

News from the District

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[A Message from the District Governor](#)

I hope all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving. I know many of you and your clubs took the opportunity to serve those in need, and I thank you for your service. I can't believe that I am already five months into my year as your District Governor. I have truly enjoyed my visits to your clubs and have found so much inspiration in meeting our dedicated Rotarians.



One of the highlights of this past month was our Foundation Recognition Luncheon. We were all impressed with our speaker, Past Rotary Foundation Trustee Stephanie Urchick. I was moved by so many from our District who have given so generously to our Foundation. Please keep up the good work this year.

As Foundation Month draws to a close, the holiday spirit of giving is just about to kick off. This year, Rotary is participating in #GivingTuesday on December 2, a global day of giving supported by 10,000 organizations worldwide. It would be a perfect time to go online and give.

Membership continues to be our number one priority. I urge you to continue to invite other people to your events, reach out to your satellite clubs, start new clubs and Light Up Rotary! I ask that you quickly add your newest members to the databases at District and Rotary International. In January, Rotary International will send our clubs an "INVOICE" for dues based on the membership data. It will be nonnegotiable, so please make sure the numbers are correct.

Please save April 24-26, 2015 for our District Conference at Skytop. We have an incredible program planned for you with wonderful speakers. Please plan to attend.

The Rotary theme for December is Family. I hope you will celebrate our Rotary Family this month, and as you do so many things for other families this season, I hope you will also spend time and energy with your own families. Whatever you observe, I hope your Holidays are Happy and Blessed. Thanks for all you do.

Yours in Rotary
DG Carol

District Events

March 20-21 - (PETS) President Elect Training Seminar - save the date

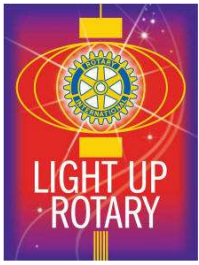
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6. Jeff McLaughlin (Scranton) Dunmore, North Pocono, North Scranton, Scranton, The Abingtons.
7. Jerry Reisch (Dallas) Dallas, Kingston, Pittston, Plains, Plymouth, The Greater Nanticoke Area, Wilkes-Barre, Wyoming.

Public Image Corner

During the month of December, Rotary International's charge to all of us is "to focus on community projects that support families and celebrate our own extended family of Rotary."

Let's celebrate that commitment within our Rotary clubs and in our hometowns by including our family members in projects for children and the elderly. Invite family members to help out on the annual Christmas shopping sprees that many clubs have done for several years. Have your children join you as you ring the bells for the Salvation Army.

You will be teaching your children about caring for other children as they see you in actions that will explain it far beyond what words can say. Many of us still remember the kind gestures taught to us by our parents, and it may perhaps be why we are Rotarians today.

Here are some additional ideas that your club may want to participate in with family members included: visit a homeless shelter or a nursing home and bring along some small gifts for the residents, provide refreshments or toys for a day care center, or visit your local school guidance department and ask for a family or two to adopt and provide food and gifts to help them through the holiday season.

We wish you peace and joy this holiday season, and you just might find it in a project that brings joy and comfort to a child who receives your gift or an elderly person who may otherwise be alone.

*Sandy Peoples
District Public Image Chair*

Foundation Grant Re-Certification

DGE Barbara de Belon and DRFC PDG Paul Muczynski will be conducting Grants Management Seminars (GMS) for 2015-16 Rotary Year. Each club is required to send at least two members to a seminar to be eligible for a Foundation Grant, it is highly recommended the club President-elect and Foundation chair attend a seminar in their area. For the convenience of the participants, the seminars will be held at three locations on the dates indicated. All seminars will start at 10 am and should be completed by 12:00 pm.

December 6 at Riverstone Grill in Towanda (Cluster 1)
January 10 at Ramada in Clark's Summit (Cluster 2, 3, 6, & 7)
January 31 at Gennetti's Best Western in Hazelton (Cluster 4 & 5)

Attendance at a 2015-16 Grants Management seminar is required for club re-certification. To be eligible for a 2015-16 District Grant, at least two Rotarians (President-elect and Club Foundation Chair) must attend. The current Club President and President-elect have to sign the Club Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), and 2015-16 Allocation Procedure for District Designated Funds (see attached) to be handed in at the seminar. The MOU and Allocation procedure are required for Club certification. In addition, each President-elect is requested to complete the Annual Fund and Membership goals section of Rotary Club Central on rotary.org.

