

News from District 7410



Letter from the District Governor

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November Notes from Your District Governor...

Greetings all. It is November and the leaves have fallen and once again we are on winter watch. November is Rotary Foundation Month and Rotary United Nations Month. These two events have collided this year on the 12th of November, and they are both important in the Rotary World.

As Rotary and Rotarians, we have a special relationship with the United Nations as there were many Rotarians who actually worked on the Charter – the creation of the United Nations after WWII.

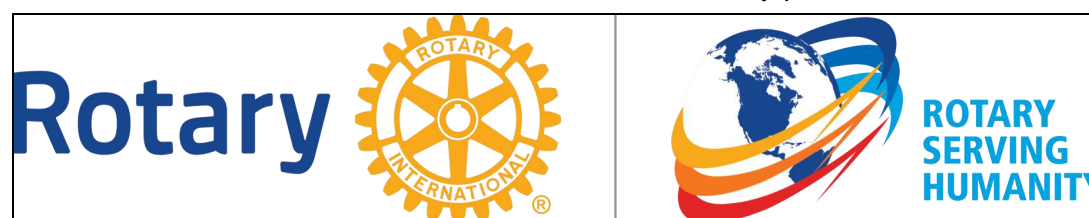
Rotary remains one of only two NGOs with a permanent presence at the United Nations. Along with our work on Polio eradication, our support and project work around the world makes us excellent allies with UNICEF and The World Health Organization. We can be very proud of our association with the UN and these groups for the world health issues support for dealing with disease preventions and treatment as well as development health programs.

The Rotary Foundation is 100 years old this year and we can certainly be very proud of a Foundation that ranks in the top 10 in the world, is well respected by many and ranks #6 on Charity Navigator, 92+% going directly to services within our many projects. We will celebrate the 100 years of “doing good in the world” on November 12th.

Register for our dinner with the Foundation Committee through Jerry Reisch our District Registrar. Recognizing the Foundation and the good works it has funded in our communities and the world is an important part of building a Foundation for which future Rotarians can utilize to grow humanitarian projects. The Foundation will be a vital resource for new Rotarians as we strive to grow and serve for our next Rotary 100 years.

I hope you will join with me and the Foundation Committee in celebrating the 100 years of good works at the Ramada Inn in Clarks Summit on November 12th, 2016. More details are available on the web site and with the committee. This should be a momentous event, and if you have a Paul Harris recognition to give, please call Mary Ellen Bentler for details of having yours recognized at the event.

As I weave my way through the district making the Governor’s official visits to the clubs, I am humbled by the intensity of humanitarian service the various clubs have discussed with me. Each club seems to have a key passion for service in a



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certain subject area, and yet they reach out into their respective communities and give so much more in their drive to be a vital dynamic member in their service area. Big or small, the clubs find a need and work to provide for that need. And their enthusiasm never seems to wane. It is remarkable to hear each club present their activities and the pride they take in making a difference in the world.

In the effort to schedule official meetings, the Assistant Governors have been instrumental in working out schedules with some clubs coming together in groups of 2, 3 or 4 to reduce the travel around the district. This has been very helpful as it means that the DG gets to the clubs earlier in the first quarter. So, far as of the 25th of October, there are only six clubs left to schedule an official visit. If your club is one of the six, your AG may be looking for a date from you to schedule. Thank you all who have hosted me so far.

Your warm hospitality and openness about your club's passion for humanitarian service has warmed my spirits. No matter what turmoil there is out there in the world and our communities, there is a group of ethical and service minded Rotarians who are at work making life and circumstances better for the many who need help and support. Thank you for showing me some of those very endeavors.

Yours in Service, Marcia Loughman, District Governor 2016-2017

APOLOGIES AND CORRECTION:

Please make a note clarifying District roles for Social Media and Rotary Public Image chairs. As Sandy Peoples is serving on the Crisis Management Committee, she serves as Public Image Chair. While Karen DeMatteo has been chairing (Editor) for our District Facebook page. Both of these Rotarians are excellent resources and certainly work together to support our interests for social media and Public Image and act on our behalf with integrity. Thank you both, Sandy and Karen and my apologies for this error in our directory.

Best regards Marcia Loughman DG

From the Editor's Laptop...

In the year-plus that I've been doing this newsletter, I've come to appreciate all those years as a newspaper editor and reporter working on deadline. As with most publications, much of your content comes in the stretch run, but more about that later.



