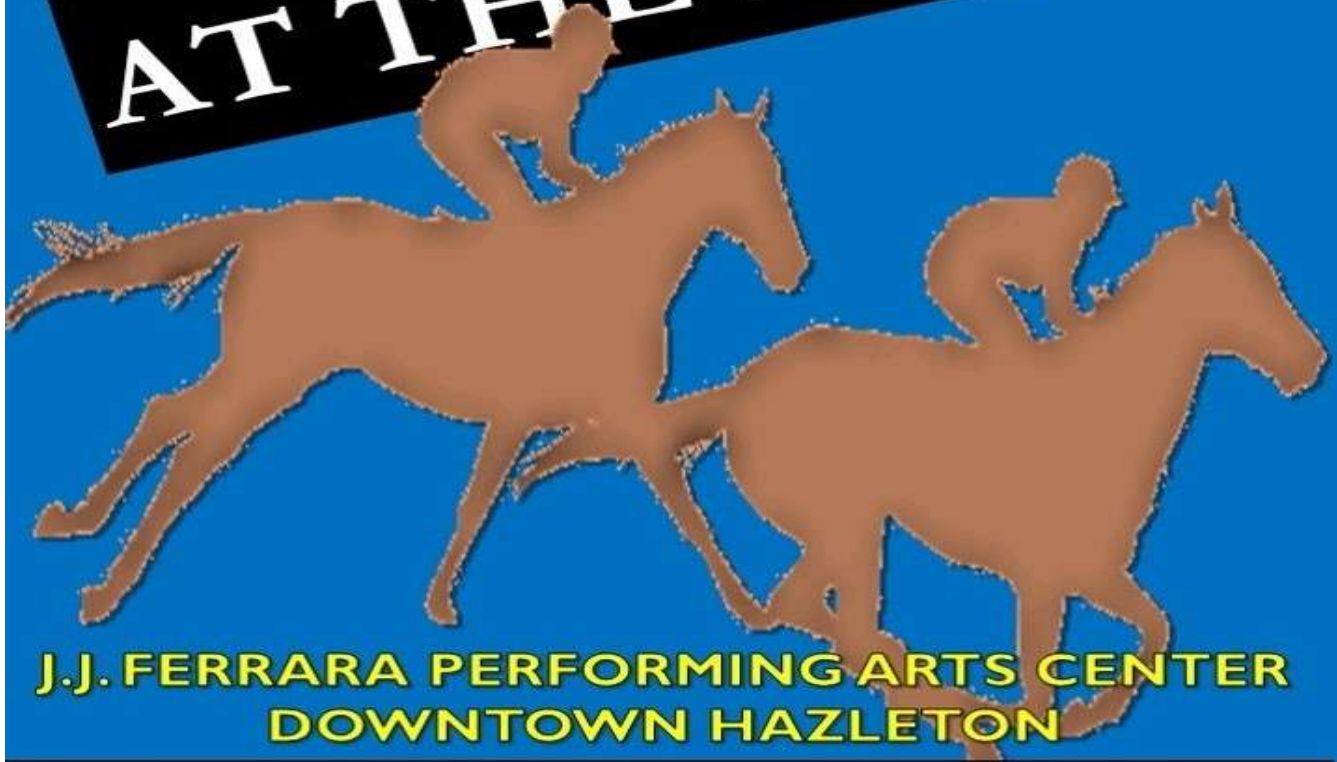
### **'The Track Is Back' in Hazleton**

The Hazleton Rotary is happy to say "the track is back!" Once again you can join the club at the starting gate for an evening of fun at a "Night At the Races," Saturday, April 8, 2017. You can purchase a horse or place a bet at the J.J. Ferrara Performing Arts Center, 212 West Broad Street, Hazleton. This year, the doors to this Hazleton Rotary fundraiser, will open at 5:30 p.m., with festivities scheduled to begin at 6:30 Preparing for the Hazleton Rotary Night at the Races front (from left) President Pat Ward, Project Chair Jason Brenner and Joan Buffington. Standing (from left) are Ron Avellino, Paul Brenner, Michele Ustynoski and Tim Genetti.