Rotary District 7410 Foundation Recognition Luncheon

Rotary District 7410 held a Rotary Foundation Recognition Luncheon at the Scranton Hilton Hotel on November 15, 2014. The luncheon was held to recognize the good Rotary does locally and internationally and the Rotarians who make it possible.

The 26 Major donors, 14 Bequest Society members, 45 Benefactors, 12 Paul Harris Society members, and 117 Paul Harris Fellows were recognized in the event program. A special part of the event was the presentation of the Bequest Society Level 4 crystal and pin to Tunkhannock Rotarian Carol Ziomek by Past Rotary Foundation Trustee (PRFT) Stephanie Urchick.

Also, Rotarians from the North Pocono, North Scranton, and Tunkhannock Rotary Clubs were presented with their Paul Harris Fellowship certificates and pins.

PRFT Stephanie was our keynote speaker. Her animated talk explained what Rotary Foundation meant to her and how it helps people around the world.

Carol Ziomek from the Tunkhannock Rotary Club was awarded a crystal and pin for her level 4 participation in the Bequest Society.



From left: District 7410 Foundation Chair and PDG Paul Muczynski, District Governor Carol Hemphill, Carol Ziomek, Past Rotary Foundation Trustee

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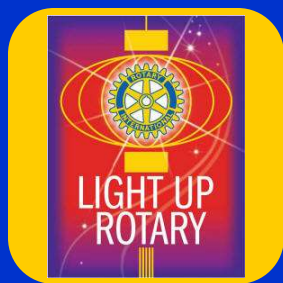
Committee making big plans at Skytop for District Conference 2015

At a recent meeting of the District Conference Committee, the group outlined their plans for fantastic speakers, interesting plenary sessions, delicious meals, and much more. They posed for this photo in the lobby of the main lodge.



Seated, from left: District Governor Carol Hemphill, PDG and Conference Chair Kerry Nix, AG Nancy Brittain. Standing, from left: PR Chair Sandy Peoples, PDG and Program Chair Art Peoples, PDG Tom Visgilio, District Board Member Bob Chavey, AG Karin Breitlauch, PDG Melanie Tek-Visgilio, AG-at-Large Jeff Gilbert, AG Jerry Reisch, AG Al Kobe.

District Conference - 2015
Save The Dates!
District Governor Carol Hemphill
would like to invite everyone
to the beautiful, elegant and
affordable Skytop Lodge
in the Pocono Mountains
for another great
District Conference
on April 24, 25 and 26, 2015.
More information to follow.
Visit Skytop at: www.skytop.com



Our Clubs in Action

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THE ROTARY CLUB OF HAZLETON

Hazleton Rotary Club Kidz Coatz Project

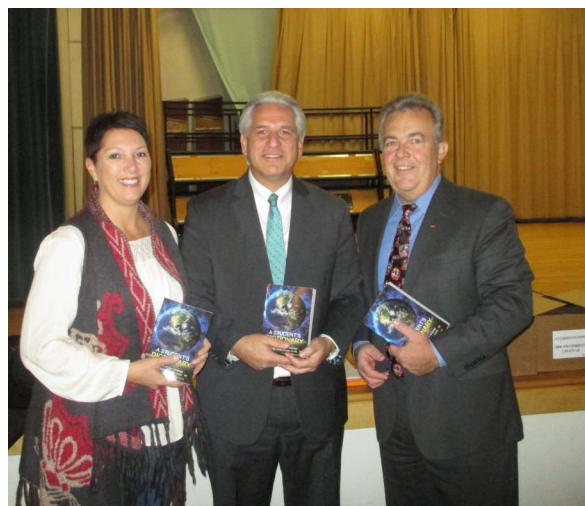
Members of the Hazleton Rotary Club, family and friends sorted, packed and delivered coats, provided by the Hazleton Rotary Club Kidz Coatz project to some needy children in the Greater Hazleton Area. Working with local retailers, brand new coats were purchased for children in need from all eight elementary/middle schools in the Hazleton Area School District. The coats are distributed to those children who are confidentially identified by their teachers. This winter season more than 400 coats will be given to keep area children warm. Coats will be delivered to the schools before the Thanksgiving break. The Hazleton Rotary Foundation, a 501©(3) non-profit affiliate of the Rotary Club, has conducted this project, annually, since 2007.



