



Letter from the District Governor

My Fellow Rotarians,
 March is roaring in like a lion, and unfortunately, it has resulted in the cancellation of our Rotary Leadership Institute session on March 3. At the time of this writing, I still do not have any information on the possibility of rescheduling.

However, education opportunities are still available for this spring! Coming up this month, the Mid-Northeast Multi-District PETS will be held on March 22-24, 2018 at the Hanover Marriott in Whippany, NJ. Attendance is required for President-Elects (or a qualified substitute) and for Assistant Governors. There is special session being held on Thursday afternoon (March 22) which will cover Member-

ship, Foundation, Club Basics and a live ClubRunner demonstration. This will be followed by an informal evening of fellowship with a light dinner and karaoke. Any Rotarian may register for this at www.petsmidnortheast.org.

It is time to think about our exciting conference coming up on April 22-24, 2018 at the Kalahari Resort-Pocono! The hotel has kindly extended our special pricing until March 30, 2018. Our room rate of \$169.00 per night, this includes up to four water park entries for people. The entire conference is \$175.00 per person and \$325.00 per couple. **Remember – we got this rate because we signed for our conference before this premier resort opened!** Registration is easy

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This was from a young lady, Bethany Kuster, to whom I presented a Paul Harris at PETS last year and ended up going to Cambodia to give color to kids. Bethany Kuster is shown in Khmer with her new friends.

and you can pay by credit card. Go to our website at www.rotarydistrict7410.org for all of the information that you need.

Some points to remember:

The Golf Outing will be held on April 24, 2018. Shotgun start at 11:45 a.m. with Captain and Crew format. Golf prizes will be awarded at the closing session at 5:00 p.m.

Don't forget to build a basket or two around the stuffed animals I delivered during my visit to your club. We will be holding a silent auction for The Rotary Founda-

tion in the House of Friendship.

The Youth Conference is scheduled for April 22, 2018. The Youth Jacket Ceremony will be held from 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. as the closing for the Youth Day. The Youth Conference Registration is \$25.00.

The Annual Memorial Service will be held at sunset on the West Veranda (about 7:15 p.m.) with a live bagpiper and lots of fond memories.

Monday, April 23 will feature business-oriented sessions in the morning. The information will be

applicable to both your club business and your regular business life. We will feature a presentation on Sales Magic, a young professional marketer, a discussion of core values, and a visit from the President of Flying Fish Brewery. (And, yes, the breakout session will feature a discussion about Craft Beer!)

Monday evening, April 23, will feature an informal "Pop Tops and Flip Flops" night with a lively band and a presentation by one of the top motivational speakers in the country, Michael Angelo Caruso.

The rest of the Agenda and details may be found on our website.

Every room has a microwave and refrigerator. This makes having a hospitality room possible for the clubs.

Partial Conference registration will be available after March 7, 2018.

I encourage you to attend and take part in a vibrant and interesting conference. Make some friends, share some laughs, and mostly, celebrate the difference we make in the world!

So, if you have read this letter to the end, send me a one word email that says "Shenanigans" and I will mail you a small surprise. I have a theory that only about a dozen people actually read these letters. Prove me wrong! (ksbvnet@ptd.net)

All My Best!
DG Karin



Rotary District 7410

Youth Conference

Sunday, April 22, 2018 ~~Kalahari Resort Pocono

This conference is an opportunity for youth around our district to have a day of team-building, group discussions, meeting new people, and to learn how to make a difference. The program includes presentations from young entrepreneurs, a top motivational speaker, and a US Congressman.



Agenda



- 9:30- 10:00 a.m. - Gathering and Welcome
- 10:00 - 10:30 a.m. - Team Building and Ice Breakers
- 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Breakout Sessions, Group Discussion, Club Project Presentations
- 11:30 a.m. - Bethany Kuster and Color For Kids
- 12:00p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Pizza Lunch
- 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. - Speaker Jeff Abella and project
- 2:30-4:00 - BREAK -
- 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. - Youth Exchange Jacket Presentations Congressman Matt Cartwright



There will be an optional Escape Room Activity on Saturday, April 21 in the evening. Attendees are eligible to stay at the Kalahari Resort for a reduced rate of \$199/night, which includes up to four water park passes per room. There must be at least one attendee per room. Attendees will be asked to bring art supplies to be donated to Color For Kids.

Registration fee: \$25.00 plus \$19.00 for the Optional Escape Room Activity

Contact Andy Lane Chapman at lanesix@hotmail.com or 570-470-9042 for Reservations or Questions

Rotary
District 7410



Karin-Susan Brwilanch
District Governor



ROTARY:
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Rotarians Support Student's Backpack Program

The Rotary Club of Hazleton recently contributed to a backpack project that was the brainchild of Abigail Hartz, a senior at the Hazleton Area Academy of Sciences. The club is assisting her project with a \$1,400 Service Above Self Grant.

