



Around the District

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A Message from the District Governor

Greetings to all Rotarians in District 7410. December is Family Month, and the family of Rotary on the east coast has come together to help our neighbors after the devastating affects of the hurricane. Looking back on the past 30 days, we can all say that our lives have been changed by Hurricane Sandy. Many of our neighboring Rotarians have had drastic changes in their lives. In fact, some are still without electricity, clothing, food and a place to live. Many of us have been blessed to be on the giving end, while others have been blessed to be on the receiving end where help was needed so desperately.

As your District Governor, I have always been proud to be a Rotarian and very proud to be a member of District 7410. Although we had damage in our district, none was in comparison to our neighbors to the east. But we immediately swung into action and became involved. This district, from one corner to the other, began finding ways to help. Our newest club, the Rotary Club of Hamlin, delivered a van full of blankets to Rotarians in New Jersey. Our largest Rotary Club, the Rotary Club of the Stroudsburgs, opened a warehouse to receive needed goods for the affected areas. This activity is under the coordination of President Rick Munson, Jessica Alexandre and Jim Becker. The activities at the Harsco Industrial Patterson-Kelley collection center are under the coordination of Rotarians Doug Smith and Ruth Ann Rocchio, both of whom are associated with PK/Harsco. This collection center remained open throughout November.

In addition, cash donations have been received from almost every club in the district. Yes, the family of Rotary is strong, caring and growing. This is the fiber that makes Rotary the greatest family in the world.

In the tradition of service to our communities and our world, this month we are honoring three clubs with 75 years of membership in Rotary International. On November 2, 1937, the Rotary Club of Dunmore was admitted into membership in RI; on November 5, 1937, The Rotary Club of Mid-Valley was admitted into membership in RI, and on November 10, 1937, The Rotary Club of Weatherly was admitted into membership in RI. On behalf of District 7410, I wish to extend my congratulations to the members of these three clubs on 75 years of Service Above Self.

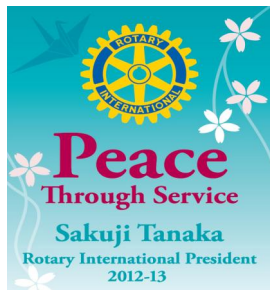
Sandy and I wish to extend a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year to all our members and their families in District 7410. We are at 1089 members and growing. This represents an increase of 58 new members. Working together we will reach our goal of 1200 plus members before the end of the Rotary year.

*All the best,
DG Art*

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Milford-Matamoras, Newfoundland.
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The Smithfields, The Stroudsburgs,
Top-O-Pocono, West End.
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Jim Thorpe, Lehighton, Mountaintop,
Weatherly.
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Dunmore, North Pocono, North Scranton,
Scranton, The Abingtons.
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Dallas, Kingston, Plymouth, Wilkes-Barre,
The Greater Nanticoke Area, Pittston,
Plains, Wyoming.

PUBLIC IMAGE CORNER

Yesterday I visited our local senior citizens center to inquire about how many members they have this year. For the past eight years, our Rotary Club has provided a gift bag for each member just to remember them during the holidays. We put candy and cookies and gloves and crossword puzzle books and all kinds of things in the bags to bring a little holiday cheer to the folks in our community who might otherwise be forgotten.

The director of the center quickly said to me, "Oh, I'm so glad we are on the Rotary Club's Christmas list again this year. With grocery prices going through the roof, our seniors are more stressed this year than ever. They could use a little gift and a lot of attention because many of them have no one living in the area to help them.

While many of our Rotary programs revolve around children, I invite you to also consider a little time and funds to help the elderly as they struggle with food vs. fuel issues and health vs. declining wealth issues. Not to mention the rising cost of their medications to keep them going.

And when you decide to take on the local senior center as a project, take several of your Rotary Club members with you and your children to bring some holiday spirit to the folks who, at the end of the day, may return to an empty house or apartment. Sing some songs with them or play bingo or cards with them for a little while. It will definitely raise your spirits as well.

Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season.

All the best,

Sandy Peoples

District Public Image Chair

To view all the photos from the District Conference, please see the attached instructions. For personal assistance, please contact us at the Studio.

To view your photos,
Go to: www.moments4ever.com
Click on the events photo tab.
Enter the key word: 7410.
You will not need an event id or password.

