



News from District 7410

Welcome...

November 2018



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Letter from the District Governor

The year is flying by! We are already in the second quarter of our fiscal year, and a number of things have happened. Most exciting is the creation of our Youth Programs Committee. Please read about it in the related article in this newsletter. For the first time all of our youth programs will be united under one roof. This will aid each group in recruitments, continuity, and helping hands, while avoiding conflicting interests. Heather Piperato will head this group. If you would like to help her out feel free to contact her.



Our nominations committee is still looking for people willing to help out in our future leadership of the district. I know that most



Rotarians have overwhelming schedules and are reluctant to add to them, but, as they say, “when you need something done, ask a busy person.” Most urgently we need a new Assistant Governor from the Northern Tier clubs in Cluster 1. These clubs include Athens, Sayre, Towanda, Wellsboro, and Troy. If you’re interested please call me.

Many of our Clusters have had Cluster Activities throughout the summer and fall. Let’s keep it up! The more we do group activities, the better we get to know Rotarians outside of our own clubs. This will lead to better participation and more fun in all activities in the future.

What an incredible fundraiser Tunkhannock had this past month at their annual Wine Festival! Thousands of people participated, and the weather held out for the most part to make this event, by far, the most successful fundraiser of the year. Congrats to the entire Tunkhannock club. There were also a number of events celebrating World Polio Day on October 24th, most notably the Slate Belt club, courtesy of Klingel’s farm in Saylorsburg. Hazelton had their Wine & Beer Festival and Car & Truck Show. Newfoundland had a Brew & Brats night. Jim Thorpe frightened the public with their Ghost-walk Tours. On a more serious note Hamlin club sponsored a public forum

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on Heroin and Opioid Abuse. Of course there also were countless other events too numerous to mention.

The Rotary Leadership Institute once again educated our Rotarians on the exciting world of Rotary. This is an essential tool in learning the ins and outs of Rotary, and I would highly recommend it to anyone seeking to take on a leadership position in the future.

Many new members have joined our district clubs. Let's all make a point in asking at least one person to visit your club on some activity and exposing them to the incredible work that we do throughout the world and within our communities.

Thank you one and all for the work that you do.

Thank you for being Rotarians!

Roger



November 6

District Governor Nominations

Open Oct. 1, End on Nov. 30

Dear Presidents and Secretaries of the Clubs of District 7410:

It is time again to start the nomination process and selection of the next District Governor Nominee to serve as Governor in 2021-2022. Nominations open October 1, 2018 and Close on November 30, 2018.

This critical Leadership role for the district is our leadership link to RI and serves as our key officer for the Rotary year. The one outstanding critical criteria is that the individual must be a past President of a Rotary Club. Attached find the application form for those who might be interested in putting his/her hat in the ring.

Note: An individual nominee has to have the sign-off and support from his/her club and be a member in good standing. The Nominating committee will interview all candidates and select the best one they feel can perform the Leadership role. This year the Committee is made up of myself, as chair, and Tom Visgilio and Melanie Tek as PDGs and members from the following Clubs:

Wellsboro
Tunkhannock
Milford-Matamoras
Mount Pocono
North Pocono
Weatherly
Wilkes Barre

Anyone with questions can reach me by email or by text or mobile call.

Note also that we are seeking (1) 2 year nominee for the District Finance Committee and (1) 3 year nominee for the District Finance Committee at the same time as we are seeking the DGN. This process is less formal, but anyone who would like to serve should also contact me and put forward a letter requesting consideration. There is no formal application form... but a Club reference as a member in good standing would be necessary.

Best regards,
Marcia Loughman, PDG, Nominating Committee Chair

Club Completes 21 Years of Roadside Cleanup

On Saturday Oct 20, members of the Tunkhannock Rotary, family and both inbound exchange students (Andrzej Swietek (Andrew) from Poland and Joao Guilherme Tonet-Oldoni (John) from Brazil) turned out for the semi-annual roadside cleanup event.