I'm not here to cry and whine as indicated by the accompanying illustration I call "Crying Guy." I must admit that it was a struggle at first working with not only the unfamiliar Publisher software, but with a PC that differs from the Macs with which I have worked exclusively on the job and at home for so many years. Publisher does not provide a Mac version, so DG Barbara (now Past DG) who recruited me for the job, provided me with an aging Dell, which regularly threatened to go on strike but always came through under pressure. One

of her last official acts was to provide me, as newsletter editor, with a new HP laptop to use.

It has taken me a couple of months to become confident with the HP, which turned out to be so much unlike the Dell, especially with updated soft-

SEE, "FROM THE EDITOR," PAGE 20.



Rotary Club of the Stroudsburgs High School Senior Leadership Luncheon

Including the High Schools of Stroudsburg, East Stroudsburg North and South & Notre Dame

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Name Recognition Throughout Event
8 Tickets to Event

**Thursday November 17
11:30 AM Shawnee Inn**

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SERVICE Above Self

[The Rotary Club of Tunkhannock](#)

‘Josh the Otter’ Brings Lifesaving Message for Kids

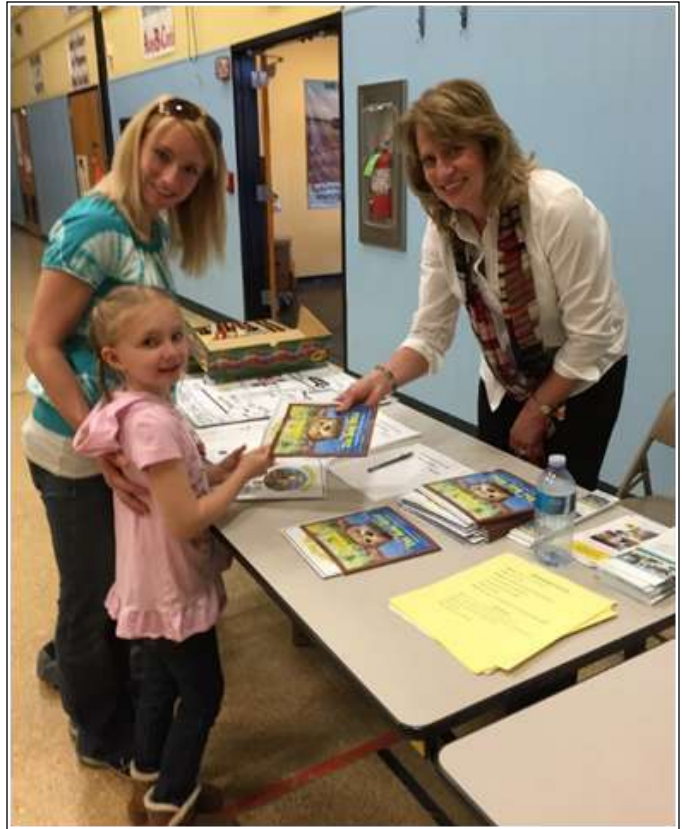
For the last four years, the Tunkhannock Rotary Club has partnered with H.A.N.D.S. (Helping Area Needs for Diverse Services) of Wyoming County to distribute Josh the Baby Otter water safety books to pre-school children.

The Tunkhannock Club became involved in this endeavor after two Wyoming County children lost their lives through drowning in their backyard swimming pools in a 1 month summer timeframe. Club secretary Carol Ziomek found this program through an advertisement from an authorized Rotary Supplier. She brought it to the attention of the Board of Directors, who immediately decided this was a project that could potentially save the lives of our most vulnerable population, our children. Since 2010, Rotarians have distributed thousands of Josh the Baby Otter books. The Tunkhannock Club is one of only two Rotary Clubs in Pennsylvania who are currently participating in this important project.