Click on the event name.
Enter your name and e-mail address.
Click on the view photos tab.

If we may be of assistance, please
Contact VIP studios.
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Thank you.

Highlights from District Conference



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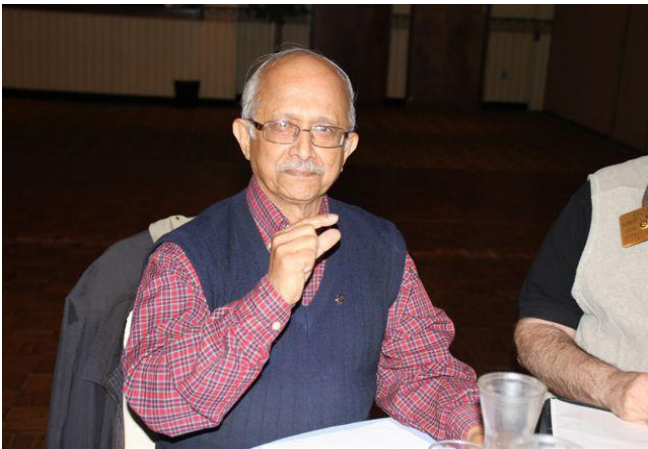
Several of the attendees at the recent Foundation Training Seminar posed for photos to be sent to RI to possibly be included in the "world's largest commercial" message on Polio Plus. These are some of those photos.



Karen DeMatteo



DG Art Peoples



Bala Rao



Russ Thompson



Lisa Finklestein and Jerry Panisak



PDG Paul Muczynski

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WEST END

West End Club Hosts District Governor

Jill Rehrig and the Rotary Club of West End hosted DG Art during his official visit.



From left: DG Art Peoples, AG John Davis, President Jill Rehrig

THE ROTARY CLUB OF LEIGHTON

Leighton Club had a visit from the District Governor

Club President Michael Heery from the Leighton Club greeted AG Art during his official visit to the club.



From left: AG Barbara Belon, President Michael Heery, AG Art Peoples.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF MID VALLEY

Milford-Matamoras Club has a visit from the Governor

Milford-Matamoras Club President John Fisher and Club Vice President Tim Smith hosted the District Governor during a recent visit to their club.



From left: AG Bob Chavey, VP Tim Smith, President John Fisher, DG Art Peoples.



THE ROTARY CLUB OF WYOMING



The Paul Harris Fellow Award, the most prestigious award of Rotary International, has been presented by the Wyoming Rotary to Mark J. Sobeck, a 31 year member, of Harvey's Lake, PA. This is the second Paul Harris Award for Sobeck.

The award consists of a pin with additional stones corresponding to the Recipients Recognition Amount Level of "Paul Harris Fellow + 1." It is given "in appreciation of tangible and significant assistance for the furtherance of better understanding and friendly relations between people of the World."

The Wyoming Rotary Club, in making the award, donated \$1,000.00 to the Rotary Foundation. The money is used to fund International and District projects.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF TUNKHANNOCK

On Oct. 20, Tunkhannock Rotarians participated in the semi-annual Road Side clean-up along Route 6 in Tunkhannock.

The first week of November was Dictionary Distribution Days for the four 3rd grade classes in the Tunkhannock Area School District. As usual, both Rotarians and students enjoyed this annual event and the kid's creative "Thank You" notes were appreciated by the Tunkhannock Rotarians.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF PLYMOUTH

Installation of new members Janice Williams and Karie Yefko



Picture: Bottom left- DGE Irene Carey, Janice Williams, Karie Yefko

Top Left- PDG Paul O'Malia, AG Gerald Reisch, Eric Cheatley, David Yefko

THE ROTARY CLUB OF TUNKHANNOCK



The week of Nov. 5 was World-Wide Interact Week and the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Interact Clubs. To celebrate these events, the faculty sponsor and officers of the Tunkhannock Interact Club attended the Nov. 8 Tunkhannock Rotary Club meeting to hear Barb Petty from the Trail Club discuss her 2012 Polio Immunization Trip to India. The Interactors raised over \$250 for Polio Plus and were presented by Club President Bill Barber with a Certificate of Recognition for World Interact Week and the 50th Anniversary.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF TUNKHANNOCK



Tunkhannock Rotary held their 5th Annual Harvest and Wine Festival on Oct. 13, 2012 at Lazy Brook Park in Tunkhannock. Over 3,000 attendees enjoyed a beautiful fall day of great wines, music, food, crafts, merchandise and wonderful companionship. Eleven wineries and one hard cider vendor were represented at the Festival plus over 45 food and craft vendors. Two local bands, am Radio and Inside Out, provided continuous musical entertainment throughout the day.