Although the Club investigated the possibility of participating in the Adopt a Highway Program in 1994, it was not until 1997 that the Club decided to join this program when the 2 mile stretch of Route 6 from the Fireplace Restaurant to Russell Hill became available for adoption.

For the last 21 years, twice a year, usually in the Spring and Fall, Tunkhannock Rotarians clean-up both sides of the roadside along Route 6 from the Fireside Restaurant to beyond Route 87 towards Meshoppen.

Although much of the material found is garbage and debris, other



Tunkhannock Rotarians, Family and Exchange Students Participating in Fall Roadside Cleanup

more interesting things have also been found such as money, shoes, pants, tires and miscellaneous items. All money found is donated to the Club.

As seen in the photo below, PennDOT recently erected signage thanking Tunkhannock Rotary for its over 20 years of road side clean up service to help "Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful".



Harvest & Wine Festival Enjoys Another Successful Year

Eight months of planning and many, many volunteer man-hours culminated with over 3,600 people attending this year's successful 11th annual Tunkhannock Rotary Harvest & Wine Festival at Lazybrook Park in Tunkhannock Township on Saturday, Oct 13. Attendees were limited to those 21 years of age or older.

As usual and in spite of rainy and muddy conditions early in the day, people began lining up for entry two hours before the gate opened at 11 AM to ensure they had the best choice of spots in the infield in front

of the band stage. Upon entry, each attendee received a commemorative wine glass.

Twelve wineries were represented, along with approximately 45 food and craft vendors. For the first time, Nimble Hill also had some of their craft beers available.

The bands Popstar Drive (formerly AM Radio) and Infiniti took turns entertaining throughout the day and had everyone dancing in the fields.

A special thanks to District Governor Roger Mattes and Jackie,

DGE Karen DeMatteo, PDG Karin Susan Breitlauch and District Foundation Chair Mary Ellen Bentler for taking time out of their busy schedules to attend.

Kiwanians Participate

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. This year Tunkhannock Rotarians were joined by several Tunkhannock Kiwanians, who helped with directing the parking for

Rotary Club of the Wyalusing Area

Rotarians Join in World War I Commemoration

This November 11th is the 100th anniversary year of the end of the “war to end all wars”, WWI. Of course, as we all know, as bloody and terrible as that war was, it was not the war to end all wars. We have been embroiled in several military conflicts and even a second world war in the 100 years that have passed.

Elaine Poost, Executive Director of the Bradford County Regional Arts Council (BCRAC). Decided to acknowledge the anniversary of the end of WWI. With a special event. Poost, who is also President of the Wyalusing Area Rotary Club, announces that BCRAC will offering a free showing at all three theatres on Sunday, November 11, 2018 of the movie, “Joyeux Noel”. It is a story from the first Christmas of the war, before the United States entered the conflict. Of course, many believed at the start of that war that it would “be over by Christmas”

The three theaters are located in Towanda (Keystone Theatre), Canton (Rialto Theatre) and Sayre (Sayre Theatre).

Story of Remembrance Poppy Told...

The movie is based on the Christmas truce of 1914, which took place along the front lines. An act of treason some believe, but also a story worth telling, that even in the constraints of war, we can find humanity in one another.

The war continued on for another three years, and from that war, the tradition of the remembrance poppy was begun, inspired by the World War I poem “In Flanders Fields”. The opening lines refer to the poppies that grew from the soldiers’ graves in Flanders, Belgium

“I grew up spending many Veterans’ Days alongside my grandfather selling the red poppies,” Poost recalls. “I did it to spend time with him. He did it to remember his brother who came home a stretcher patient and died soon after.”

BCRAC plans to offer the poppies in our lobbies on November 11th in exchange for donations on behalf of the VFW and American Legion to whom we have reached and are requested permission.”

The Wyalusing Area Rotary Club will be joining the BCRAC on November 11th to help in the red poppy efforts. Local clubs are invited to join in offering the red poppies at each of the three historic BCRAC theaters.