This program was created by the nonprofit Joshua Collingsworth Memorial Foundation (JCMF):

Parents Blake and Kathy Collingsworth honor the memory of their two-year-old son Joshua, who died on June 4, 2008 after falling into the family pool three days earlier. They believed they had every safety precaution in place, but the reality is that a drowning can occur in mere moments. After losing Joshua, they felt compelled to help reduce the dramatic numbers of deaths by drowning that occur in our country and around the world. The Joshua Collingsworth Memorial Foundation was created in July of 2008 to serve as a catalyst to strengthen water safety awareness and create an early childhood educational program. Their goal is to empower children to be safe in and around ALL bodies of water to prevent similar tragedies. The Josh the Otter Water Safety and Awareness Project is dedicated to teaching young children about water safety through the use of Josh the Baby Otter a book written by Blake. (<http://www.joshtheotter.org/>)

According to the CDC, drowning is the number one cause of accidental death for children between



Tunkhannock Rotarian Terry Furman (right) presents the Josh the Otter book to a young child and her mother at “Family Fun Night”.

the ages of one and four (Center for Disease Control & Prevention, 2008). The book was written to teach children to “stay away from water unless with an adult and to always swim with a buddy.” Over a million children have heard this message worldwide through the efforts of the JCMF and its partners (including Rotary).

Recently, the Josh the Otter Foundation asked Rotary Clubs to nominate their clubs for the 2016 Rotary Water Safety Advocacy Award. Tunkhannock Rotarian Terry Furman, who is also a Parents as Teachers Educator & National Trainer at H.A.N.D.S., wrote a piece on the Tunkhannock program and submitted it to the competition. Terry's piece and the accompanying photo (below) were selected for their "picture of the week" on

Active Adult Center Hosts Rotarians at Luncheon

On Oct 13, members of the Tunkhannock Rotary Club were the honored guests of the Wyoming County Active Adult Center at a luncheon to thank the Club for painting & updating the interior of the building. About 15 Rotarians worked on the project, which was a BYOB (bring your own brush) event. The funds for this project were realized at last year's Harvest & Wine Festival.

Although the club has traditionally funded a lot of programs for the youth in the community, no programs in recent years have been geared to predominantly benefit the senior members of the area. Rotarian Patty Ehrenzeller, who exercises at the Center, proposed this painting/spruce up project at the Center and led it to completion in Oct.

The Center members invited the Rotary Club to hold its regular Thursday meeting at the Center with lunch provided as a thank you. The three Tunkhannock exchange students (Stefano Sica from Italy, Andres Mendez Perez from Mexico and Sakulsap "Donut" Lakul from Thailand) gave updates on their recent activities and Rotarian Frank Oliver gave a presentation on the Drug Take Back Event on Oct 22.

As a treat, Tunkhannock Rotary President Ann Way arranged for members of the High School Chorus, under the direction of Tara Kasperowski, to come in and entertain with a choral concert followed by some "oldies but goodies" in a sing-along from the



Tunkhannock Rotarians held a weekly October at the Wyoming Active Adult Center where they received a big thank you for their efforts there.

Rotary Song Book. Although many of the teenage choral members had never heard of some of the songs before they began practicing them, members of the audi-

ence loved being taken back in time by some old standards like "Let me call you sweetheart", "I've Been Working on the Railroad" and "The Band Played On".

JOSH THE OTTER

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Sept 30 on their Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/joshtheotter/?ref=nf>).

"The Tunkhannock Rotary Club has been distributing "Josh the Otter" books for the past four years in the Tunkhannock Area School District. By establishing a partnership with H.A.N.D.S (Helping area needs for diverse services) of Wyoming County, we have successfully placed this in the hands of parents with young children. In the spring of each year H.A.N.D.S of Wyoming County hosts a "Family Fun Night" for children entering kindergarten. The

Rotary Club is one of the resource tables at this event. A Rotarian gives each child a book and asks each parent to take the water safety pledge with their child. The parents love that the book includes a CD and the children love the coloring book and the stickers! Furthermore, parents can sign up to take CPR/First Aide classes and they are given information on swimming classes for their children at the local high school. The Rotary Club is grateful for the opportunity to share this wonderful book with families in their community."

Rotary Club of the Abingtons

Fundraising Tastefully in the Abingtons

BY EILEEN CHRISTIAN

At the Taste of the Abingtons, held the first Sunday of October at the Ramada Inn, the classy tone was set in the lobby when the sounds of the grand piano, played by Kenny McGraw, were heard by crowds of people. The Twelfth Annual Taste had begun. Local restaurants, caterers and markets set up mini stations and served bites of their best food in the spacious dining rooms of the Ramada.

The Inn sparkled with large floral bouquets of purples and greens in exotic décor. Pumpkins had no jack o lantern faces but rather an elegant look, painted shiny in gold and silver. The double ball room opened up with our own past president and past district governor, Gus Vlassis, giving information and welcoming all to the event.