Hazleton Rotary Club Donates New Dictionaries to Area 3rd Graders

The Rotary Club of Hazleton has been purchasing and donating new dictionaries, annually, to area students since 2001. Third graders at all of the Hazleton Area Elementary Schools (Freeland is covered by Freeland Rotary) are the student recipients. This is a yearly event done as a way for the club to introduce young people to the “wonder of words”. Many local children lack internet access, and these dictionaries give them all a common starting point, while making classroom dictionary exercises possible.

Also participating in the project were Rotary Club President Tim Genetti, Dorothy Anderson, Donna Barna, Toni Frumkin, Lani Drobnock, John Schwear, Sharon Farver, Michele Fisher, Lisa Marie Halecky, Barb Cassise, David McCarthy, Paul Brenner, Mary Ann Feno, John Madden, Bill Pavlick, Pat Korb, Pat Ward and Rotary friend Cindy Ferrari who are delivering over 900 dictionaries to the area’s school children.



L-R: Hazleton Rotary Club Members De Ann Miller, Project Chairman John Beltrami and Tom Lagana Delivered Dictionaries to West Hazleton Elementary Middle School.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF HAZLETON

The Rotary Club of Hazleton held another successful annual Spaghetti Dinner on Wednesday, October 29, 2014, Best Western Genetti Inn & Suites, 1341 N. Church Street. Thanks to all Hazleton Rotary Club members who helped in any way and special thanks to dinner co-chairs Sharon Farver and Patrick Genetti.



THE ROTARY CLUB OF KINGSTON

Wilkes-Barre Trail of Treats

Rotary Club of Kingston participated in the 11th Annual Trail of Treats on Wednesday, October 29, 2014. Organized by WNEP-TV, many community-minded sponsors partnered with the Woodlands Inn and Resort. 800 special needs kids and young adults enjoyed a special Halloween Trail of Treats! Over 24 community-minded businesses and service organizations came together to make the event possible.

It's more than trick or treating. Students and clients, dressed in their Halloween-best, gain valuable social experiences while enjoying treats and entertainment.

Kingston Club Auction

Kingston Club In-house Auction on October 29th raised over \$1,793 and a great time was had by all! Fierce competitive bidding for the bird feeder and seed as well as a set of 4 tires, several doggie toys, beverages, gift certificates for services and goods from members' businesses were just a few of the fabulous items. Several of us had to buy the Habitat for Humanity tote bags just to get all our stuff home! Not sure what the hot item was – electrical tape or Bee Bomber! Definitely not the “collectible” golf clubs!

THE ROTARY CLUB OF TRAIL

Guest Speaker

Joe Strauch is the Republican State Committeeman for Wyoming County and also on the Lackawanna Trail School District Board.

Joe worked with computers 36 years at MetLife, beginning in the early 1960's. when a computer would fill an entire room. He also spoke about the importance of the Sunshine Law and how it helps insure transparency in local committees and government.



L-R Martin Reynolds, Nikki Stone, Joe Strauch, Lisa Logan Clough & Barbara Frey

THE ROTARY CLUB OF LEIGHTON

Rotarians Doing Good in the Community

Many years ago, Lehighon Rotarians began a service project which has now become a tradition. They presented dictionaries to every third grader student in the Lehighon Area school system. Now, people associate the Dictionary Project with Rotary.

This year the Rotary Club of Lehighon was asked to expand the project to encompass Bishop Woods Executive Academy of New Haven Connecticut. The response was immediate and unanimous. Becky Wanamaker, our club's Dictionary Project leader, augmented the order to include twenty four Spanish-to-English dictionaries.



Late in October, DGE Barbara Belón presented the Spanish to English dictionaries to Ms. Ursula Lopez, the Spanish language specialist at Bishop Wood Academy.