The Rotary Club of Hazleton presents



# A NIGHT AT THE RACES!



J.J. FERRARA PERFORMING ARTS CENTER  
DOWNTOWN HAZLETON

**SATURDAY APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup>**  
**DOORS OPEN 6:00 PM**

Advance Tickets \$8 / At the Door \$10  
Buy a Horse for Your Chance at Winning \$50!  
Call Jason Brenner at 570.454.8706 or Visit  
[www.HazletonRotary.org](http://www.HazletonRotary.org) for More Info

**FREE FOOD-BETTING-RAFFLES-TRICKY TRAYS**

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[The Rotary Club of Tunkhannock](#)

## *Raising Awareness on National Drug Take Back Day, April 29*

The extent of the prescription that must change to stem this drug abuse problems in the US epidemic!

has reached epidemic proportions. PA has the distinction of having one of the highest drug overdose mortality rate in the U.S.

Drug overdoses kill almost as many people as car accidents and guns combined, but only a quarter of these deaths are related to the abuse of street drugs. 70 percent of drug abusers got their first drugs from a parent's, grandparent's or friend's medicine cabinet. Eighty percent of American medicine cabinets contain at least one dangerous prescription drug.

The aim of the semi-annual federal Drug Enforcement Agency's (DEA) National Drug Take Back Program is to provide a secure route for people to turn in their unused or expired medications for safe disposal and keep them out of the reach of children, family, friends and visitors to their homes.

The actual National Drug Take Back Day is under the direction of each county's District Attorney's (DA) Office and local law enforcement. Due to limited resources in many county's DA's Offices, most residents of the county are not even aware of these events and in many cases the county does not participate in the event. All

The Tunkhannock Rotary Club is continuing its over three-year partnership with the Wyoming County DA's Office to provide community education and outreach for the next National Drug Take Back Day on April 29, 2017. Rotarians do not collect the drugs. Our role is only to educate the public and advertise the importance of this event in the fight against drug abuse. Please see the accompanying ad for the list of collection sites in Wyoming County.

### **Calling More Clubs**

Last year, Rotary Clubs in several counties provided similar community outreach for their counties event and it is hoped that these clubs will continue this endeavor this April. It is also hoped that additional clubs will take up this effort in their counties.

Next month's District Newsletter will contain a composite listing of the Rotary Clubs of which we are aware that are providing community outreach and the drug collections sites in each of the represented counties.

So please begin collecting up all your expired or unneeded medications for safe disposal on April 29.

## **Directors Being Sought For ESRAG**

In October 2016 the Environmental Sustainability Rotarian Group (ESRAG) obtained recognition as a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit corporation in the USA, as ESRAG, Inc. In June 2017 ESRAG will formally elect its first complete Board of Directors. The ESRAG Founding Directors are asking districts to recommend any interested and qualified candidates from your District to serve on ESRAG's Board of Directors. The role of the Board of Directors is to provide leadership, strategic direction and the intersection between ESRAG and Rotary's Six Areas of Focus.

The slate of ESRAG nominees will be voted upon prior to the ESRAG Annual General Meeting and the new board members announced at the 2017 Atlanta Rotary International Convention.

ESRAG's primary purpose is to provide technical assistance to Rotarians and their clubs in reaching any environmental sustainability goals that they have included in their District and Global Grant projects.