The Mark Nolan Trio played throughout the afternoon, adding to the party ambience. Round tables and chairs were set off in one area for friends to gather and offer opinions on the various foods presented.

Cooper's Restaurant has been with us every year. They do not actually serve their famous crab bisque, that chore has been done by our Rotary Past President Roger Mattis. When he was out of the country this year on Rotary business, his wife, Jackie, took over the job of serving the popular

soup.

Thirteen Olives gave out slices of a walnut mousse cake, all made with olive oil. Sidel's from Scranton showed off their Chicken Scarpaletti; while Jambalaya was given away by the Sunrise Café and La Tonalteca served tacos. Crab was featured by several restaurants, Fern Hall Inn, Wise Markets and Gerrity's. Pasta was set out by chefs, Penne Vodka by Abbiocco; and Pasta with Kale and Pine nuts by A Little Pizza Heaven. A second station set up by Wise Markets showed off their confections, decorated to perfection.

Wines were sipped from tiny cups through the courtesy of Capra Colina and Bartolai Wineries. Patrons not only tasted the varieties of wine but also were treated to beer by Boys & a Beer'd. Throughout the afternoon in this sipping room, we were treated to outstanding guitar music.

Our High School students in the Interact Club brought their families and helped set up. The local Boy Scouts, one of our many charities, ably assisted in the event.

All of this gala event was planned and directed by our Vice President, Laurie Stevens.

She is a graphic designer by trade and a generous Rotarian. She designed a holding plate so



Vice President Laurie Stevens

that as eager patrons stopped by for food bites, they could set them on an attractive plate and leisurely nibble as they strolled through the Inn. Her management of all the details of this fund raiser showed in the success of the Wine Pull, the silent auction and the smooth execution of this classy Fall social event.

As Rotarians we work free. We even buy a ticket as we work to help our cause. And extraordinary causes they are. First our international goal continues to be the eradication of polio in the world. We also raise money for the Salvation Army, who uses that charity for local people at risk. Boy Scouts receive our help, dictionaries are given to every third grader, the highway is cleaned up and the community enjoys the Fireworks

SEE "ABINGTONS," NEXT PAGE.

[The Rotary Club of Dallas](#)

Signs in Dallas Make It Safer for Deaf Children

The Dallas Rotary Club recently purchased two signs to help keep the children safe at the Dallas Elementary School. The purpose of the signs is to warn motorists that there are deaf children on the school grounds and to slow down for their safety. There is a lot of car and bus traffic at the beginning and end of the day, and the hearing impaired children cannot hear the vehicles around them.

The signs are located at the entrance driveway of the school grounds, and the other is at the drop off area near the building. The signs were the idea of Jason Jolley, President of the Dallas Rotary Club. Principal Tom Traver and other school officials quickly got on board, and the two signs were placed just in time for the new school year to begin. They were installed by the school maintenance department. Principal Traver and school resource officer, Gina Kotowski, are grateful for the signs, and they have already seen a visible difference in the flow of traffic around the school once people learn about the hearing impaired children at the school. The hearing impaired program director, Sue Zerfoss, indicated that children come from as far away as Hazleton and Tunkhannock to take advantage of this pre-school program for the hearing impaired.



Dallas Twp. Police Chief Robert Jolley, Dallas Rotary President Jason Jolley, program participant Fiona Pungitore, and Dallas Elementary School Principal Tom Traver stand at one of the two signs.



Jean and Paul Manning dish out Manning's ice cream at the Taste of the Abingtons.

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Display on the 4th.

All of these goals are carried out in a spirit of cooperation and friendship. Perhaps you are looking for a way to do good and make friends. If so, join the Rotary Club of the Abingtons. You are invited to a Thursday lunch meeting at the Ramada Inn. Call me for details 570 563 1171.



Dallas Rotary Club Hosts District Governor's Visit

On Thursday, October 6, the Rotary Club of Dallas hosted the Cluster 7 visit from District Governor, Marcia Loughman. Her heartfelt message and stated goals were well received by the large number of Rotarians in attendance from numerous clubs in the area. From left are

Kingston President Dave Tarantini, Pittston Rotarian and Assistant Governor John John, District Governor Marcia Loughman, Pittston President Jackie Hoover-Darby, Plymouth President Dave Yefko, Dallas President Jason Jolley, Plains President Alan Bartoli.