An invitation has been extended to the veterans from the local VFWs and American Legion Posts as well as all veterans and their families, to provide a color guard on that day to honor their service and time.

“Please consider our invitation and join us on this day. Please respond to me at this email or by phone at the BCRAC office at 570.268.2787. We look forward to your response and participation,” Poost concluded “Thank you for your dedication to the Rotary commitment to service above self in the pursuit of a more peaceful world.”

The Rotary Club of Hamlin



A panel of professionals educate an audience on virtually every aspect of the heroin and opioid crisis at a forum hosted by the Hamlin Rotary Club at Lake Elementary.

Panel Touches All Bases in Opioid/Heroin Forum

On October 16, 2018 The Rotary Club of Hamlin Lake Ariel gathered a panel of six professionals who deal on a regular basis with the issue of heroin and opioid abuse in our community. Serving as panelists were Wayne County District Attorney Patrick Robinson, Chief Detective Peter Hower with the Wayne County Drug Task Force and Deputy Coroner Bob Morcom. They were joined by Jeff Zerechak, Director of Wayne County Drug and Alcohol, Eric Gremminger, COO of Sanctuary Health Group which operates Lake Ariel Recovery, and RN Ashley Parry, an ER nurse from CMC and member of Hamlin Ambulance.

The Moderator for the evening was John Giguere, owner of Capital Insurance Works and member of the Hamlin Lake Ariel Rotary.

More than 75 people filled the room at Lake Elementary to hear how the epidemic has increasingly affected our area and what is being done to combat the problem. According to Detective Hower, a state-wide database is being created to prevent people from "Doctor Shopping" to get opioid pain medications which, for some, is a starting point for addiction.

Intervention Deemed Essential

DA Robinson discussed the issue of family member's reluctance to report for fear of getting the loved one in trouble by pointing out that once using, that person is "already in trouble" and intervention is necessary.

The drug Fentanyl has been detected with increasing regularity in the heroin tested. This extremely potent drug is blamed for an in-

crease in deaths and adverse reactions, including to police and responders who do not have a tolerance.

Nurse Parry described the physical symptoms of abuse-- clammy skin, pinpoint pupils, weight loss, poor hygiene, apathy-- but also pointed out that an overdose, characterized by shallow or no breathing and loss of consciousness requires immediate medical care. She also talked about some of the dangers first responders may face when entering into a scene with overdosed victims. Mr. Zerechak spoke of the services his agency can provide in getting people seeking rehab find placement and for those in financial need, the insurance they may need to start recovery.

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Eric Gremminger spoke of the need to reduce the stigma of addiction and to use a holistic approach to the person including his physical, emotional, financial and family relationship health. That is the basis for his approach to sustainable recovery. Deputy Coroner Morcom was asked to share how addiction and overdose death affect the community. He shared a story of entering a home where 2 people had died from overdose to finding the couple's parent holding their 4 month old daughter who had just been discharged from the hospital after being born addicted. He says the image stays with him to this day.

During the audience Q&A, an important fact came to light revolving around the issue of reporting overdoses. A law is now in place in Pennsylvania intended to save lives through which an OD victim cannot be arrested. If an overdose is suspected, 911 should be called immediately. There will be no repercussions



sions to the victim or caller.

A short debate on the availability and use of Narcan followed during the Q&A session. Narcan is available through local pharmacies and administration training is available. One participant felt that accessibility to Narcan makes it easier for users to take chances. The increase of fentanyl being cut with heroin makes Narcan less potent and repeated doses may be required.

One of the final images of the evening was a mother sharing the story of her son's 11th attempt at rehab. She begged audience members not to judge because, after all, everyone is someone's someone.

Rotary Becomes Target for Internet Scammers

The following warning comes from Rick Kick RI Chief Information Officer.

Rotary recently learned that scammers have created multiple communication and social media accounts that impersonate RI President Barry Rassin, RI President-elect Mark Maloney, General Secretary John Hewko and perhaps other Rotary leaders. The communication accounts include or involve email, WhatsApp and Viber. The social media accounts have been on LinkedIn, Twitter and Facebook.