"I decided to do this project to assist the 85 K-8 students, enrolled in the Hazleton One Community Center After School program." explains Abigail, a senior at the Hazleton Area Academy of Sciences. "The Rotary Grant will allow me to buy 85 backpacks and I can fill each backpack with school supplies.

She explained that she was is a volunteer at Communities that Care which holds its meetings at the Community One Center.

"That's how I learned about the After School Program and its needs," Abigail added. "I am very grateful to Hazleton Rotary for providing the necessary funds to carry out this project. I believe in and try to practice the Club's motto of "Service Above Self".

"We especially appreciate the fact that a High School Senior has seen a need in the community and has taken it upon herself to alleviate that need", added Rotary spokesperson Kim McNulty.



Shown from left are Hazleton Rotary President Toni Christman; Marie Ernst-Assistant Principal of the Hazleton Academy of Science and new Rotarian; Abigail Hartz, Hazleton Academy of Science, and Rotarians Kim McNulty, Alan Whitaker and Kathie Oh. They recently presented a Service Above Self Grant for Abigail's Backpack and School Supply Project for Underserved Children.

ROTARY CLUB OF MOUNTAIN TOP BUSINESS MIXER/CARD EXCHANGE

DATE: Thursday, March 8th

TIME: 6PM-8PM

PLACE: Sand Springs Golf Course (Celebrations Room)

ADMISSION: \$10 Food and Refreshments will be served

SPEAKER: Pittston Mayor Michael Lombardo

TOPIC: Downtown Wilkes Barre Revitalization

RSVP: By March 1st. Jo Gulvas, Rotary Club President 570-762-7587 or Michelle Reilly, Rotary Club Vice President 570-814-9036





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[The Rotary Club of New Milford](#)



Former Exchange Student Returns after 13 Years

The Holiday Season at the New Milford Area Rotary Club included a visit from Karen Kaye “KK” Go Goransson, inbound exchange student from the Philippines in 2003-2004.

KK’s husband, Simon, accompanied her, while they visited friends and relatives in the United States and Canada. KK, as seen at left, stopped by the home of New Milford Rotarian Kate Kurosky and is shown flanked by Kate (left) and club member Melody Haley pictured on the right. KK was also able to visit with club member Grant Palmer, who was outbound exchange student to the Philippines in 2005-06.

During Grant’s tour of the Philippines a year after KK’s year here, KK’s family hosted Grant at their home in Zamboanga City, Mindanao.



“Real Men Read” Program Continues at Elk Lake School

The month of February witnessed the New Milford Area Rotary Club continuing one of its service projects—participation in the “Real Men Read” Mentoring Program. This program is sponsored by the Susquehanna County United Way at the Elk Lake Elementary School, and involves monthly book reading

sessions by various volunteers at the elementary school. Future plans are for the program to be executed at all of the Susquehanna County elementary schools. February volunteers pictured above, included David Palmer, Club President (pictured far left) as they prepare to enter the classrooms with their books.

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American Legion at 7:15, and
Tunkhannock Walmart at 7:45
Arrive Lancaster 2:15



**For more information
and to make
reservations call
Wendy Gaustad at
570-637-3678**



The Rotary Club of The Abingtons



Abingtons Club Welcomes New Member

At the February 8th weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of the Abingtons a new member Jacalyn Mattes was inducted as a member. Jackie transferred from the Lake Winola Club here in NEPA. Pictured (from left) are: Warren Watkins (PDG-Past District Governor), Gus Vlassis (PDG), Roger Mattes (husband of Jackie and next District Governor for District #7410 and member of the Abington Rotary).



Abington Heights Interact Club Receives Its Charter

At a recent weekly meeting of The Rotary Club of the Abingtons the Abington Heights Interact Club received their charter from VP Ryan Campbell. Pictured (l to r) are: Mad-die Sykes (junior and VP), Isabel MacGregor (senior and Secretary) and Emma Marion (senior and President). Interact is the high school arm of Rotary. Their 76 members plan and participate in a variety of events. One of which includes their annual parfait day in March where they serve free yogurt parfaits in the Abington Heights High School. In addition, the members perform random acts of kindness presentations at the elementary schools in the Abington District. Over the holidays and during Halloween they helped Steamtown National Historic Site with their "Santa Train" and "Spooky Spectacular."



A new kind of Rotary fundraiser!!

Join the Rotary Club of Scranton on a 9 night Canada & New England Cruise on- board the “Anthem of the Seas” from Au- gust 23-Sept 1, 2018.

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Ports of Call are: Boston, Massachusetts, Portland, Maine, Bar Harbor, Maine, Saint John, New Brunswick, and Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Included in the rate is roundtrip bus transportation to the NJ Pier from Scranton, South Williamsport, Avis, Wellsboro and Stroudsburg.

