

MARCH 2025



A Message From:

DISTRICT GOVERNOR
Bill Skinner



WASH-RAG & PEACE

Hello Fellow District 7410 Rotarians,
It is March, so the worst of winter is behind us and there is a light at the end of the tunnel. Although we can still get cold weather and snow, even in April sometimes but the worst is over. Spring is right around the corner.

Rotary's theme for the month of March is Water, Sanitation and Hygiene. WASH is the Rotary Action Group involved in the projects that pertain to this Area of Focus. The WASH RAG was formed in 2007 with a vision of "Together, we envision a healthier world where everyone can access basic human rights of safe water, sustainable sanitation, and hygiene standards, thereby transforming lives and fostering community resilience." What they do is outlined in their

Mission Statement, "We support the community-driven development of WASH programs by mobilizing the resources and expertise of Rotary and its partners to implement sustainable programs and projects, empower communities, and advocate for WASH policies."

Since 2013 The Rotary Foundation has invested more than \$130 million in over two thousand projects worldwide. Through this investment, our volunteers of action have improved access to safely managed and basic WASH services to communities, schools, and healthcare facilities, while protecting and conserving water resources. WASH areas of focus are providing clean water, sanitation, and hygiene education. These are necessities for a healthy and productive life which many in the world do not have access to. When people have access to clean water and sanitation, waterborne diseases decrease, children stay healthier and attend school more regularly, and mothers can spend less time carrying water and more time helping their families.

Through water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) programs, Rotary's people of action mobilize resources, form partnerships, and invest in infrastructure and training that yield long-term change. By providing these necessary elements of life not only is it better for the recipients of clean water and sanitation it is also better for the environment. To learn more about WASH and if interested become a member visit my wash-rag.org. One of our District Members is involved in WASH, and I am sure would be happy to discuss more about WASH with you. Contact me to make that connection.

As you know our Multi-District Conference Theme is Peace and Peace Building. Think how WASH providing clean water can contribute to peace building. Not only WASH but all our efforts in our 7 Areas of Focus through our RAGS and grants provide a better way of life and provide access to basic human needs. When people are provided a better way of life there is less reason for people to have to fight and struggle to get that better life. Which in turn leads to building peace.

World Rotoract week is March 10-16. Although we do not have extensive Rotoract participation. Rotoractors can now participate in Rotary Grants and can sit on District, RI, and Rotary Foundation Committees. They can set goals in Rotary Club Central and receive Rotary and Rotary Foundation awards.

Enjoy this transition month and continue to grow your Clubs using the ACTION PLAN.
Thank you for all you do for your Clubs, Communities, the District and for Rotary!

Yours in Rotary,
Bill

District Essay Contest



December 11, 2024

Dear Club Presidents, Secretaries, and Youth Activities Coordinators

The time for the Rotary District 7410 District Essay Contest for 2024-2025 is upon us. The contest is open to students who are high school juniors or seniors. The goal of the contest is to gain visibility for Rotary in your community, and to foster student creativity and positive outlook.

The district winner will receive \$1,000.00. There will be a second place prize of \$500.00 and a third place prize of \$250.00. Each club may only submit one essay from each high school in its service area. It will be up to your club to judge your local entries, and to determine if there will be a local prize. Many clubs invite the local winner and his or her family to a Rotary meeting to read their essay and be recognized. It is also up to club membership to determine if a local winner should receive a monetary award.

A club deadline of February 7th, 2025 suggested. This year's theme is Rotary's Four Way Test, which guides all Rotary projects, including these questions:

-Is it fair to all concerned?

-It asks, "that we use empathy to see other points of view, in the context of problems to be solved."

-How can we use teamwork, inclusion, empathy, acceptance, belonging, and accountability to solve problems or achieve the goals we set?

The length of the essay should be 1,000 words. In addition, student names must only appear on a title page. Essays must be completed and saved as a PDF. Google Docs cannot be used for this contest.

If your club has made consistent contact with a teacher, school counselor, or administrator, I would recommend contacting that individual as soon as possible to request their participation. Essays may be submitted by the club chair as an attachment to my personal email, but only with Essay/Club name/Club Chair name/Student name in the subject line. Essays may not be embedded in the email.