Rotary Club of Wyalusing Area Clay Bird Shoot!

- November 6th 2016
- 12 - 4 P.M.
- Pay at event: \$20
- Registration @ 11
- Tri-County Sportsman Club Silvara.
- Snacks Available.
- Shells Available: 12 & 20 Ga., \$6.00/box.
- Trophy Awards Include: Adult Male, Adult Female, and Youth.



For more information contact: Ken Wahlers at (570) 575-4977 or kwahlers@arrowunited.com

Rotary Club of The Stroudsburgs

Rotarians Reach Out to Disabled Veterans

At a club assembly on October 6, Leslie Underhill (Stroudsburg Club) and John Rocchio (Stroudsburg Satellite Club) – along with several other club members - received recognition as sponsors of Project Healing Waters.

Project Healing Waters is "dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of disabled active military service personnel and disabled veterans through fly fishing and associated activities including

education and outings."

The event took place at the home of Rotarian Ray Starner in Stroudsburg on July 6.

Also at the assembly, a friendly competition to see who knows the most about Rotary paired a senior Rotarian with a newer Rotarian for a trivia contest. First place went to Doug Smith and Kirby Upright (below left) with President Karen DeMatteo) and second to Dennis Jeter and Frank Herting (below right).



Leslie Underhill and John Rocchio were among Stroudsburg Rotarians recognized by Operation Healing Waters.

Buzz Bensinger, Past Club President, Dies at Age 95

Buzz Bensinger, Past President of the Rotary Club of the Stroudsburgs, passed away on Oct. 24 at the age of 95.

Born Alexander Loder Bensinger and known to all as "Buzz," he was an East Stroudsburg native and a practicing attorney for more than six decades before retiring in 2012. He enjoyed public service and served as Monroe County Solicitor as well as solicitor for the East Stroudsburg and Pocono Mountain School Districts.

He also served his country as a Medic with the U.S. Army Air Force after graduating from Dartmouth in 1944. He went on to earn his law degree

from the Temple University School of Law.

He was a member and past president of the Monroe County Bar Association, Pennsylvania School Board Solicitors Association, Pocono Mountains Chamber of Commerce, Stroudsburg Rotary Club, Monroe County Crippled Children and Adult Association and the Monroe County YMCA, where he was also Chairman of Trustees. He was also a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association and the Estate Planning Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania. See his obituary at <http://www.pocnorecord.com/obituaries/20161026/alexander-loder-buzz-bensinger>.



Final Push – Calling Rotarians Volunteers

Routine Immunization @ Agra India*

Immunization Dates	Trips Dates
2016 : 15 th October	13 th – 23 rd October 2016
2016 : 19 th November	17 th – 27 th November 2016
2016 : 10 th December	08 th – 18 th December 2016
2017 : 7 th January	05 th - 15 th Jan 2017

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

* *Excludes international and domestic flights.*

For more information and a full itinerary please contact
Rotarian Charles Hardy at charlois@mweb.co.za

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





Our Clubs in Action

The Rotary Club of Honesdale



Salut! Honesdale Rotarian Richelle Stephens is pictured at last year's dinner inviting all to sample and help a good cause. This year's dinner is November 5th at Honesdale High School.

They'll Be Savoring Flavors with "World on a Fork"

Come savor flavors from around the globe at The Honesdale Rotary's International Flavors Dinner on Saturday, November 5th at Honesdale High School, from 5:30pm - 7:30pm. Attendees will enjoy food from Mexico, India, Italy and many more countries cooked up by local restaurants and Rotarians.

As one Rotarian put it, "It's like having the world on the tip of your fork!"

The event is chaired this year by

Stephen Moulton, with help from Laurie Harrington. Both agree the dinner is a great way to taste different cuisines at a reasonable price.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children. It's also a great way for Rotarians to share their own "international" story.

Monies raised help support both international and local projects. In the past few years, Honesdale Rotary has

helped the Honesdale Little Baseball Association. Treasure House, the Honesdale Emergency Food Pantry, and international efforts such as contributing to shelter boxes for victims of natural disasters.

Honesdale Rotary also raises funds for Rotary International's program to eradicate polio worldwide. Since 1988, the incidence of polio globally has decreased 99 percent!