These are not authentic Rotary communications. They are phishing and spoofing attempts to obtain

money and personal information. The perpetrators may attempt to convince Rotary members to send funds to support alleged Rotary causes.

Rotary monitors for and responds to these attempts as part of an ongoing effort to keep member, program participant, and staff data safe. We also work with LinkedIn, Twitter, Facebook, and WhatsApp to remove imposter accounts.

Neither the accounts of President Rassin, President-elect Maloney nor General Secretary Hewko have been compromised. Rotary members should continue to exercise caution:

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the Festival attendees. Tunkhannock Rotarians helped the Kiwanis with their food booth at the 2018 Wyoming County Community Fair and the Kiwanians repaid Rotary by helping with the Festival. 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, etc.).



In photo above are (from left) Trixie & George Gay, Jackie & DG Roger Mattes, Mary Ellen Bentler, DGE Karen DeMatteo, Norm Kelly (in back) and Al Noble.

At right are President Mike Markovitz (left) with Festival Chair Ron Furman and some of the attendees at the 2018 Festival below.



You're Invited!



November 17th, 2018

Radisson Lackawanna Station, 700 Lackawanna Ave, Scranton, PA 18503

Come Celebrate the Rotary Foundation!

10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Brief presentations highlighting how Rotary Foundation grants
are making a difference right here in our District!

Polio Plus • District Grants • Global Grants

Watch for more FUN announcements to come!

A Scrumptious Lunch and Recognition

featuring

Paul Harris Fellow Recognition

Speaker - Trustee Julia Phelps

RRFC Russell P. deFuria

\$25 per person

Register Online at the District 7410 website or contact Brenda Allen.

<https://portal.clubrunner.ca/50202>

Questions? Mary Ellen Bentler 570.499.8901, District Foundation Chair

The Rotary Club of Sayre



Food for Thought Backpacks

Sayre Rotary is pleased to anonymously sponsor a student from the Athens Area School District through the Food for Thought Backpack program of the Encounter Church. The sponsorship will provide nutritional meals to a student for the entire year over week-ends and school vacations. Shown in the photo are Jeff Paul (left) Sayre Rotary President and Pastor Dan Walker (right) of Encounter Church. In addition to the sponsorship, Sayre Rotarians recently joined members of the Encounter Church on one of their packing nights and stuffed backpacks with non-perishable food items for students in need of week-end meals. This program serves a great need in our area and the members of Sayre Rotary would like to encourage any person or organization that is able, to support this program by contacting the Encounter Church through their Food for Thought Face Book page or contact John Toscano at Lynch Bustin Elementary School. Donations can also be made through www.Encounterchurchpa.com/give.

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Disregard any suspicious message that offers money, requests money, or asks for your personal information.

Avoid opening attachments or following links in suspicious messages.

Pay close attention to the details of the email address and signature block to verify the sender.

If you receive what you believe to be a suspicious message from the president, general secretary, or another Rotary leader, please forward

to fraudreport@rotary.org and then delete it immediately.

Spreading the Words To Local Third-Graders

The Sayre Rotary club 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 H. Austin Snyder Elementary School and Epiphany School.

Basic education and literacy is one of six Areas of Focus of Rotary. These "Areas" are what Rotary emphasizes in their attempt to help those less fortunate and to provide better living environments in our world.

The other Areas are Disease Prevention and Treatment, Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution, Water and Sanitation, Maternal and Child Health, and Economic and Community Development. Rotary recognizes that basic literacy is a pre-condition to the development of peace..



Distributing dictionaries at Snyder Elementary School (above) and the Epiphany School below.



Ghost Walks

In March & April

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

484-629-3698

Remaining activity sponsored by The Rotary Club of Jim Thorpe.

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The Rotary Clubs of Dallas, Plymouth, Wyoming and Pittston



Shown (from left) in the joint meeting of four Rotary Clubs are Wendy Carey, President Wyoming Club; Brian Vnuk; Plymouth Club President; Dwayne Norris; Harlem Club President and speaker;; District Governor Roger Mattes;, Assistant District Governor John John;, and Kimberlie Reynolds,, President, Dallas Club.