For a detailed brochure, check out www.scrantonrotary.org or email Margaret McCormick at mmccormick@aanorthpenn.com.

Anyone is welcome to join us! Pass it on!

Honesdale Club Hosting Pints for Polio Game

If you’re swift at removing a block from a Giant Jenga and placing it on top without toppling the tower, you won’t want to miss Honesdale Rotary’s *Pints for Polio* on March 22nd at Irving Cliff Brewery. The evening’s entertainment, emceed by Bold Gold’s Adam Owens, will include Giant Jenga, ping pong, darts and more. The word “jenga” is derived from the Swahili word for “to build,” and your participation will help build a new world: one without polio.

“Since the early 1980s, Rotary International and its partners have immunized more than 2.5 billion children and reduced polio cases by 99.9%,” says Stephen Moulton, president of Honesdale Rotary. “It costs only about 60 cents to protect a child for life from this crippling disease. Every little bit

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Rotary Club of Hazleton

“Soul Kitchen” Benefits from Service Above Self Grant

In answer to a need in the Greater Hazleton Area, that seems to be growing, a Hazleton Rotary Community Service Grant for \$2,500 has been given to “The Soul Kitchen.” This worthwhile project “provides free community meals and also offers free clothing for underprivileged community members.” says Kim McNulty, Hazleton Rotary Project Committee Chair.



Taking part in a \$2,500 Service Above Self Grant awarded to The Soul Kitchen were (from left): Toni Christman, Hazleton Rotary President; Marcus Colasurdo, Soul Kitchen Founding Director; Hazleton Rotary Project Chair Kim McNulty; Rotary President Elect Kathie Oh and Rotary Vice President Alan Whitaker.



Rotarians Hold Induction Rites for New Members

The Rotary Club held a “New Member Induction” at the weekly January 31st meeting. Past President Lew Dryfoos conducted the induction ceremony which welcomed new members Marie Ernst, sponsored by Lani Drobnock; Cal Herring Sponsored by Donna Barna; and Michele Kushmeder, sponsored by Jim Reinmiller. Taking Part in the Hazleton Rotary Club New Member Induction on January 31st were: Row 1 (from left) Rotary President Toni Christman, Inductee Michele Kushmeder, Sponsor Donna Barna, Inductee Cal Herring, Inductee Marie Ernst and Sponsor Lani Drobnock. In Row from left are Past President Lew Dryfoos, Rotary President Elect Kathie Oh, Sponsor Jim Reinmiller and Rotary Vice President Alan Whitaker.



WHAT IS RLI?

The Rotary Leadership Institute is a powerful tool to help grow member leadership strengths and build member retention.

WHO IS IT FOR?

The RLI is not just for members in club leadership roles, it's for all Rotarians!

WHAT DO WE LEARN?

You will learn: How to lead in a service organization, how to create effective committees and how to work with volunteers.

Attendees come back to their clubs motivated, energized and inspired and share that enthusiasm with other club members.

WHEN & WHERE IS IT?

Saturday, March 3rd, 2018

Lackawanna College
501 Vine Street
Scranton, PA 18509

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

The cost is \$75 per attendee and includes breakfast and lunch.

VALENTINES DAY BOGO SPECIAL OFFER!



Show your love of Rotary this Valentines Day and take advantage of this amazing buy one, get one special offer.



Enroll two members from your club in the Rotary Leadership Institute session on

Saturday, March 3rd, 2018

and the District will reimburse you for the cost of one member after both members attend the session.

Many clubs have already budgeted to send two members to the RLI session. Good news - this year you can send 4 for the same price!



For more information and to register please visit

www.rlinea.org

and select the Scranton - March 3, 2018 date

or contact Kevin Noll at macmesmer@gmail.com
610-823-2897.



Offer Details: Enroll and pay for two attendees to the March 3rd 2018 RLI session. After the session has been attended by both people, the District will reimburse your club via check for one of the attendees.

This offer is for both new and existing enrollments and is limited to the first 100 sign-ups. There is no limit on the number of attendees per club. The deadline for enrollment to receive this offer is **Wednesday, February 14th 2018**.

**YOU ACCEPTED THE INVITATION AND CONTINUE TO BE A ROTARIAN FOR A REASON.
JOIN US AT THIS RLI SESSION TO GAIN MANY MORE REASONS FOR YOU TO BE A ROTARIAN.
REMEMBER, "THOSE WHO SERVE THE BEST PROFIT THE MOST."**



News from Our Rotary District

Some scenes from District 7410 Rotary Clubs are shared from directly above clockwise:

Super Bowl Raffle— The Rotary Club of Plymouth recently presented a check for their Annual Super Bowl Raffle to Roger Sims. Roger has been a longtime supporter of the Rotary Club of Plymouth and it's endeavors. From left are PDG Budd O'Malia, President-Elect Brian Vnuk, Roger Sims, Rotarians Frank Ondish and Janet Franchella.