At the Oct. 18 meeting, Real Estate and Estate Attorney Jami Layaou Hearn was inducted as a member of the Tunkhannock Rotary Club. Harry Sharpe, chair of the membership committee, conducted the induction and reminded Jami of the key responsibilities and benefits of becoming a Rotarian. Jami's sponsor, Jeannie Brady, performed the traditional "pinning" of our newest member.



The Tunkhannock Rotary Club joined in Hurricane Sandy Relief Efforts to help people affected in Brooklyn, NY. A truck donated by Rob Parry of Kapmeyer Trucking was loaded with canned food, batteries and cleaning supplies. With Rob at the wheel, and accompanied by fellow Rotarians Tom Kukuchka and Peter Geschwindner, the donated items were delivered to the Gerritsen Beach Fire Department in Brooklyn, NY.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF MID VALLEY

Mid Valley Rotary dictionary donation to the Mid Valley elementary schools.



From Left: Stanley Kennedy, Donald Booth, Toni McAndrew, Mary Lynn Fowler, Gene Deangelis, William Kearney, Susan Colborn, Vicki Randis

Mid Valley Rotary Club having their annual food bank drive.



From left: Stan Kennedy, Donald Booth, Toni McAndrew, Mary Lynn Fowler, Gene Deangelis,

THE ROTARY CLUB OF DALLAS

Dallas Rotary Club decorates the triangle for the holidays

Nothing says “welcome home for the holidays” like a billboard at a busy intersection in the center of town. Several members of the Rotary Club of Dallas recently spent a Saturday morning placing Christmas decorations on the triangle at Routes 309 and 415 in Dallas. It has been a club tradition for several decades to welcome everyone home for the holidays and to wish them a happy holiday season.



From left: Rotary District Governor Art Peoples, Project Chairman Nick Stredny, Bill Nafus, Paul Saxon, Project Co-chairman Ron Fitch, Club President Todd Buckley.

Rotary Club of Dallas donates dictionaries to students

All third grade students in the Back Mountain schools were recently given their own copy of a dictionary. The Dallas Rotary Club dictionary project committee, chaired by Rotarian Bill Nafus, distributed more than 400 books to Dallas and Lake-Lehman School District students. The third grade teachers welcomed the Rotarians and thanked them for their dedication to literacy and education. Dictionary Project Chairman Bill Nafus is pictured presenting a dictionary to his grandson, Jesse Blight, a third grader at Dallas Elementary.



THE ROTARY CLUB OF DALLAS

Dallas Rotary Club members support local food pantry

At a recent meeting of the Rotary Club of Dallas, the theme for the evening was raising funds and food to help the Back Mountain Food Pantry meet the needs of dozens of families for Thanksgiving and Christmas. A mini-auction was held followed by a raffle. More than \$600 was raised and more than 300 pounds of food was donated.



District Completes First TRF Grants Management Seminar

In preparation for the Rotary Foundation's (TRF) new grants program, District Governor Elect Irene Carey and incoming District Rotary Foundation chair PDG Paul Muczynski held the first Grants Management Seminar in Hazleton on November 17, 2012. The seminar was conducted by PDG Knut Johnson from District 7210.

The TRF established district and club certification requirements that must be completed before the district or clubs will be eligible to receive TRF funds during the 2013-14 Rotary year. The TRF requires at least one club member attend a grants management seminar and each club sign and implement a club memorandum of understanding (MOU).

The next grants management seminar will be held on December 15, 2012 at the Ramada Inn Clarks Summit starting at 9 am.



Attendees were, seated from left: Sandy Drevenik, AG Barbara Belon, Bala Rao, John Abel, DG Art Peoples, Lisa Finklestein, Karen DeMatteo, Joyce Raczko. Standing from left: Russ Thompson, Dave Carey, AG John Davis, Paul Cwalina, Jill Gunther, John Madden, PDG Paul Muczynski, PDG Bob Wehe, Jerry Panisak, Paul Malone, Bill Raczko, Zone Alumni Coordinator and PDG of District 7210 Knut Johnson.