DGE Belón reported that Ms. Lopez' students were absolutely thrilled to finally have these new resources for their classes. "Having sufficient number of dictionaries enables the children to keep up with the demands of school work", commented Ms. Lopez.

Bishop Woods Executive Academy is part of the New Haven public school system in Connecticut. The student population is around 500 students ranging from Pre K to 8th grade. The decline in funding makes it difficult for the school to afford the purchase of materials needed for classroom exercises. But because of the generosity of Rotarians in Pennsylvania, Bishop Wood Academy can be true to its mission of "creating a positive learning environment that prepares students to meet the challenges of the 21st century".

And on the home front, early in October Rotarians from Lehighon awarded dictionaries to over 300 students among seven schools in Lehighon and Palmerton.

Once again, Rotarian Becky did an outstanding job communicating with the schools and planning the smallest details. All Rotarians participating in this endeavor agree that the reaction from the children at discovering that this small treasure is theirs to own, makes some of our "Rotary Moments."



THE ROTARY CLUB OF LEIGHTON

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Here are some of the images we captured:



Rotary in the Community

The annual Halloween parade in Leighton is one of the few events that brings the community together. Following Rotary’s tradition of community involvement, the Leighton club did its part by marching in the parade and distributing candy to the children.

Club president Michael Heery procured the services of “the REAL” Mr. and Mrs. Santa A. Claus (yes, that’s *really* his name!). Elf Rotarian Connie Ahner drove the sleigh—convertible. Members of the Leighton Area High School Interact club became Santa’s helpers while other members of the club tried to scare the children with little or no success. Better luck next year, Rotarian Sue!

Strange, but Halloween in Leighton was sunny and fun, not scary at all.



Rotary Sponsored Celebrity Car

THE ROTARY CLUB OF LEIGHTON

Leighton Handmade Holiday Craft Show benefits local organizations



Leighton Rotary Club and Leighton Area High School Interact Club recently teamed up to present the second annual Leighton Handmade Holiday Craft Show at LAHS. Proceeds from the event benefit the community and educational programs of the two organizations.

We are very happy and proud that this event was such a huge success. The vendor spaces sold out and the show was very well attended,” said Leighton Rotary Club Past President Erica Heery and event co-coordinator. “It’s very gratifying to know that we were able to showcase the work of such talented local crafters and artisans.”

“The students of Leighton Area High School Interact Club showed their dedication and generosity of spirit at the Leighton Handmade Holiday Craft Show,” added Cristi Marchetti, LAHS language arts teacher and Interact Club Advisor. “All day long, they gave their time and energy to educate the public about efforts to eradicate polio – in addition to helping vendors set up and break down their booths.”



An apparent crowd-pleaser, new to the event this year was the addition of direct-sales vendors. There was also a Chinese Auction; a used book sale with all proceeds benefiting Leighton Area Memorial Library; and a food drive with all non-perishable food items and cash donations given to the community food pantry at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Leighton – a division of Shepherd House, Inc.



In addition, LAHS Interact Club hosted an informational booth to promote awareness of the international “End Polio Now Campaign” through the “Purple Pinkie Project.” All contributions will be used to help eradicate polio around the world.

Refreshments were also available for purchase throughout the day.

Next year’s Leighton Handmade Holiday Craft Show is scheduled for Saturday, November 7.



For more information, visit the event page on Facebook [HandmadeHolidayCraftShow@yahoo.com](https://www.facebook.com/HandmadeHolidayCraftShow@yahoo.com) or Contact Michael Heery at 610-377-9706

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WYOMING

Three members of the Sobeck family of Harveys Lake and Dallas recently joined the Rotary Club of Wyoming. Mike and Rich Sobeck became regular members, while Debbie joined under the new "Associate Member" program, which is designed to entice spouses of Rotarians to join Rotary on a semi-active basis. Mark Sobeck has been a member of the Club for 33 years. All are employed as officers at their family business, Mark J. Sobeck Roof Consulting, Inc., of Wilkes-Barre.



Pictured from left to right are: Mark Sobeck, Budd O'Malia - Past District Governor and installing officer for the evening, Debbie Sobeck, Rich Sobeck, Mike Sobeck and Dr. Darrell Evans - Rotary Club president.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF MID VALLEY

The Mid Valley Rotary Club collected food items for the local food bank.