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# Got **Drugs?**

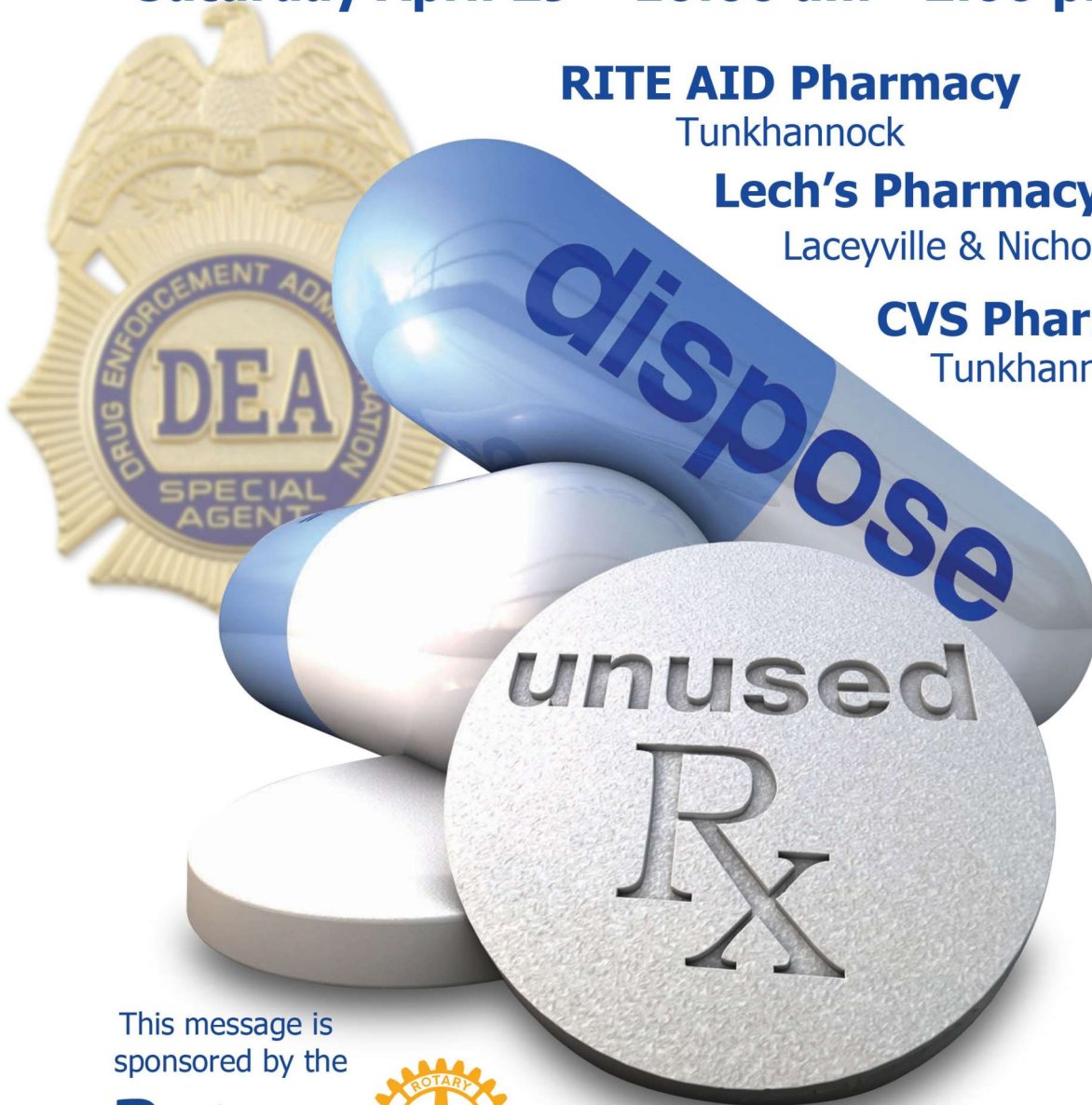
Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal

**Saturday April 29 • 10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

**RITE AID Pharmacy**  
Tunkhannock

**Lech's Pharmacy**  
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**CVS Pharmacy**  
Tunkhannock



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For more information, visit  
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[The Rotary Club of New Milford](#)

## Mountain View Student Tells about Year in Finland

The New Milford Rotary enjoyed a presentation at its February 16<sup>th</sup> meeting by Emily Shevchuk, a Senior at Mountain View High School. Emily was accompanied by her parents-Ann-Marie and David Shevchuk, and her brother Michael. Assisted by club member Melody Haley, Emily gave a presentation of her year as an exchange student in Finland, from 2015-2016, and sponsored by the New Milford Rotary.

Emily was hosted by three families in a predominately rural farming community during the year; Emily began the tour with attendance at a language camp



**Melody Haley assists Emily Shevchuk with her Finland exchange experience presentation.**

### **ESRAG...**

#### *CONTINUED FROM 15.*

RI President-Elect Ian Riseley has noted that “Environmental degradation and climate change threaten us all. They are having a disproportionate impact on those who are most vulnerable, those to whom Rotary has the greatest responsibility”

Please send your recommendations for nominees to [chris@esrag.org](mailto:chris@esrag.org) by April 14, 2017. We will be very pleased to follow up.