Newsman's Views—The Rotary Clubs of Kingston, Wyoming and Plymouth welcomed Bill O'Boyle to a

recent meeting at The Grotto, Edwardsville. Bill grew up in Plymouth and works as a reporter for the Times Leader. Bill talked about his career in journalism and some of the memorable events that have occurred in his career. From left are Wyoming President Rich Sobeck, Kingston President Thomas Tranguch, O'Boyle and Plymouth President JK Karavis

His Second Paul Harris—Congratulations to Hazleton Rotarian Peter Spohn, M.D., who received his second Paul Harris Fellowship at a recent meeting of the Hazleton Rotary. President Toni Christman made the presentation.

Hazleton Rotary presents



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April 22-24, 2018

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Agenda

Sunday April 22, 2018

- 1:00-3:00 Interactive Workshops - Take an opportunity to meet with other Rotarians and work on ideas to improve your club experience
- 4:00-6:00 p.m. Youth Leadership Conference End and Jacket Exchange
- Come and see our youth leaders with comments from Michael Angelo Caruso and Congressman Matt Cartwright
- 6:30-7:15 p.m. Cocktails and light appetizers
- 7:15-7:45 p.m. Celebration of Service - West Facing Veranda featuring bagpiper and our fondest memories
- 7:45 p.m. -? Dinner with Introductions to President's Rep Carol Ann Jeronimo and Keynote by Congressman Matt Cartwright

Monday, April 23, 2018

- 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. General Session 1 Join Past RI Director Mike Colusardo in a discussion about how to make our clubs strong
- Three Featured Speakers from the break out sessions will give their brief presentations
- 10:30- 12 Noon Breakout Sessions 1&2 - Six Sessions will be presented

Lunch on Your Own

- 2:00- 3:30 p.m. General Session 2 Find out what you "CAN-DO" with Carol Jeronimo with our Rotary Foundation
- Three featured speakers from the break out sessions will give their brief presentations
- 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. Breakout Sessions 3&4 - Same six sessions will be repeated
- 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. "Pop Tops and Flip Flops" Party Night featuring Keynote by Michael Angelo Caruso and Music by the Jeff Bellfy Band

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

- 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m - General Session 3 Join PDG Barry Kroll in a thought provoking session on Membership
- 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. FREE TIME - Golf at Pocono Manor or enjoy the Resort
- 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Wrap-Up Session

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 Hotel Discount Deadline: March 1, 2018

Rotary District 7410
 Karin-Susan Breillauch District Governor




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New Rotarians

District 7410 — 2017 Club Data

Hawley James Furey

Mountain Top Paul Brenner

Stroudsburgs Enid Loga

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counts.”

Rotary International’s partners in the global eradication project include the World Health Organization and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation,

This will be the third *Pints for Polio* hosted by the Honesdale Rotary, a service club of about 40 members who raise funds for both local and international projects.

The Rotary is charging a \$5 cover fee and offering many door prizes as another incentive to come on out. Beer and food are extra. The festivities start at 5:00pm and end at 7:30pm.

For more information, visit Honesdale Rotary on the web or Facebook. For more insight into the campaign, visit www.endpolio.org.

Club	Total Memb.	New Memb.	Attend. %
Abingtons	51		47.96%
Athens	17		0.00%
Blakeslee	11		78.79%
Dallas	45		
Dunmore	12		70.00%
Forest City Area	13		53.80%
Freeland	5		
Hamlin Lake Ariel	31		40.00%
Hawley	23	1	42.00%
Hazleton	74		40.65%
Honesdale	37		36.00%
Jim Thorpe	22		54.00%
Kingston	25		58.00%
Lehighton	9		
Mid-Valley	2		100.00%
Milford-Matamoras	32		
Montrose	12		
Mountaintop	24	1	66.00%
Mt. Pocono	18		
New Milford	17		
Newfoundland	36		76.18%
North Pocono	17		
North Scranton	26		75.00%
Pittston	19		60.00%
Plains	17		50.88%
Plymouth	20		
Pocono Mountains	17		
Sayre	17		88.00%
Scranton	38		
Slate Belt Rotary	21		40.00%
Smithfields	23		39.58%
Stroudsburgs, The	100	1	
Towanda	12		
Trail	16		
Troy	22		
Tunkhannock	70		47.72%
Weatherly	10		
Wellsboro	30		
West End	14		
Wilkes-Barre	30		
Winola	11		
Wyalusing Area	24		43%.88
Wyoming Rotary	20		



District 7410

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