Entries must be received by me on or before March 7th, 2025.

Please ascertain if the Student Guidelines and poster may be delivered to the school, or if they should be emailed. Those materials will be updated on the district website.

Thank you so much for your continued support of this Rotary District 7410 Youth Program.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Kate Farrell Kurosky, District Essay Chair New Milford Area Rotary

kfarrellkurosky@gmail.com (570) 309-8087

District Grants

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District Grants

Any Club expecting to submit a District Grant proposal for 2025-2026 must complete annual GRANTS MANAGEMENT TRAINING.

This training is provided by the District to certify Clubs to meet the Rotary Foundation's requirements for District Designated Funds (DDF).

The training also certifies the District to be able to administer local grants. This process ensures The Rotary Foundation maintains its financial transparency and anchors its 4-star rating with Charity Navigator.

Dates and Time

March 8, 2025	Sand Springs Country Club 10 Clubhouse Rd., Drums, PA 18222	10AM
<i>*lunch will be served</i>		
March 12, 2025	Hilton Inn 100 Adams Ave., Scranton, PA 18503	6PM
<i>*dinner will be served</i>		
March 15, 2025	Tri-County Insurance Agency 5513 SR6, Tunkhannock, PA 18657	10AM
<i>*lunch will be served</i>		

To qualify your club to apply for a grant 1 person from the club must attend:

- 1 In-Person Training
- 1 In-Person OR Virtual Training

Pre-PETS will be conducted following each Grants Training.

President Elects are highly encouraged to attend in-person.

Rotary District 7410 Polio Plus Application



As a Rotarian and supporter of Polio Eradication, Rotary's #1 international priority, I wish to participate in this child focused humanitarian effort as a member of the PolioPlus Society of Rotary District 7410.

I hereby commit to making an annual donation to the PolioPlus program of the Rotary Foundation as follows: (select one)

- \$100 per year to PolioPlus (this is the minimum amount to become a PolioPlus Society member)
- A contribution of \$_____ per year to PolioPlus (more than \$100)
- A contribution of \$_____ only this year; unfortunately, I cannot do this every year

Society members will receive a PolioPlus Society membership pin and Paul Harris credit. Make your donation online at www.rotary.org/donate and select the Polio Fund, or through your Rotary Club and the Rotary International donor form. If made on-line, one can establish a recurring donation.

E-mail or mail the donation acknowledgement you receive from Rotary International and this form to me the District PolioPlus Society Coordinator at davesolopalmer@gmail.com or Dave Palmer, 443 Mateer Road, Hop Bottom, PA 18824. Contact Dave for questions at 570-498-6637.

Until the last child is immunized, and the world is certified polio-free, every child is at risk.

Name:

Signature:

Date:

Club Name:

Phone Number:

E-Mail:

Your PolioPlus Society pin will be presented to you at your club meeting or other appropriate meeting you might desire, to insure you are recognized for your commitment to eradicating polio from this earth.

Upcoming Events

Calendar

March 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
23 Purse Bingo (Mountaintop)	24	25	26	27	28	1
2	3	4	5	6	7 13th Annual Beer Tasting & Small Bites	8 District Grants Training Sand Springs Club House
9	10	11 District Grants Training District Grants Training	12	13	14	15 District Grants Training-Tunkhannock
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4 District Conference	5

- Board Meeting Event - Club Event - Club Meeting - Committee Meeting - Deadline
 - District Event - Fundraiser - General - Official DG Visit

[3/7 - The Smithfields - Beer Tasting & Small Bites](#)

[3/8 - District Grants Training](#)

[3/12 - District Grants Training](#)

[3/15 - District Grants Training](#)

See You There!

Don't see your event on the calendar?
Email jpoperotary@gmail.com for instructions on how to add it!

Submit to the Newsletter!

**Thank you to everyone who contributes to the
monthly Newsletter!**

Instructions to submit your articles and photos to the newsletter:

Please send submissions to the email box:

RotaryDistrict7410Newsletter@gmail.com

Please remember to keep your content:

- Simple & Brief, Limiting all articles to a total of 2 pages.
- Connecting to trending topics or events if possible

Also, please submit your newsletter articles in **one Word Document with photos attached separately, not in the body of separate emails or in the document.** This helps assure that all of your articles are included in the newsletter and nothing gets lost.