For more information about ESRAG’s work and how to join, please visit our website at [www.esrag.org](http://www.esrag.org)

and then took weekly Finnish lessons. She offered that Finnish is a difficult language to learn.

Emily spoke of the Finnish love of the sauna, even in the winter time. Many Finns will enjoy a dip in the ocean or nearby lake in the winter after a dip in their sauna. She offered it gave new meaning to the “Polar Bear Dip.”

Emily attended a small school that was a forty-five minute bicycle ride from her home. Though Finns ride bicycles all year around, including the use of winter tires on bicycles, she eventually chose to ride public buses to school. There are no school buses in Finland... School consisted of eight-week

sessions. She was introduced to new foods such as pasta-salmon pizza, and liver patties. Also Finns consume lots of chocolate and potatoes, which she enjoyed.

Emily spoke of the Finnish high school “prom” which is a very formal affair, including lengthy sessions of classes to learn eight different ballroom dances.

At the end of her tour Emily took trips to St. Petersburg, Russia, and Lapland (where she saw the Northern Lights, lots of reindeer and took a husky ride). Her final Euro tour took her to nine countries, including Spain, Italy and France.



**ROTARY DISTRICT 7410 CONFERENCE  
GOLF TOURNEY  
POCONO MANOR IN THE POCONOS  
FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2017 – 9 A.M.**

**CAPTAIN 'N CREW FORMAT – SHOTGUN START  
GOLF - \$35 PERSON – GOLF CARTS INCLUDED**

Don't have a foursome? We'll match you up w/ others

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
(CAPTAIN) \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
CELL: \_\_\_\_\_  
ROTARY CLUB OF: \_\_\_\_\_

NAMES OF OTHER PLAYERS IN YOUR GROUP

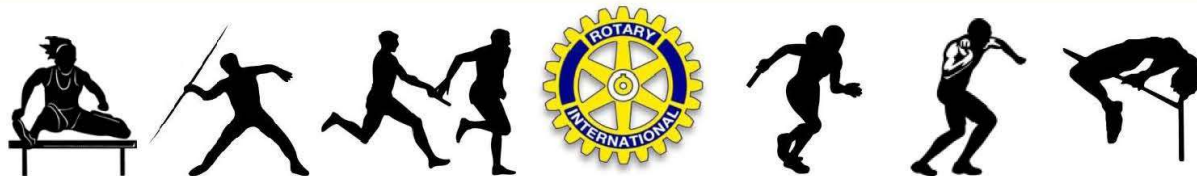
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**SEND THIS FORM WITH YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO DISTRICT 7410 TO PDG BUDD O'MALIA  
133 GREENWAVE BLVD., LARKSVILLE, PA 18704 – CELL 570-814-3918**

**PLEASE REGISTER BY APRIL 12, 2017 – SPACE IS LIMITED**

**Saturday, May 13th, 2017**  
**10:00am**



**33<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL ROTARY RELAYS INVITATIONAL**  
**JUNIOR HIGH TRACK & FIELD**  
**TUNKHANNOCK MEMORIAL STADIUM**

*Organized by the Tunkhannock Rotary Club*

| TRACK RELAYS |                                       |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1.           | 4 x 100/110m Shuttle Hurdles          |
| 2.           | 4 x 800m Relay                        |
| 3.           | 4 x 200m Relay                        |
| 4.           | 4 x 1600m Relay (simultaneously run)  |
| 5.           | 4 x 100m Relay                        |
| 6.           | Mid-Distance Medley (800-400-400-800) |
| 7.           | 4 x 400 Relay                         |

| FIELD RELAYS |                       |
|--------------|-----------------------|
| 1.           | 3 x Shotput Relay     |
| 2.           | 3 x Discus Relay      |
| 3.           | 3 x Javelin Relay     |
| 4.           | 3 x Long Jump Relay   |
| 5.           | 3 x Triple Jump Relay |
| 6.           | 3 x High Jump Relay   |
| 7.           | 2 x Pole Vault Relay  |