Four Clubs Join for Evening of Fellowship and Learning

On October 18, representatives from four clubs gathered to enjoy an evening at the Appletree in Dallas. Our District Governor Roger Mattes and Assistant District Governor John John were also in attendance. Our speaker was Harlem Rotary Club President Dwayne Norris. It was an evening of fellowship and learning as we heard about what he has done to help his club develop and grow, and we had a chance to share what makes each of our clubs work. You can always tell when everyone is having a good time by the amount of time members spend together after the Rotary bell has been rung at the end of the formal part of the evening. Many stayed for quite a while to visit with their own members, other club members, our

speaker and our District Governor and Assistant District Governor. And thank you to Rotarian Fred DiMaria and his staff at the Appletree for the many tasty treats put before us to enjoy.

Standard Time



Sunday, November 4

The Rotary Club of North Pocono



Autumn Activities in North Pocono

There has been a lot going on in October for the North Pocono Rotary Club. Starting with photo top left and moving clockwise:

—Rotarians Josephine and Diana at Bill's Daleville Market selling basket raffle tickets to benefit families at Christmas with food cards and gifts.

—Guest Christine Wheeler Ecological Educator at the Lackawanna College Environmental Education Center, and PDG Bill Hiller

—Derrek Foytack, RYLA participant, and Rotarian Joan Foytack

And the last three photos from a very successful golf tournament at Elmhurst Country Club— Newfoundland PDG Kerry Nix and North Pocono PDG Bill Hiller; North Pocono Rotarian Larry and Honorary Rotarian – Ralph Foytack in cart, and North Pocono Rotarians Larry, John and PDG Bill.

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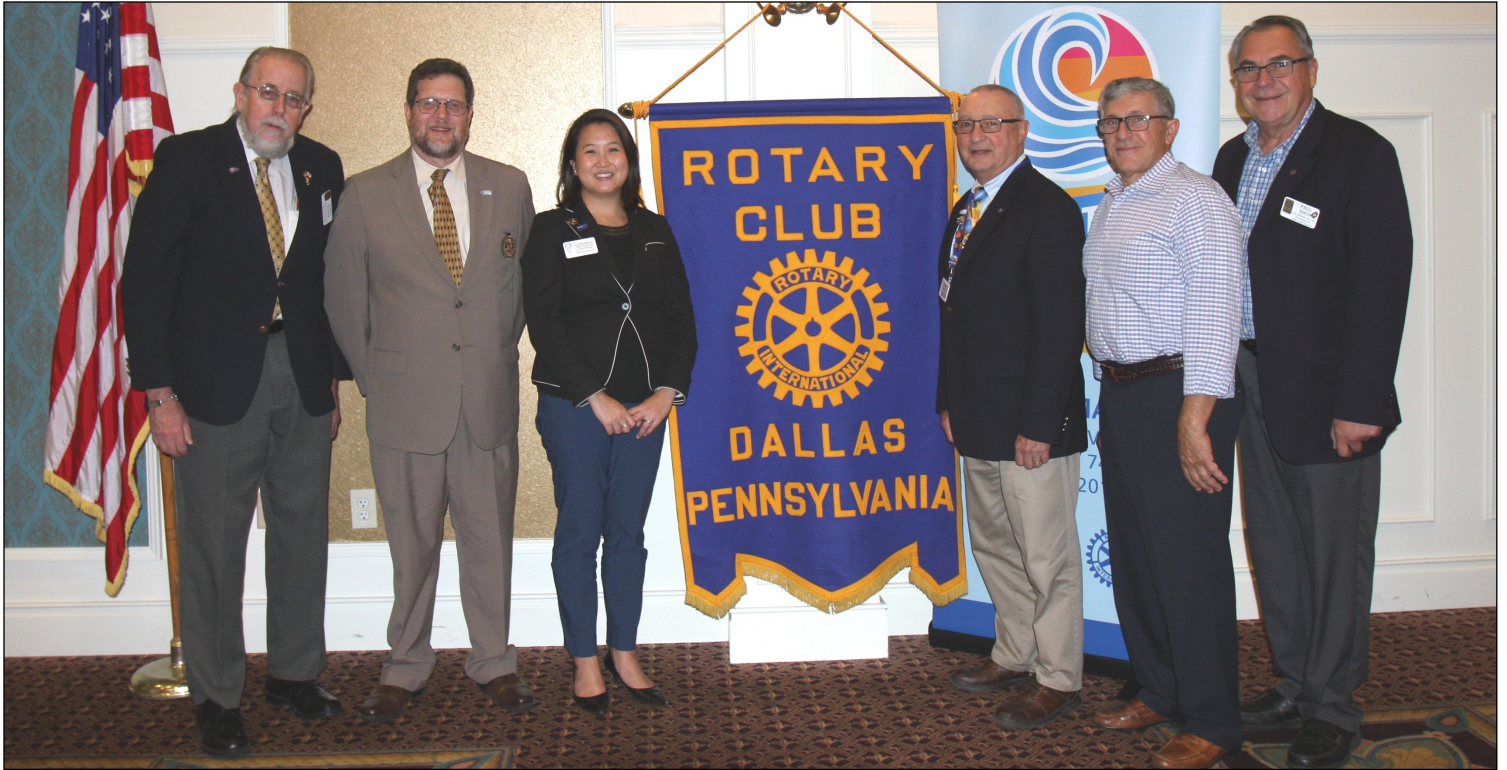


**ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**

Did your club send a student(s) to RYLA this year? Have you invited them to speak at your club yet? If not, please do so! These young leaders are bursting with enthusiasm and would love to share their experience with you.



The Rotary Club of Dallas



Dallas Rotary Club Hosts District Governor's Visit

On Thursday, September 27, the Rotary Club of Dallas hosted a visit from District 7410 Governor Roger Mattes. His heartfelt message and stated goals were well received by the large number of Rotarians in attendance. From left: Dallas Rotary Treasurer Jerry Reisch, District 7410 Governor Roger Mattes, Dallas Rotary President Kimberlie Reynolds, Dallas Rotary President Elect John Doerfler, District 7410 Assistant Governor John John, Dallas Rotary Vice President



Seated from left: Sgt. Martin Maransky, Kingston Township; Chief James Drury, Dallas Borough; Chief James Balavage, Jackson Township; Sgt. Mark Liparela, Lehman Township. Standing from left: Past President and program chairperson Art Peoples; Chief Howard Kocher, Lehman Township; Chief Douglas Higgins, Dallas Township; Dallas Rotary President Kimberlie Reynolds.

Life Saving Devices For Local Police

At a recent meeting of the Dallas Rotary Club, Police Chiefs and Sergeants from six Back Mountain communities were recognized and accepted a total of 88 wound tourniquets, which everyone hopes they will never have to use. Chief Douglas Higgins from the Dallas Township Police Department was the spokesperson for the group and thanked the Rotary for their support of law enforcement in the Back Mountain. Dallas Rotary Past President and program chairperson Art Peoples and current President Kimberlie Reynolds presented the tourniquets to the Chiefs and Sergeants from each department.

Youth Exchange Brings New Focus to Programs

The district has revamped our Youth Committees so that we now have an overall focus on all of our youth programs. The newly formed Youth Programs committee will be headed by Heather Piperato of the Smithfields Rotary. Heather previously chaired the Rotaract Committee and will continue to serve in that capacity.

Heather serves as the Director of Secondary Education in the East Stroudsburg Area School District where she is in charge of the teaching and learning at both high schools, both intermediate schools

and ESASD's 6-12 cyber academy. She was introduced to Rotary in 1988 when the Perkasio Rotary club (District 7430) named her Pennridge High School's May Student of the Month. She has worked as a teacher, assistant principal and principal at both the middle and high school levels in five different public school systems in five north-eastern PA counties and is amused whenever anyone claims that there is only one way to do things.