From left William Kearney, President, Gene DeAngelis, Secretary, Stan Kennedy, Past President and Don Booth, Past President.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF DALLAS

Food Pantry gets support from Dallas Rotary Club

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. An auction and raffle raised \$1,000 and more than 350 pounds of food were donated.



Rotarians on the event committee were, from left: Jerry Reisch, Kate Pitkat, Eric Martin, Ann Marie Konek, Jason Jolley, Todd

Welcome home

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 Christmas and to wish them a happy New Year.



From left: Rotary Club members Art Peoples, Dan Jones, Todd Buckley, Ron Fitch.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF DALLAS

Dallas Rotary Club welcomes two new members

At a recent meeting of the Rotary Club of Dallas, two new members, Dr. Thomas Botzman, President of Misericordia University, and Vanessa Botzman, were welcomed into the oldest service organization in the country. Their sponsors were Past District Governor Art Peoples and Past Club President Sandy Peoples.

The Dallas Club recently celebrated its 87th anniversary, and its members continue to embrace the spirit of fellowship and public service as they look to the future.



From left: Club President Randy Loyd, Dr. Thomas Botzman, Vanessa Botzman, Sandy Peoples, Art Peoples.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WEST END

West End Rotary donates stair chair to ambulance corps

A donation from the West End Rotary Club is helping the sick and injured get out of tight places.

To help it maneuver patients in confined spaces, West End Community Ambulance is purchasing stair chairs that help responders safely navigate homes that cannot accommodate a stretcher.

“West End Community Ambulance responds to more than 3,000 calls a year,” said Honi Gruenberg, the club’s foundation chair. “They have four Stair-PRO chairs but need two more so they will have a chair for every ambulance.”

The Rotary donation of \$2,976 will enable the EMS organization to equip a fifth ambulance with that piece of equipment. Gruenberg helped secure club funds and a grant from Rotary District 7410 to purchase the chair.

The Stair-PRO chair uses bulldozer-type tracks to safely glide over stairs. It can accommodate patients weighing up to 500 pounds in narrow passageways, stairs or basements where a stretcher is unable to reach.

Patients aren’t the only ones who will benefit from the donation, said Mehmet Barzev of the ambulance organization. “The Stair-PRO uses the conventional chair design with the addition of bulldozer tracks to transfer the weight of the patient to the stairs, rather than to the back of the rescuers moving the patient. This is important to EMS personnel because the majority of EMS-related injuries are due to lifting and moving patients. There are few times a responder is more vulnerable than when traversing stairs.



Mehmet Barzev, center, representing West End Community Ambulance, accepts a nearly \$3,000 donation from West End Rotary Club President Kevin Noll, left, and the club’s Foundation Chair Honi Gruenberg. The EMS organization used the money to buy a stair chair to transport patients in confined quarters.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH SCRANTON

Alyn J. Scheatzle Scholarship Fundraiser



In May, we lost not only a fellow Rotarian but a dear friend, Alyn J. Scheatzle. On November 23rd, the North Scranton Rotary Club held a reception at Keystone College to celebrate Al's life and achievements. We raised funds to start a perpetual annual scholarship that will be given to a second year culinary student each year at Keystone College in Al's name. The event was chaired by Nicole Wagner, Richie Sidelnick, and Steve Solfanelli. We had a great turn out and would like to thank all who attended and donated.

The North Scranton Rotary Club had a busy month of November!



November 6th, we held a wine pairing dinner fundraiser. Sidel's Restaurant hosted us and Nimble Hill Winery provided the wine. It was a fun-filled night with delicious food and great wine!



On November 8th, we cleaned the on and off ramp of the Keyser Ave exit on the Scranton Expressway and enjoyed a great breakfast afterwards!



On November 12th, we inducted our newest member, Tom Staples, at our Perkins breakfast meeting. We are very excited for him to join our club!