ROTARY COMES TOGETHER IN FLORIDA

The recent International Assembly in Orlando Florida provided an opportunity for our own Tim Genetti, District 7410 Governor Elect (DGE) 2025-2026 to meet Riccardo DiBari, District Governor Elect for Rotary District 2041 to meet.

Riccardo is a member of the Milan North, Italy Rotary Club and was the lead of the Global Grant “Pure Water for Ukraine” that our District participated in, that sent seven municipal scale water filtration units to Ukraine.

Of course, we all know Tim Genetti as our DGE. Tim is also a member of the District 7410 International Service Committee, and his Hazelton Rotary also played a financial role in supporting the Global Grant mentioned earlier.



Global Grant «Pure Water for Ukraine»

Report on the project as of January 31, 2025

On last July 2024 the truck with the equipment left Italy with destination Ukraine; on July 22th the Rotary club Zaporizhzhia transferred the systems for cleaning the water (fresh water machines VILLAGE20-SP Membrane, sets of original spare parts and electric generators) in 5 local communities: 2 for Novomykolaivka community, 2 for Shyroke community, 1 for Preobrazhenka community, 1 for Mykhailivka community, 1 for Bilenke community according to the letter-requests from the community signed by the heads of the communities that were sent to the Rotary Foundation.

The act of transfer was signed by the Zaporizhzhia charitable foundation «Unity for the Future» on behalf of the Rotary club Zaporizhzhia (we have a signed Memorandum between these organizations to do so) as organization that signed the agreement on receiving the systems for cleaning the water.

Pictures of the transfer are added to this report.

It was covered at the main TV Channel – municipal TV channel MTM

<https://tvmtm.online/295872-2/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=maqlo6itwCw>

After the transfer of equipment, we faced with a few challenges:

- 1) Necessity for communities to drill the well for ensuring the water for cleaning (as a result of destruction of Kakhovka dam, the level of water felt in local communities)
- 2) Necessity to allocate additional funds for purchasing the water storage
- 3) Lack of specialists in local communities due to the mobilization

At the end of January 2025, the situation is following:

Bilenke community

The system for cleaning the water was installed on 28.09.2024 in Lysohirka village str. Central 8 of the Zaporizhia region of the Zaporizhia district.

District Directory

**The 2024-2025 District Directory is available
to view on our website**

[Please click here to view a copy](#)

*The District Directory is housed under the
District Info drop down menu on our
website homepage.*



District Directory
2024-2025

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Public Image Committee

Don't forget!

Visit the [Public Image page](#) to:

-Download a printable/fillable ["Connect With Us" business card](#) to pass out to prospective Rotary members.

-Find a link to take you directly to [Rotary Internationals Brand Center](#). Here you can create and download videos, images, brochures, logos, business cards, flyers and much more.

-Download a copy of the [District Directory](#).

-Download your [club logo](#).

CLUBS IN ACTION



Guest Speaker

Mr. Enrico Mastroianni, Abington Heights High School Athletic Director recently spoke at the Rotary Club of the Abingtons' weekly meeting at Camelot.

He supervises the varsity Comet boy and girl teams for basketball, cross country, golf, track and field, soccer, swimming, tennis, volleyball, lacrosse and boys in baseball, football and wrestling and girls field hockey and softball.



Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

Nancy Sarno de los Rios - from the Lackawanna County Chapter of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library who spoke to Abington Rotary about the Imagination Library program.

Susan Fayocavitz Youtz - Director of Workplace Engagement at United Way of Lackawanna, Wayne and Pike Counties who spoke in support of the Dolly Parton program.

Ms. Sarno de los Rios spoke at the Rotary of The Abingtons weekly luncheon, held every Thursday at the Camelot Restaurant in Waverly.

Pictured, left to right:

Gus Vlassis - Senior Member, Rotary Club of The Abingtons, Susan Fayocavitz Youtz - United Way, Nancy Sarno de los Rios - Dolly Parton Imagination Library, Stephen Selig - President, Rotary Club of The Abingtons



NEPA Philharmonic

At yesterday's weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of the Abingtons member Char Short introduced her daughter Samantha Maloney, a board member of the NEPA Philharmonic and guest speaker Chason Goldschmidt. Chason now serves as the Director of the NEPA Philharmonic. As Director he will takeover the daily management of the professional orchestra.