She first joined Rotary as a high school principal and was a member of the Kutztown Rotary club, where



In addition to the Rotaract Committee, the Youth Programs Committee will oversee our Interact Committee, headed by Andy Chapman, Our RYLA Program, headed by Amy Leisher, and the Student Exchange Program which is chaired by Anne Sehne.

In support of DG Roger's goal of expanding our youth programs, the committee is looking into starting up new Rota-Kids and Early -Act clubs in elementary and middle schools. These programs can enhance the Dictionary projects that many clubs throughout the district already have and help in transitioning students into Interact clubs as they get older. The Stroudsburg Club is sponsoring our pilot club for grades 2-5 at the Resica Elementary School and the Honesdale club is looking into forming a new club as well.

Another thing the committee is looking into is the New Generations program. This is an activity similar to the Youth Exchange program where young adults between the ages of 18 to 30 would have the opportunity to travel abroad, and live in the homes of



Plymouth Club Welcomes New Member

The Rotary Club of Plymouth welcomed Thomas P. Hogan as a new member at a recent meeting. Tom is a graduate of King's College and received his Juris Doctor from Syracuse University School of Law. Tom was sponsored by his father, Patrick R Hogan, who also serves as a member of the club. Pictured from left are J.K. Karavis and Hogan.

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Heather Piperato



Andy Chapman



Anne Sehne

Rotarians or otherwise vetted host families. It is a program that focuses on educational, professional or volunteer opportunities. Anne Sehne has agreed to further explore this program as she has had some experience with it.

Anne's son was interested in a 2 week study abroad program being offered through his University. The cost was prohibitive. After investigating what Rotary had to offer, and numerous calls and emails, they were directed to apply through country contacts to the country of interest. He used an application similar to youth exchange, provide a statement of interest and provided his resume. They heard back from 2 club members who were willing to give him an internship regarding renewable energy. He spent 1 month in Germany at about 1/5th of the cost of the University sponsored two week program.

The first ever New Generations Conference is scheduled this February in Frankfurt Germany. The district is looking into sending Anne to this conference to further our knowledge, commitment and involvement



into this exciting program. We believe that it is a great opportunity to provide information for this group of 18-30 year

olds; many rebounds and other college bound students, to learn and stay connected with Rotary in hopes of expanding the youth programs of our organization.

We are also pleased to announce that new Interact clubs in the Susquehanna Community School District, the Blue Ridge School District, and the Wellsboro Area School District are being formed. We are equally pleased to announce that new Rotaract Clubs are being started at Manfield University, Keystone University, Wilkes University and Kings College, with more in the works.

.Our Youth Exchange Program is currently looking for new students to apply to be exchange students. Many clubs, but not all have participated in the Exchange program. Our district was one of the first to partici-

pate in the worldwide youth exchange program. We would like to see more of our clubs join. The experience we provide to students is a life-changing event. We currently offer both Long term and Short term plans. For further information please contact Anne Sehne (Long Term) or PDG Irene Carey (Short term).



[The Rotary Club of Tunkhannock](#)

Getting Ready for This Year's Candy Cane Day

Plans are also well underway for the Black Friday, Nov 23, Tunkhannock Rotary Candy Cane Day. Every year on the day after Thanksgiving, members of the Tunkhannock Rotary Club and the Rotary-sponsored Tunkhannock High School Interact Club collect monetary donations from shoppers at various shopping locations within Tunkhannock to buy toys for economically disadvantaged kids for Christmas. Shoppers are offered candy canes as a treat for their donations.



Tunkhannock Rotary Club for more than 33 years and is known as Candy Cane Day. It has also been referred to affectionately within the Club as the “annual dodging of the cars” event. The weather does not always cooperate with this event, but our Rotarians and Interactors are a dedicated group and will not let cold temperatures or inclement weather stop them. So, if you are shopping in Tunkhannock on Black Friday, please watch for our signs, our Rotarians/Interactors and remember to give generously to make sure as many children as possible have a happy holiday.