On November 15th, at the District's Foundation Luncheon, three of our members received a Paul Harris. Richie Sidelnick, Terry Beilman, and Clare Baruffaldi were joined by President Steve Solfaneli and Treasurer Carl Baruffaldi.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF TUNKHANNOCK

Tunkhannock Rotary Welcomes Its Newest Member

At the Nov 6 Tunkhannock Rotary Club Luncheon at Purkey's Pink Apple, Wyoming County Commissioner Tom Henry was inducted into Rotary by President Norm Kelly. Tom became the 59th active member of the Club. Marta Kovacs-Ruiz, Tom's sponsor, pinned Tom with his new Rotary pin.



(l to r) Marta Kovacs-Ruiz, Tom Henry and Pres. Norm Kelly

Paul Harris Fellows

At the Nov 15 District 7410 Foundation Recognition Luncheon at the Scranton Hilton, 4 Tunkhannock Rotarians became new Paul Harris Fellows: Jami Hearn, Aaron Hovan, Don Streby and Ann Way. Guest speaker Stephanie Urchick, Rotary Foundation Trustee 2012-2014 pinned the members with their Paul Harris pins. President Norm Kelly presented each member with their Paul Harris medallions and District Governor Carol Hemphill gave them their certificates.



(l to r) President Norm Kelly, Jami Hearn, Aaron Hovan, Ann Way and Don Streby

Bequest Society

At the Nov 15 District 7410 Foundation Recognition Luncheon, Tunkhannock Rotary Secretary Carol Ziomek was recognized as a new member of the Bequest Society. To become a member of the Bequest Society, a Rotarian must include the Rotary Foundation in their estate plans. Carol was presented with an engraved piece of crystal by District Governor Carol Hemphill and pinned by Past Rotary Foundation Trustee (PRFT) Stephanie Urchick. Stephanie also presented Carol with the last of the Arch C. Klumph commemorative medals that she has been distributing to new Bequest Society members.



PDG Paul Muczynski, DG Carol Hemphill, Carol Ziomek and PRFT Stephanie Urchick

Foundation Presentation

In honor of November being Foundation Month in Rotary, PDG Paul Muczynski, District 7410 Foundation Chair, gave a presentation on the Rotary Foundation to Tunkhannock Rotarians at the Nov 20 Club Luncheon at Purkey's Pink Apple. Paul presented a brief summary of the Foundation's chief areas of focus. He also emphasized that the Foundation is our charity and everyone should support it. In addition, 50% of our contributions to the Foundation will return to the District in 3 years' time, which provides funding for District grants.



PDG Paul Muczynski, District 7410 Foundation Chair, sharing information on the Rotary Foundation with the Tunkhannock Rotary Club

THE ROTARY CLUB OF TUNKHANNOCK

At the November 20 Tunkhannock Rotary Luncheon, Pres. Norm Kelly and AG George Gay received their Paul Harris +1 pins in a ceremony presided over by PDG Paul Muczynski, District 7410 Foundation Chair.



PDG Paul Muczynski presenting President Norm Kelly (left) and AG George Gay (right) with their Paul Harris +1 pins.



At the November 20 Tunkhannock Rotary Luncheon, Past President Karen Fuller was recognized by PDG Paul Muczynski, District 7410 Foundation Chair, for joining the Paul Harris Society (PHS). Karen received her PHS insignia to add to her Rotary or Paul Harris pins. Members of the Paul Harris Society contribute \$1,000 per year to the Rotary Foundation.



PDG Paul Muczynski, District 7410 Foundation Chair, presenting Past President Karen Fuller with her Paul Harris Society insignia.

Rotary Leadership Institute

Five Tunkhannock Rotarians attended District 7410 Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) courses on Nov 8 at the Holiday Inn Wilkes Barre East Mountain. Nicole Brillhart & Anne Sehne completed Part I, President Norm Kelly, President-Elect Ron Furman and Secretary Carol Ziomek graduated after completing Part III. The graduates were pinned with their RLI emblems by District Governor (DG) Carol Hemphill and received their graduation certificates from Past District Governor (PDG) Paul Muczynski.