PDG Ted Silver with President Alvaro Urebe of the Republic of Columbia receiving thanks for District 7410's support for Colombia while attending the recent Rotary Foundation Seminar and Institute in Bogota, Columbia from October 18 to 21, 2012.

Also with RIPE Ron Burton and Jetta



RLI Graduation - 2012



URGENT; YOUR HELP NEEDED!!!
Group Study Exchange to Mexico, April 2013

Greetings fellow Rotarians,

Another team member is needed for the GSE trip to Mexico. Carol Hemphill has been selected as our Team Leader. We have selected three fine non-Rotarians to be members of the team.

Please, if you have family, friends, associates who might be interested in this wonderful opportunity; tell them to look on our District website: [rotarydistrict7410](http://rotarydistrict7410.com); click on Foundation, then look for Group Study Exchange. When they click on it, they will find the information and application or you may just have them contact me (information below). This trip is very important for our District. We NEED to send them a team representing Rotary, Pennsylvania and the USA. Take that minute to think of someone you might pass this information along to. Remember, it will be an experience that they will never forget and will certainly come back and thank you for.

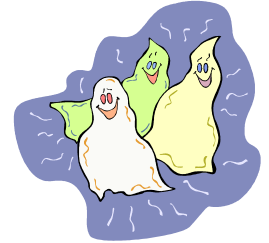
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THE ROTARY CLUB OF JIM THORPE

Jim Thorpe Rotary Ghost Walks in Old Mauch Chunk are Back Again

Interest has soared over the years for the Ghost Walks from one guide doing 12 or 14 walks in October to seven guides scheduled for over 80 walks within 15 weeks. Last year alone we entertained nearly 1000 men, women and children, even with the bad weather.



Come join a costumed Ghost Guide Friday and Saturday evening from September 7 through December 15 for a one-mile, one-hour roundtrip walk on Broadway to hear intriguing tales of reported ghoulish encounters and stories of historic properties and people. These all-outdoor (and consequently weather sensitive) walks gather 15 minutes prior to scheduled departure in the small conference room downstairs at the Inn at Jim Thorpe, 24 Broadway.

Private group walks are available at certain times for a minimum of 10 adults.

Walk-ins are welcome, space available, but reservations are strongly recommended to avoid disappointment, call 570 325-2346

Prices: Identify yourself to the Rotarian Ghost Host as a 7410er for a dollar off discount for each walker.

Adults: \$10

Children: 7-12: \$5 While not frightening, walks are not recommended for children 6 and under.

Schedule:

September, November and December

Fridays: 8 pm

Saturdays: 7 and 8:30 pm

October: Fridays and Saturdays: 7 and 8:30 pm

Saturdays: 7, 7:15, 8:30 pm and 8:45 pm

Check our website, www.jimthorprotrary.org/GhostWalks.cfm for exact dates and times. There's lots more to do in Jim Thorpe, so make a day or weekend out of it. See things to do at www.jimthorpe.org. All proceeds benefit the many youth-oriented projects the club supports. See you at the Inn!

RI & ClubRunner Automatic Data Synchronization Procedure and Attendance Reporting

Here is what MUST happen for all of the club's data to be synchronized: (Note – Clubs do NOT have to be on ClubRunner for this to occur. However, a club executive must log into the District website.) Once synchronized, club secretaries will not have to enter member data in both the district and RI websites, just the district website.

Step 1: Setting up synchronization from RI website:

1. Club President, Secretary or Executive log onto the RI website at "Member Access".
2. Select "Update Club Data" from RI menu.
3. Scroll down to "Partner Organization"
4. Click on "Add Partner Organization" and select ClubRunner from the list.
5. Select "I agree" from bottom of page.

AND

Step 2: Setting up synchronization from within ClubRunner:

1. Log into the Club Version of ClubRunner OR the District Website www.rotarydistrict7410.org
2. Must be a "Club Executive" (President, President Elect or Secretary).
3. Select "Switch on Data Integration with RI (Automatic)" link.
4. Check the checkbox to switch on integration.
5. Customize any privacy options by selecting appropriate fields to synchronize.
6. Press the "Update Privacy" button.
7. To verify implementation:
 - a. Go to "Edit Club Info & Settings" from the Admin Page.
 - b. Enter your Club ID, if not already populated.
 - c. Press "Save Changes"
8. If you have Club members who prefer not to send data updates, go to their ClubRunner member profile and select the "Privacy Tab".
 - a. Uncheck fields that you do not wish to share with RI.
9. Member profile updates and terminations that are now made in ClubRunner will automatically update RI records within minutes.