[Rotary Club of Tunkhannock](#)

Rain Stays Away for Most of Wine Festival Day

Despite the threat of rain, well over 3,200 people attended this year's successful Tunkhannock Rotary Harvest & Wine Festival at Lazybrook Park in Tunkhannock Township on Saturday, Oct 8. Due to overcrowding and safety concerns last year with over 4,100 attendees, the organizing committee decided to limit the number of tickets sold to allow for a more manageable crowd, ensuring that everyone had a great time and could more easily access all the vendors. Tickets were only sold in advance online and at several local businesses. No tickets were available at the gate of the sold-out festival.

Due to the threat of afternoon rain, people began lining up for entry 2 hours before the gate opened at 11 AM. Each attendee received a commemorative wine glass. Luckily, the rain held off until 4:50 PM (Festival closed at 5 PM), so a great day was had by all.

(SEE, "WINEFEST," PAGE 16.)



Views of Wine Festival from ground level (above) and overhead (below).



At left, Rotarians Norm Werkheiser and Jon Buxton giving out commemorative wine glasses to tasters. Elsewhere on the grounds, Rotarians Ruth Gorski and Harry Sharpe spread the word at the Rotary Booth.



The
Rotary
Foundation



District 7410 Foundation Event

November 12, 2016

Ramada Inn

820 Northern Boulevard, Clarks Summit PA

Time: 5:30 Cash Bar; 6:00 event

Place/Menu: House Salad

Chicken Marsala in a Mushroom Marsala Wine Sauce

Baked Haddock in a Lemon Beurre Blanc

Vegetarian Entrée

Chef's Choice of Starch Accompaniment

Seasonal Vegetable

Fresh Rolls & Butter

Dessert

Coffee, Decaf, Hot Tea & Water Service

Price: \$30.00

Sponsors:

One Level or 3 Levels – Gold \$500, Silver \$250, Bronze \$100

Speaker: Rotary Foundation Trustee Bryn Styles

Trustee 2015-17

Rotary Club of Barrie-Huron, Ontario, Canada

Bryn Styles was owner and president of two retail pharmacies, which he operated in



partnership with his spouse starting in 1980. He is a member of the Ontario Pharmacists Association and has served as a member of the National Board of the YMCA.

A Rotarian since 1986, Styles has served as Council on Legislation representative, RI president's representative, regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, district governor, and Rotary International Director. Bryn received RI's Service Above Self Award and The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service. He and his wife, Randy, are Major Donors, members of the Foundation's Bequest Society and Arch Klumph Society.

Program: Awards or presentations

Registration: with Jerry Reisch at gjroi@aol.com by November 1, 2016. Mail registration to Jerry at: 633 Miller St. Rear, Luzerne, PA 18709



**District 7410 Rotary Foundation Dinner
November 12, 2016
Ramada Inn Clark Summit**

5:30 pm Cash Bar; 6 pm Dinner

RESERVATION INFORMATION

Cost \$30 per person

Name _____ Badge Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____, State __, Zip ____
 Phone _____, E-mail _____
 Rotary Club of _____

Meal Selection: Indicate number of meal selected

Chicken Marsala Baked Haddock Vegetarian

Guest Information:	Name	Badge Name
1.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____
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Table of 8 Reservation Information

Guest Information:	Name	Badge Name
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**Mail completed form and check in the amount of \$30 per person made payable to:
 Rotary District 7410 to Gerald Reisch 633 Miller St. Rear Luzerne, PA 18709.**

Deadline for making a reservation is November 7, 2016.

Rotary Club of Tunkhannock

WINEFEST...

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Eleven wineries were represented, along with approximately 50 food and craft vendors. The bands AM Radio and the Idol Kings entertained throughout the day and had everyone dancing in the fields.

The Tunkhannock Rotary Club thanks everyone who attended the Festival, our sponsors and most especially our fellow Rotarians and their families that made this event possible. Thanks also to members of other Rotary Clubs, inside and outside our District, who attended this event. We hope everyone had a great time.

The Festival is the major annual fund-raiser for the Tunkhannock Club and helps fund programs that benefit the local community (e.g. Drug Take Back Outreach, dictionaries for 3rd graders, Tunkhannock Public Library, Dietrich Theater, Victims Resources, HANDS, etc.), as well as, international projects (e.g. polio eradication, exchange students, disaster relief, bikes for Indian school girls, etc.).