(top left) Carol Ziomek with PGD Paul Muczynski, (bottom left) DG Carol Hemphill, Ron Furman & PDG Paul M., (right) DG Carol H., PDG Paul M. & Norm Kelly

THE ROTARY CLUB OF TUNKHANNOCK

Dictionary Distribution

On November 18 and 19, Tunkhannock Rotarians distributed 185 dictionaries to third grade students at the four elementary schools (Mill City, Evans Falls, Roslund and Mehoopany) in the Tunkhannock Area School District. Rotarians who participated in this year's event included: Sandra Lane (chairperson), Ruth Gorski, Ann Way, Harry Sharpe, Ron Furman, Patricia Ehrenzeller, Jim Welch Sr., Jennifer Williamson and Dave Wilson. The Tunkhannock Club's participation in the Dictionary Project was started by Rotarian Don Sick (deceased) approximately 12 years ago. The Club has purchased and distributed more than 3,377 dictionaries to third graders over this period.

Even in this age of technology, the third graders are always excited to receive their own dictionaries. The Rotarians are always gratified by the enthusiasm of the children and amazed when they ask "do you mean this is now my book and I can take this home and keep it forever and ever?"

Their teachers plan games and activities that encourage the students to use them, like having them find the longest word and try to pronounce it. The dictionaries are more than a traditional dictionary. They contain information on: weights and measures, science elements, sign language, the world, the states, the presidents, the planets and much more. The dictionaries help the students complete the school year as better writers, active readers and creative thinkers.

After the event, club members are entertained by the thank you notes that come from many of the students, in which they detail how they are using their new dictionaries, in some cases to actually write their thank you notes. Some of the students have commented that they especially like the section on sign language.

The Tunkhannock Rotary Dictionary program is one of the community youth services projects funded by the proceeds from the annual Harvest and Wine Festival.



3rd Grade students at Roslund Elementary School with their dictionaries and (l to r back row) Rotarians: Jim Welch Sr., Jennifer Williamson, Ruth Gorski, Dave Wilson and Chairperson Sandra Lane

THE ROTARY CLUB OF TUNKHANNOCK

Tunkhannock Interact Club

On Wednesday morning November 5, Tunkhannock Rotary President Norm Kelly attended a meeting of the Tunkhannock High School Interact Club. The Interact Club is sponsored by the Tunkhannock Rotary Club and is open to youth ages 12-18 in the Tunkhannock Area Schools. Rotarians Marta Kovacs-Ruiz and Dave Wilson are the Club mentors. Tommasina Fiorillo, a teacher in the Foreign Language Department, serves as the Interact Club Advisor. Interact clubs are encouraged to organize at least two service projects a year: one that benefits their community and one that encourages international understanding.

President Norm presented the Interact Club with a Certificate of Recognition for World Interact Week 2014 in celebration of the founding of the first Interact club in 1962. The Certificate also recognizes the Interact Clubs participation with the Tunkhannock Rotary in several service projects during the year, including the upcoming Candy Cane Day. The Interactors will be helping Tunkhannock Rotarians collect money at various shopping locations throughout Tunkhannock for toys for local kids for Christmas on Candy Cane Day, November 28. The money collected will be divided between Interfaith Friends and Wyoming County Children and Youth to buy gifts for children in need in Wyoming County.

The Tunkhannock Interact Club has been very active in recent years in fund-raising efforts for several significant service projects, including Polio eradication, sponsoring the education of a student in Nicaragua and purchasing an ark of animals for people in developing countries. Each October, the students raise awareness and funds for World Sight Day, a project recognized by TOMS One For One Company.

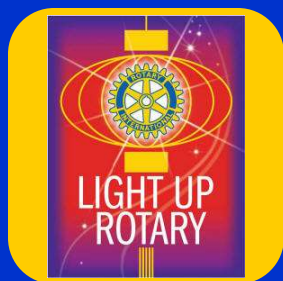
Recently, the Interact club sold gift cards to Twig's, a Tunkhannock restaurant, and raised \$500. In the next few weeks, they will decide how to best use this money to help others.

The students shared with President Norm some of their other fund-raising plans and ideas for the rest of this school year. President Norm expressed his delight at the enthusiasm of the Interactors and said: "With guidance from Tommasina, the club is flourishing with ideas for projects to enhance the quality of life in our community. The members bring enthusiasm and energy to each project and see them to completion."