Note: Automatic Member Terminations was added to the RI Integration feature on October 20, 2011. There is a 24 hour delay from the time a club opts in (authorizes the vendor) to the time the Authorization takes effect. Authorizations are processed by a database procedure that is scheduled to run once a day. Once the feature has been setup, moving forward the member profile updates will take place within minutes.

Attendance Reporting:

Log on to the website (www.rotarydistrict7410.org)

Click on the attendance tab

Click on Club Attendance

Click on Input

Enter the required information

Click save

Any questions or problems you can contact me at:

Email: rotarydistrict7410@gmail.com

Home: 570-934-2450 (between 8 pm-9 pm weekdays and weekends)

Cell: 570-767-1187

Brenda Allen

Admin. Asst. District 7410

New Rotarians

Hazleton	Thomas Lagana Gloria Mislá Katherine Oh
Newfoundland	Francis Burns
Plymouth	Janice Williams Karie Yefko

THE ROTARY CLUB OF HAZLETON

The Hazleton Rotary Foundation, a 501©(3) non-profit affiliate of the Rotary Club of Hazleton, will be continuing to provide new coats to needy children in the Greater Hazleton Area through it's Kidz Coatz Project. This project has been held, yearly, since 2007.

Working with local retailers, brand new coats were purchased for children in need from all eight elementary/middle schools in the Hazleton Area School District. The coats are distributed to those children who are confidentially identified by their teachers.

Because of the economy, the number of children needing warm coats continues yearly. Last year, the Hazleton Rotary Foundation provided over 350 coats for area children, and over 400 coats were distributed in November of 2010! The goal for this year, 2012, is to purchase at least 325 coats for the upcoming winter season.

Coats are sorted and delivered to the area elementary and middle schools by Rotary Club of Hazleton members. Coats will be delivered to the schools early in December.

“The Rotary Foundation is very happy to be working with the Rotary Club of Hazleton, which annually provides generous financial support to this project. It does truly make you feel good to know we are helping children keep warm to and from school and in their wintertime play.” comments Rotary Foundation President Lex Sloom. “We are very, very grateful to all those community members who have donated to this project over the years—it has been truly awesome!”



District 7410 October, 2012 Club Attendance

Club	Total Mem.	New Mem.	% Attend.
The Abingtons	0	0	0.00%
Athens	0	0	0.00%
Dallas	36	0	70.00%
Dunmore	0	0	0.00%
Forest City Area	11	0	56.90%
Freeland	0	0	0.00%
The Greater Nanticoke Area	0	0	0.00%
Hamlin	0	0	0.00%
Hawley	16	0	58.00%
Hazleton	93	3	33.72%
Honesdale	33	0	59.00%
Jim Thorpe	24	0	40.00%
Kingston	28	0	73.00%
Lehighton	8	0	62.50%
Lords Valley	0	0	0.00%
Mid-Valley	13	0	69.00%
Milford-Matamoras	24	0	55.00%
Montrose	24	0	60.00%
Mountaintop	0	0	0.00%
Mt. Pocono	0	0	0.00%
New Milford	0	0	0.00%
Newfoundland	33	1	89.00%
North Pocono	0	0	0.00%
North Scranton	0	0	0.00%
Pittston	0	0	0.00%
Plains	0	0	0.00%
Plymouth	18	2	48.00%
Pocono Mountains	0	0	0.00%
Sayre	16	0	61.00%
Scranton	0	0	0.00%
Smithfields	19	0	68.40%
Stroudsburgs, The	0	0	0.00%
Top-O-Pocono	0	0	0.00%
Towanda	19	0	69.00%
Trail	0	0	0.00%
Troy	0	0	0.00%
Tunkhannock	49	0	70.49%
Weatherly	0	0	0.00%
Wellsboro	0	0	0.00%
West End	0	0	0.00%
Wilkes-Barre	0	0	0.00%
Wyoming	0	0	0.00%