This fund-raising event has been undertaken by the

Oct. 27 Drug Take Back Day Backed by Local Pharmacies

In addition to the Harvest & Wine Festival and the Fall Roadside Cleanup, the Tunkhannock Rotary was busy providing community outreach for the Oct 27 Drug Take Back Event in Wyoming County.

The aim of the semi-annual federal Drug Enforcement Agency's Drug Take Back Program is to provide a secure route for people to turn in their unused or expired medications for safe disposal and keep them out of the reach of children, family, friends and visitors to their homes.

The Fall Drug Take Back event was from 10 AM to 2 PM Saturday Oct 27 and was under the direction of the Wyoming County District Attorney's Office and law enforcement. Four Wyoming County pharmacies provided the venues for securely collecting the drugs, which were then picked up by local law enforcement for proper disposal.

—Well over a ton collected since inception—

The Tunkhannock Rotary created and printed posters, rack cards and newspaper ads regarding the Drug Take Back event. Rotarians distributed them at Tyler Hospital, doctor's and dentist offices, local pharmacies, churches and community locations to remind people to clean out their medicine cabinets and safely dispose of their drugs at the event.

Well over one ton of drugs have been collected for safe disposal in Wyoming County since this program was put in place by the Wyoming County District Attorney's Office.



*Turkey Day
Will Be Here
Sooner Than
You Think*

The Rotary Club of the Wyalusing Area



Gingerbread Art from All Ages

The Wyalusing Area Rotary Club will once again be holding Gingerbread Workshops in November, with adult and youth participants submitting their pastry artwork for holiday judging. Shown are some of last year's winners.

New Rotarians

Dallas	Fred Hunt
	Janeet Hunt
Mt. Pocono	Michael Idell
Mountaintop	Richard Engelman
	Sue Ellen Engelman
Stroudsburgs	Karen Bastidas
	Cheryl Cloke
	Violette Francois
	Jennifer Narkavich

District 7410 – 2017 Club Data

Club	Total Mem.	New Mem.	Attend %
Abingtons	49	1	40%
Athens	15		
Blakeslee	12		72.73%
Dallas	45		75.00%
District 7410 Passport Club	14		100.00%
Dunmore	16		
Forest City Area	12		37.5
Freeland	5		
Hamlin Lake Ariel	29		58.62%
Hawley	22		
Hazleton	73		33.30%
Honesdale	39		
Jim Thorpe	22		
Kingston	21	2	70.00%
Lehighton	10		
Milford-Matamoras	31		
Mountaintop	28	3	68.00%
Mt. Pocono	20		
New Milford	17		62
Newfoundland	33		75.81%
North Pocono	17		73.27%
North Scranton	27		76.00%
Pittston	20		
Plains	16		55%
Plymouth	21		
Pocono Mountains	16		60.00%
Sayre	18		76.00%
Scranton	38		
Slate Belt Rotary	18		35.00%
Smithfields	20		34.44%
Stroudsburgs, The	98		45.16%
Towanda	13		
Trail (Factoryville)	16		
Troy	21		55.00%
Tunkhannock	71		43.78%
Weatherly	10		
Wellsboro	46		
West End	16		71.88%
Wilkes-Barre	32		
Winola (Lake Winola)	11		
Wyalusing Area	23		37.00%
Wyoming Rotary	22	2	43.00%



Giving the Gift of Knowledge

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 330 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. Since the inception of the Rotary dictionary give away program, more than 7,000 books have been gifted to Back Mountain students.

Seated from left: Dallas Elementary Students Emma Sgarlat, Nathan Bilivin, Robert Hernandez, Elayna Labar.

Standing: Dallas Elementary Third Grade Teacher Regan Paley; Rotarians Art Peoples, Ken Chapple, Kerry Freeman and Heather Fritz; Dallas Elementary School Principal Tom Traver.



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