Front Row (l to r): Shiv Naik (Rotary exchange student from India), Gina Hall (Vice-President), Rotary President Norm Kelly, Josh Beeman, Jacob Roberts, Alex Ball and Isaiah Sincavage

Back Row (l to r): Shawn Zalewski, Elliot Hammersly (Secretary), Rotary Advisor Marta Kovacs-Ruiz, Rotary Advisor Dave Wilson, Amanda Hardy, Alli Sorokach, Ally Gordon and Faculty Advisor Tommasina Fiorillo



Future Club Events and Fundraisers

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THE ROTARY CLUB OF KINGSTON

Kingston Club Poinsettia Sale 2014

Members of the Rotary Club of Kingston are conducting their annual Poinsettia sale. For over 30 years, this project has allowed our Club to contribute to charities and projects in our community. Captains for this year's teams are Bob Kopec, Brian Wilson and Ed Kopec. The winning team members are recognized with a Rotary Plaque.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF JIM THORPE

Jim Thorpe Rotary GhostWalks in Old Mauch Chunk are Back Again

Interest has soared over the years for the GhostWalks from one guide doing 12 or 14 walks in October to six guides scheduled for over 90 walks within 16 weeks. Last year alone we entertained nearly 900 men, women and children, even with some bad weather.

Come join a costumed GhostGuide Friday and Saturday evening (and Sundays in October) from September 5 thru December 20 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.

Walk-ins are welcome, space available, but reservations are strongly recommended to avoid disappointment, call [570 325-2346](tel:5703252346). Adults are \$10; children, 7-12, just \$5.

While not frightening, walks are not recommended for children 6 and under. Private group walks are available at certain times for a minimum of 10 adults.

Friday walks in September, November and December start at 8 p.m., Octobers, 7 & 8:30 p.m. Saturday walks in September, November, and December also start generally at 7 & 8:30, October, add 7:15 and 8:45.

Check our website, www.jimthorprotary.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 t www.jimthorpe.org. All proceeds benefit the many youth-oriented projects the club supports. Identify yourself to the Rotarian GhostHost as a 7410er for a dollar off discount for each walker. See you at the Inn!



New Rotarians

Abintons	Kimberly Harrington Clarence Lamanna
Forest City	Terri Erdman
Hazleton	Jason Brenner
Mountaintop	Nicole Cooper
Stroudsburgs	Christa Caceres Becky Freeman Sharon Petry
Towanda	Jenna Wyckoff
Tunkhannock	Thomas Henry
West End	Lucy Flinn
Wilkes-Barre	Paul Andrews William Beekman
Winola	Trudy Botts Arthur Coolbaugh

District 7410 October, 2014 Club Attendance

Club	Total Mem.	New Mem.	Oct. Attend.
Abingtons	0	2	0.00%
Athens	0	0	0.00%
Blakeslee	11	0	70.91%
Dallas	40	0	67.00%
Dunmore	17	0	94.00%
Forest City Area	12	1	76.50%
Freeland	0	0	0.00%
Greater Nanticoke Area	0	0	0.00%
Hamlin	24	0	77.08%
Hawley	21	0	58.00%
Hazleton	83	1	63.87%
Honesdale	36	0	54.00%
Jim Thorpe	25	0	68.00%
Kingston	23	0	60.00%
Lehighton	10	0	93.00%
Mid-Valley	8	0	56.25%
Milford-Matamoras	0	0	0.00%
Montrose	26	0	62.00%
Mountaintop	0	1	0.00%
Mt. Pocono	0	0	0.00%
New Milford	0	0	0.00%
Newfoundland	40	0	84.11%
North Pocono	0	0	0.00%
North Scranton	0	0	0.00%
Pittston	0	0	0.00%
Plains	0	0	0.00%
Plymouth	0	0	0.00%
Pocono Mountains	21	0	67.00%
Sayre	12	0	67.00%
Scranton	0	0	0.00%
Smithfields	0	0	0.00%
Stroudsburgs, The	100	3	74.66%
Towanda	0	1	0.00%
Trail	13	0	49.00%
Troy	0	0	0.00%
Tunkhannock	59	1	66.07%
Weatherly	0	0	0.00%
Wellsboro	0	0	0.00%
West End	0	1	0.00%
Wilkes-Barre	0	2	0.00%
Winola	14	2	50.00%
Wyoming	0	0	0.00%