Goldschmidt was director of production, music and arts and health for superstar soprano Renee Fleming. With degrees from Juilliard and Columbia he is a composer and arranger who plays the viola and piano. Our community looks forward to the collaborations that Chason and the Scranton School District and the Wright Center have made on behalf of the NEPA Philharmonic.

From l to r: Samantha Maloney, Char Short and Chason.





Operation Honduras

DUNMORE ROTARY has led/supported Operation Honduras “OH” for over 28 years including purchasing hearing aids for the most recent Feb 13-20, 2025 in-country event.

Rotarian Jim Davenport wants to thank his club and the entire District 7410 for being the “backbone” of this mission. Some of this year’s OH highlights include:

- Delivering 230 hearing aids resulting in THE GIFT OF SOUND to over 115 of the poorest of the poor patients.
- Fitting 250+ patients with brand new prescription eye glasses -patients select their own frames out of 16 attractive options.
- Performing life safety upgrades including installation of the 1800 sf + of new ceramic floor tiles and ceilings at CEB LOUIS LANDA public school in San Pedro Sula & facilitating new tile bathroom upgrades at HOUSE OF HOPE, a home for at risk women & children.
- preliminary coordination of cataract & other eye surgeries.

What a trip!

Over the past 28 years, ROTARY DISTRICT 7410 contributed 30+? in-country Rotarian volunteers including 10+ Past District Governors which resulted in over 17,000 patients receiving THE GIFT OF SOUND, thousands the GIFT OF SIGHT, dozens of badly needed buildings, cataract, oral & other surgeries, and 1 well; the latter thanks to PDG Barbara & Edwin Belon. And now Tocoa Rotary wants to partner with us again.

Please contact Jim Davenport, Pres. OH @ ophonduras@aol.com (570) 814-9570cell if you would like to personally join them or donate \$\$\$\$ to next years February 12-19, 2026 Operational Honduras/ROTARY mission trip.



Rotarian of the Year Award



On November 21, 2024 the E-Club of International Innovators were honored to present our Rotarian of the Year Award. This award is given to a Rotarian who demonstrates outstanding service and commitment to Rotary. This member within our club has gone above and beyond what is expected of a Rotarian. This person demonstrates Rotary's motto, Service Above Self, not only within the club, but within their personal life. "We truly appreciate all their efforts this year and from years before" President Anika said. We are honored to present this award to Karen DeMatteo! Members presented her with a digital plaque and offered their congratulations and thankfulness for her.

Immediate Past President, Haley Bayline, said, "Thank you for being so passionate about this club and passionate about Rotary. We are so incredibly lucky to not only know you and call you a friend, but to call you our Rotary Family."

Karen founded the E-Club of International Innovators in 2021 with a group of passionate Rotary Alumni. Since then, she became a member of the E-Club in July 2022. Although, if you ask any member, she's been an integral part of the club and present during every step of the way, no matter if she was a current member or not. Karen now holds three positions within the club, Secretary, Treasurer, and Foundation Chair. We are honored to have Karen as our Rotarian of the Year.

RYLA



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E-Club of
International Innovators

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Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

**OUR CLUB IS SEARCHING
FOR 2 STUDENTS TO
SEND TO RYLA**

Do you know of any cyber school or homeschool students in the area that may be a good fit? Send them our way!
Students must be sophomores to attend
intlinnovatorseclub@gmail.com

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of one
of our RYLA 2024 Alumni!](#)



Hazleton Rotary and Rotary District 7410 Essay Contest

Kim McNulty, Chair-2025 Hazleton Rotary Essay Contest, announced that Sharan Parikh, a junior at MMI Preparatory School will receive the \$100 prize from Hazleton Rotary for his winning entry in the Hazleton Rotary Essay Contest.

His essay has been forwarded to Rotary District 7410 (Northeast PA) for the opportunity to win the essay prizes of \$1,000 for first place, \$500 for second place and \$250 for third place.

The District Committee will begin judging essays at the end of the month and will be in touch with the local essay winners as the process unfolds. The three larger prizes will be awarded at the District Conference.