Singing Some Golden Oldies

Members of the Tunkhannock Area High School Chorus entertain Tunkhannock Rotarians and members of the Wyoming County Active Adult Center with songs popular decades ago. Rotary Club members were invited to a luncheon at the center in appreciation for the many improvements they made there. See the article on page five.

Exchange Student from Italy Named 'Athlete of Week' in Tunkhannock

On Oct 12, the *Wyoming County Press Examiner* newspaper named its Athlete of the Week and it was Stefano Sica, Tunkhannock Rotary exchange student from Naples, Italy. Stefano is a member of the Tunkhannock High School Soccer Team and scored a hat trick (three goals in a single game) in the Oct 6 game, which led the Tunkhannock Tigers from a deficit en route to a victory over Crestwood. For the season, Stefano is second on the team with 13 goals.

He was featured in a special story in the Oct 12 edition of the



Stefano Sica – Athlete of the Week (Wyo Co. Press Examiner)

newspaper where he was interviewed about his biggest role model, post-graduation plans and the transition coming to Tunkhannock from Naples, Italy, among other questions (<http://wcexaminer.com/sports/athlete-of-the-week-stefano-sica-1.2102516>).



The Rotary Club of Hazleton



Hazleton Rotarians planning for their annual spaghetti fundraiser are (from left) Tim Genetti, Lani Drob-nock, Donna Barna, Dinner Co-Chair Sharon Farver, Rotary President Pat Ward, Foster Dale, Genetti's Catering, and Dinner Co-Chair Patrick Genetti

Rotarians Serve Spaghetti to Fund Scholarships

The Hazleton Rotary Club hosted its annual spaghetti dinner on Wednesday, October 28 at Genetti Catering. Dinner included salad, spaghetti, meatballs, dessert and coffee and tea. Take outs were also available.

For the first time at this event, patrons were also able to purchase chances for a variety of tricky trays.

"The proceeds from the dinner will help fund the Hazleton Rotary Club's Annual Scholarship Award presented to area seniors," said Dinner co-chair Sharon Farver. "Each scholarship awarded will have a total value of \$4,000 to be disbursed \$1,000 per year for a maximum of four years".

"We were very pleased that for the first time we were able to offer scholarships to three area students this past year. We sincerely appreciate the support of Greater Hazleton area residents who attend our spaghetti dinners and help us continue this successful program" com-

ments Ron Avellino, Rotary Club President.

Applications will be available in the spring of 2016 for seniors in a public or private high school located within the geographic boundaries of the Hazleton Area School District. See your high school guidance counselor at that time for complete information.



Ghost Walks

In March Chunk

Enjoy intriguing tales of lore of reported ghoulish encounters and stories of historic properties and people along Broadway in Jim Thorpe.

The one mile round trip walks start in the basement of the Inn at Jim Thorpe, 24 Broadway. Led by a costumed storyteller, the walks, all outside, last about an hour, unless the spirits have other ideas!

Walks are generally planned for Fridays at 7 p.m. and Saturdays at 7 & 8:30, September-December. See our website for a complete list of dates and times. Walks are subject to change if the spirits call for rain.

Although walk-ins are always welcome, space on each walk is limited, so call the number below to reserve your spot. Private walks may be available on certain dates and times. Call for more information.

Look for your GhostHost in the basement of the Inn at Jim Thorpe to purchase tickets 15 minutes before walk time. First come, first served, without reservations which are strongly suggested. Knowledgeable individuals are welcome to share their own experiences.

Adults: \$12

Children: 7-12: \$6

Not recommended for
children under 7 years old.

jimthorperotary.org/ghostwalks.cfm

484-464-1487

The Rotary Club of Hawley

Hawley Rotary Kicks Off End Polio Now Week

As a start to the End Polio Now Week, Hawley Rotary hosted a Polio Walk event open to all Rotarians. Held on Sunday, October 23rd, the Polio Walk crossed Wallenpaupack Dike and travelled along the Lake Wallenpaupack Trail. Although it was a chilly and windy day, walkers proudly wore their End Polio Now shirts over winter jackets.

Sponsorships from the Hawley Rotary walkers alone yielded \$792 toward the Polio campaign for 2016-2017.

Many of those who sponsored were made aware of the Rotary 30-year record to eradicate polio and were unaware that the disease still existed in the world in 2016.



Hawley Rotary walkers and staff for the Kick-off to End Polio Now Week include (standing) President Laurie Frank, Treasurer Missy Wilkins, Richard Bowling, Jim Pierce, Millie Espino, Roy Kropp, Juan Espino and Melanie Tek-Visgilio. Kneeling are Tom Visgilio, Michelle Biscardi and Bonnie Carney.