**Important Event Notes:**

- Junior high athletes (grades 7-9); Varsity 9<sup>th</sup> graders are ineligible; All PIAA eligibility & rules apply
- JH Girls Division & JH Boys Division (separate scoring & awards)
- Entry fee = \$50 per school for 1 Division, or \$100 per school for both Divisions (Boys & Girls)
- Schools may enter only 1 relay team per event per Division; Athletes may enter up to 4 events maximum
- All 7 track events occur in seeded heats; Scores based on best times, regardless of heat
- 5 of the field events (Shotput; Discus; Javelin; Long Jump; Triple Jump) will be open pit / open sector; Athletes permitted to throw/jump if returning from conflicting track or other field event, but must arrive and compete before that particular field event ends
- 2 of the field events (High Jump & Pole Vault) will run under normal meet conditions; Athletes may enter at any height, but must be present for their desired height attempts
- Team scoring system (points): 10 - 8 - 6 - 5 - 4 - 3 - 2 - 1
- A brief coaches meeting will take place 30 minutes before the meet near the finish line

**Team Trophies**

Best in the Field (Girls & Boys)  
 Invitational Champion (Girls & Boys)

**Medals**

Top 3 Relay Teams in all 7 track events  
 Top 3 Relay Teams in all 7 field events

*All track events professionally timed by:*



*All registrations completed online via:*



***If your school plans to participate, please contact Rod Azar for an entry form:***

**cell/text: 570-606-5475    email: rodmanazar@mac.com**

*... there's no "I" in RELAY*

New Rotarians

Hamlin                      John Giguere  
                                  Susan Giguere  
 Hawley                     Richard Bowling  
 Montrose                  Karen Hubbard

District 7410 — 2017 Club Data

| Club              | Total Memb. | New Memb. | Attend. % |
|-------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| Abingtons         | 57          |           | 40.79%    |
| Athens            | 22          |           |           |
| Blakeslee         | 13          |           | 50.00%    |
| Dallas            | 43          |           |           |
| Dunmore           | 13          |           | 70.00%    |
| Forest City Area  | 14          |           | 64.30%    |
| Freeland          | 10          |           |           |
| Hamlin            | 32          | 2         |           |
| Hawley            | 21          | 1         |           |
| Hazleton          | 77          |           | 35.07%    |
| Honesdale         | 37          |           |           |
| Jim Thorpe        | 25          |           | 49.00%    |
| Kingston          | 20          |           | 72.00%    |
| Lehighton         | 9           |           |           |
| Mid-Valley        | 2           |           | 75.00%    |
| Milford-Matamoras | 25          |           | 40.00%    |
| Montrose          | 21          | 1         |           |
| Mountaintop       | 21          |           | 61.00%    |
| Mt. Pocono        | 19          |           |           |
| New Milford       | 16          |           |           |
| Newfoundland      | 40          |           | 56.94%    |
| North Pocono      | 18          |           |           |
| North Scranton    | 22          |           | 77.00%    |
| Pittston          | 17          |           | 34.00%    |
| Plains            | 19          |           | 68.00%    |
| Plymouth          | 20          |           | 65.00%    |
| Pocono Mountains  | 21          |           |           |
| Sayre             | 18          |           | 60.00%    |
| Scranton          | 38          |           |           |
| Slate Belt Rotary | 21          |           | 50.00%    |
| Smithfields       | 22          |           | 43.18%    |
| Stroudsburgs      | 107         | 0         | 69.28%    |
| Towanda           | 14          |           |           |
| Trail             | 17          |           |           |
| Troy              | 22          |           |           |
| Tunkhannock       | 63          |           |           |
| Weatherly         | 10          |           |           |
| Wellsboro         | 44          |           |           |
| West End          | 16          |           |           |
| Wilkes-Barre      | 30          |           |           |
| Winola            | 15          |           |           |
| Wyalusing Area    | 26          |           |           |
| Wyoming Rotary    | 19          |           | 55.00%    |

**MULTI- DISTRICT PETS!**

We have a record attendance. Don't forget to GET THERE! So here is one more reason to get there: Your District Finance Committee has approved a rebate for clubs who update their signage. If your club has purchased signage from July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017, you can turn in the receipt or paid invoice to the District and receive the rebate of \$200.

If you haven't purchased signage for your Rotary Meeting place, there will be authorized vendors at PETS. So get a new sign or floor to ceiling banner... or road sign... and apply for your rebate!





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