The essay topic was "Is it fair to all concerned?" which is related to Rotary's Four Way Tests which guides all Rotary projects. The contest was open to High School Juniors and Seniors.

Hazleton Rotary President Alan Whitaker remarks, "We congratulate Sharan on winning our local contest and wish him success as his essay proceeds to the District Contest. Hazleton Rotary is very proud of you!"





Jim Thorpe Rotary Club Members and Student Rotarians Tour the Family Promise Homeless Shelter's Renovated Community Center Supported by District 7410 Grant

This past fall, the Jim Thorpe Rotary Club presented Family Promise with a \$5,000 donation (\$4,000 from a Rotary District Grant and \$1,000 match from the club) for the purpose of updating the Family Promise computer room and wiring for Wi-Fi in the newly renovated community/ warming and cooling center.

On February 11, members of the Jim Thorpe Rotary Club and Student Rotarians met at the Family Promise Homeless Shelter in Nesquehoning to get an update from Director Cathy Lamm along with a tour of the community center located at the former St. Francis of Assisi which is adjacent to the shelter.

To address the increasing need for shelter during extreme weather (heat and cold), Lamm envisioned an expansion and spotted an opportunity with the adjacent church building. Family Promise staff have worked tirelessly to raise the funds to expand and develop a warming/cooling emergency shelter in the basement of the church building.

With the addition of the community/warming and cooling center Family Promise will look to provide increased case management, energy assistance, a foodbank, a drop in center, and computer classes for clients and the community.

Lamm explained that Family Promise continues to provide temporary shelter, meals, and a safe place to sleep to meet the needs of families and single women experiencing homelessness in Carbon County. Currently, nine adults and 22 children are in residence at their facility in Nesquehoning. In 2024, 134 individuals were served at the Family Promise shelter and 934 individuals were provided diversionary case management and Carbon County Rental Assistance.

The Jim Thorpe Rotary Club is grateful for the opportunity to support Family Promise and the homeless families in Carbon County through a Rotary District Grant. Annually, the Rotary Club donates to 25 local and international organizations and charities.

Jeanne Miller, Jean Engler, Mary Bogin, Peggy Kalogerakis, Bowden Chiccarelli, April Brugan, Carol Etheridge, Anne Dupont, Brianna Snisky





Book Project

On Thursday, February 20th, the Milford Matamoras Rotary Club presented all Delaware Valley School District 3rd Graders a book called "Young Change Makers - Making a Difference." This book is filled with stories of kids who are making the world a better place by following their hearts and chasing their dreams. These determined youth are using their talents to do amazing things like planting over a billion trees, bringing joy through music, fundraising for sick children or starting an inclusive dance team. All the Delaware Valley 3rd grade students were very excited to receive the book and could not wait to read it. Pictured is Jamie Dykstra, Rotary President, with students from the Dingmans Delaware Elementary School. Milford Matamoras Rotary Club meets every Wednesday at 12:15 PM at the Dimmick Inn in Milford. Anyone interested in becoming a member contact Jamie Dykstra at 201-388-7107 or come visit us at a meeting.



CALLING ALL DELAWARE VALLEY ELEMENTARY STUDENTS GRADES K-5

The Milford-Matamoras Rotary Club Basketball Hoop Shoot is an annual event held in all four of Delaware Valley School District's elementary buildings. To fulfill the Rotary's mission of "Service Above Self," this event benefits the Delaware Valley High School Scholarship program as well as the Delaware Valley 3rd Grade Book Project. The Hoop Shoot is a collaborative effort between Rotary and the school district, and its success depends on the participation of our young people. Traditionally held on a Saturday morning, this year's event will be held after school on March 20th, March 25th and April 3rd. All student participants will receive a T-Shirt and additional prizes and trophies will be given to the top fundraisers. All student registration forms will be distributed at each elementary school with a deadline of March 3rd for submission. The club is still looking for businesses to sponsor the event! Please contact Mary Olsen at 570-228-6018 with questions and for sponsorship form and sponsorship benefits. Many, many thanks from our Rotary Club, we look forward to another great year and raising funds for DV Senior Scholarships and DV 3rd Grade Book Project!