The Rotary Club of Sayre



Dictionaries Delivered in Sayre

The Rotary Club of Sayre recently distributed dictionaries to each third grade student in the Sayre Area School District. This is one of many community service projects undertaken by the club annually, and included students from H. Austin Snyder Elementary School (top), and Epiphany School. Basic education and literacy is one of the six areas of focus that are priorities for all Rotary Clubs. The Rotary Club of Sayre welcomes guests to its weekly luncheon held every Tuesday at 12:10 pm at the Rail House Restaurant in Waverly,

The Rotary Club of Dallas



Dictionaries Go to Third-Graders

All third grade students in the Back Mountain area schools were recently given their own copy of a student dictionary. The Dallas Rotary Club dictionary project committee, chaired by Rotarian Ken Chapple, distributed more than 350 books to Dallas and Lake-Lehman School District students.

The third grade teachers, school principals and students welcomed the Rotarians and thanked them for their dedication to literacy and education.

In photo above, Rotarians delivered dictionaries to all third grade students in the Dallas Area School District. Seated are Logan Spencer, Olivia Zawatski. Standing from left are Rotarians Art Peoples, John Rhodes, Jerry Reisch, Principal Tom Traver, and Teacher Mrs. Palfey. Dictionaries were also delivered to Lake Lehman third-graders.

New Rotarians

District 7410 — 2016 Club Data

Abingtons Christopher Calvey
 Gary Lyons
 Montrose Julie Lewis
 Tracy Zeller
 Pocono Mountains Derek Gorman
 Eric Noone
 Alex Price
 Tunkhannock Jodi Crimmel
 Maylene Gregory
 Wade Linden

Club	Total Mem.	New Mem.	Attend. %
Abingtons	56	2	
Athens	16		
Athens	11		71.02%
Dallas	44		48.00%
Dunmore	13		70.00%
Forest City Area	12		80.60%
Freeland	10		
Hamlin	36		40.55%
Hawley	20		54.00%
Hazleton	83		44.40%
Honesdale	37		41.00%
Jim Thorpe	25		46.00%
Kingston	21		68.00%
Lehighton	9		
Mid-Valley	3		66.00%
Milford-Matamoras	24		65.00%
Montrose	20	2	
Mountaintop	21		
Mt. Pocono	20		
New Milford	16		
Newfoundland	39		66.54%
North Pocono	19		
North Scranton	24		83.00%
Pittston	16		36.00%
Plains	19		55.00%
Plymouth	22		
Pocono Mountains	22	3	
Sayre	20		57.00%
Scranton	38		0.00%
Slate Belt Rotary	26		70.00%
Smithfields	21		47.62%
Stroudsburgs	100		67.71%
Towanda	14		
Trail (Factoryville)	17		
Troy	25		
Tunkhannock	66	3	
Weatherly	10		
Wellsboro	44		0.00%
West End	17		
Wilkes-Barre	30		
Winola	15		
Wyalusing Area	27		
Wyoming Rotary	19		61.00%

From the Editor...

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ware, that I stuck with the Dell for another several months. The Dell, I am happy (and relieved) to report, didn't let me down.

One of the changes made under DG Barbara (and continued with DG Marcia) was that a monthly newsletter should come out on the first day on the month. It seems that a number of the clubs would understandably not think of sending something in for the November newsletter, let's say, until some time around November. That made it tough on Sandy and Brenda to get the newsletter out soon enough to get ahead of upcoming events that fell in the first half of the month.

I am pleased to say that the word has apparently gone out that we need articles, photos and flyers with at least a few days remaining in the month. I try to get the pdf version to Brenda by the last day of the previous month, and she sends it out to all of you via email on the first day of the month of the newsletter. Obviously, there will be late breaking stuff to report so, if possible, give me (wes@skillunlimited.com) or Brenda a head's up so we know it's coming.

If I don't hear from you by the last day of the month, it will probably be too late. Whenever you are dealing with numerous emails containing dozens or articles, captions and photos, mistakes and oversights may be made. Last month, for example, we had to send out a revised edition of the newsletter, because I apparently missed an important flyer.

So far I haven't turned into a Crying Guy, and I don't even whine that much. — **Editor Wes**



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