New Milford Area Rotary Prepares Dictionaries for Distribution

The regular meeting of the New Milford Area Rotary consisted of preparing three hundred and eight-three (383) dictionaries for distribution to third graders in Susquehanna County. An annual Rotary tradition each year, this year's distribution will include the elementary schools in Susquehanna, Blue Ridge, Mountain View, Montrose, Elk Lake, and Faith Mountain Academy.

The New Milford Area Rotary has conducted this annual event since 1991 and has reached over five thousand third grade students. For some students, this may be the first book that they have owned.

The Club currently consists of thirty-seven members actively serving the community and world and welcomes new membership. Contact information can be found at NewMilfordPaRotary@gmail.com.



New Milford Area Rotary Welcomes Elizabeth “Betsy” Arnold

At the regular meeting of the New Milford Area Rotary on February 20 th, Elizabeth Arnold briefed on the Mountains Edge Recovery Center’s facilities in Susquehanna County. The facilities provide clients with drug & alcohol addiction treatment. The presentation provided valuable insight to the club’s members on a subject that is one of Rotary’s focus areas- Mental Health and Wellness. Mountains Edge Recovery Center’s facilities include locations in Uniondale and Hallstead, Susquehanna County.

Betsy Arnold is available to brief anyone interested in learning more about Mountains Edge Recovery Centers and can be reached at <https://mountainedgerecovery.com>.

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Paul Harris Fellow

Congratulations to Danielle Sekula for achieving Paul Harris Fellow!

The Paul Harris Fellow recognition acknowledges individuals who contribute, or who have contributed to their name, of \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation. Rotary established the recognition in 1957 to encourage and show appreciation for substantial contributions to what was then the Foundation's only program, Rotary Foundation Fellowships for Advanced Study, the precursor to Ambassadorial Scholarships.

Danielle and her husband, Tom, own Sekula Environmental Services located in Sterling, PA.

Also pictured: Kerry Nix, former District Governor



Welcome new member, Kevin Haser!

Kevin is a pillar in the community, not only volunteering his time whenever he can, but also leading Cub Scout Pack #129 and being a host family for Rotary exchange students!

Also pictured: Bob Chavey and Charlie Lang (Kevin's sponsor!)





Rotary Club of Pittston Fundraiser - Wise Crackers Comedy Night

Thank you to everyone who came out and attended the Rotary Club of Pittston's first Comedy Show Fundraiser at Wise Crackers Comedy Club at the Mohegan Sun Casino on Saturday January 25th. Everyone had a fun time, and we appreciated the support!



Pittston St. Patrick's Day Parade

Always a great time at the Pittston St. Patrick's Day Parade! Special thank you to Elvis from the Rotary Club of Plymouth for joining us this year!





ROTARY OF THE POCONO MOUNTAINS

NIGHT AT THE RACES



**SUNDAY
APRIL 6TH** | **HOSTED @
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ROUTE 390 | MOUNTAINHOME

EVENT OPENS 4PM | POST TIME 5:30PM

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Annie Messina (570) 590.6494 or email us at info@rotarypoconos.com





Paul Harris Award

At the February 20th, 2025, meeting, Rotarian Mary Tempest received a Paul Harris +2 pin. Mary was pinned by a fellow Rotarian, Terri Detrick, who received a Paul Harris +2 pin earlier in the year. Both women are committed to the community and putting service above self.



Valentines Day Cards

Rotarians got crafty on February 11th, 2025, making Valentines Day cards for the residents of Tunkhannock Manor. Distribution of the hand made cards took place on February 14th, 2025.



Operation Smile

Throughout the month of February, donations were collected for Operation Smile. Operation Smile provides free cleft surgery globally, giving children new smiles & futures.

Exchange student, Matteo Bracher, presented to the club and spoke about his home country Switzerland. Facts learned during his presentation:

- Switzerland is 2.8 times smaller than Pennsylvania
- The Swiss flag is one of the only square flags in the world.
- The Swiss population is 8,921,981
- In Switzerland they speak 4 languages: French, German, Italian and Romanch
- Switzerland has more than 7000 lakes
- More than half of Switzerland is covered by the alps
- Switzerland offers the best skiing resorts

Thank you to Matteo for addressing the club.