



News from District 7410



Letter from the District Governor

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Fellow Rotarians of District 7410:

On RI's calendar, November is Foundation month. Our district jumped the gun a bit and held our Foundation celebration, this year an afternoon tea, on October 25th at Genetti's in Hazleton. Over 60 Rotarians and guests gathered and celebrated the projects that our clubs planned and executed in their respective communities, with the added financial leverage from district grant funds. Also recognized were individuals whose personal gifts to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) reflect their commitment to supporting Rotary projects in our communities and around the world.

You know, the entire subject of how you distribute your disposable income comes down to a matter of perspective. For instance, \$50 can purchase a warm winter coat for a local child in need, but that same \$50 can feed a family in an impoverished village for a month, or purchase five (5) solar lamps that will allow children to do their homework at night, or let a mother work on handcraft items which when sold will bring in needed income for her household. Frankly, charitable giving does not have to be an all-or-nothing decision for either clubs or individuals. You can be much more creative than that!

For clubs that feel they cannot possibly ask their members to give over and above what is currently requested to support club projects, let me offer two ideas:

- *Hold a fundraiser designated totally for TRF. All your members give is their time and sweat-equity.*
- *For one of your regularly-scheduled fundraisers, let the club decide to earmark a percentage of the profits to go to TRF. Even a small donation to TRF is better than none, and you're still not asking your members to reach in their pockets, but just to donate their time to the execution of the fundraiser.*

BONUS: When your club donations reach \$50 per capita for two consecutive years, then your club meets one of the major requirements for qualifying for the funds awarded through our District Grants.

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Be a gift to the world

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That's LEVERAGE!

For example, qualifying clubs that raise \$3,000 for a local project could request another \$3,000 in grant support. Think of how much more you could do with additional funds. Frankly, it's just a smart investment for clubs to make. Why not discuss this at an upcoming meeting, or better yet, contact District Grants Chair, Mary Ellen Bentler (Hamlin club - mbentler@nbtbank.com) or District Foundation Chair, Paul Muczynski (Dallas club - pmuczynski@epix.net) and ask them to come speak to your club on the Foundation.

Finally, a special thanks to all clubs participating in the District's "Change the World" campaign, with the donations going to TRF at the end of this Rotary year. Clubs have already seen how fast these weekly donations of small change have added up. Just ask the Hamlin, Blakeslee or Lehighton clubs! Need a "Change the World" jar? Call me...we deliver!

Regards,
DG Barbara

Correspondence...

DG Barbara and DRFC Paul,

Thank you so much for the invitation to join you for the Foundation High Tea today! Your Clubs are certainly making good use of the District Grants. And it is great to hear of the planning to structure the Honduras project for success. It will pay dividends in the long run. And a Global Grant will multiply the impact of your DDF with OUR Foundation's match!

We know membership is the overarching challenge for District 7410, but you continue to do well with the Foundation, too! We are here to serve YOU serve your Clubs as you strive to make them stronger to serve their communities more effectively.

Mike McCarthy, PDG
Rotary Zone 32 Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator
- Districts 7390, 7410, 7430 and 7450

NOTE to clubs from DG Barbara: November is "Foundation Month" in the Rotary cycle. If you are looking for a speaker for your club on the Rotary Foundation or any of its various programs, contact either ARRFC Mike or RRFRC Ron Smith.

Getting information out about our Foundation is a major part of their job, and they are always pleased to be invited to clubs!

District Leadership Positions Open for 2016-17...

Have you served as your club's president? If so, then it is time for you to consider higher leadership in District 7410. At least two Assistant Governor positions will be open, one Board of Directors slot, as well as the District Governor Nominee position.

Once a candidate for DGN completes the form, the application must also be countersigned by the Rotarian's endorsing club. Candidate form for the DGN position is included in this newsletter and is also available for download on our District website under "District Files". Questions regarding the AG positions should be addressed to DGE Marcia Loughman, H – 570.586.7720 Email - madio@epix.net

Questions regarding the BOD and DGN positions should be directed to PDG Kerry Nix, Chair of the District Nominating Committee. PDG Kerry can be reached at 570-676-0695 x11 or emailed at kerrynix@ptd.net.

Making an investment in your career and your club...

Clear your calendar for **November 14th** and come join your fellow Rotarians at this year's Rotary Leadership Institute (**RLI**), hosted by District 7410.

Location: Lackawanna College, Scranton.

Offerings: Courses 1, 2, 3 and Graduate. This year's Graduate course topics: **Motivating Volunteers and Public Relations.**

Cost: \$75, which includes lunch and all materials

Register online at: <http://www.rlinea.org/> **Payment options:** credit card or check.

(NOTE: For those with newly chartered club vouchers, select payment by check and hand-carry the voucher to your RLI site.)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: November 4th.

District 7410 Supports Rose Parade Float Again...

Attention football fans! Once again, District 7410 will be supporting the Rotary float, featured in the 2016 Rose Bowl Parade with a modest financial gift of \$100. Chief organizers for this massive undertaking are the members of the Rotary Club of Pasadena, with assistance from other area Rotary clubs.

If your club would like to offer their financial support for this world-visible advertising, you can send a check in any amount (even \$10 helps!) to Rotary Rose Parade Float Committee, PO Box 92502, Pasadena, CT 91109.

The Rotary Club of Lehighton

District 7410
February, 2016

International Service Project

Have you ever wanted to truly and personally help those most in need in our world? Well, here is your opportunity. Led by the Rotary Club of Lehighton and in partnership with Operation Honduras, a team of District 7410 Rotarians will travel with this extraordinarily successful operation (for 18 years!) to bring the gift of hearing, medical services, and sweat-equity (i.e., building projects) to this impoverished country.

The objectives of this week-long trip are as follows:

- to help finish partially-complete service projects, including work begun on new school, delivery of medical and dental supplies to local orphanages and impoverished communities, oral surgery, and auditory testing of patients who will be fitted with hearing aids (9,500 served to date)
- to meet with members of the Sula Rotary Club for fellowship and discussions on local needs
- to find out, first-hand, the viability of constructing a global grant, and what specific assistance our District could provide

Two options for club participation:

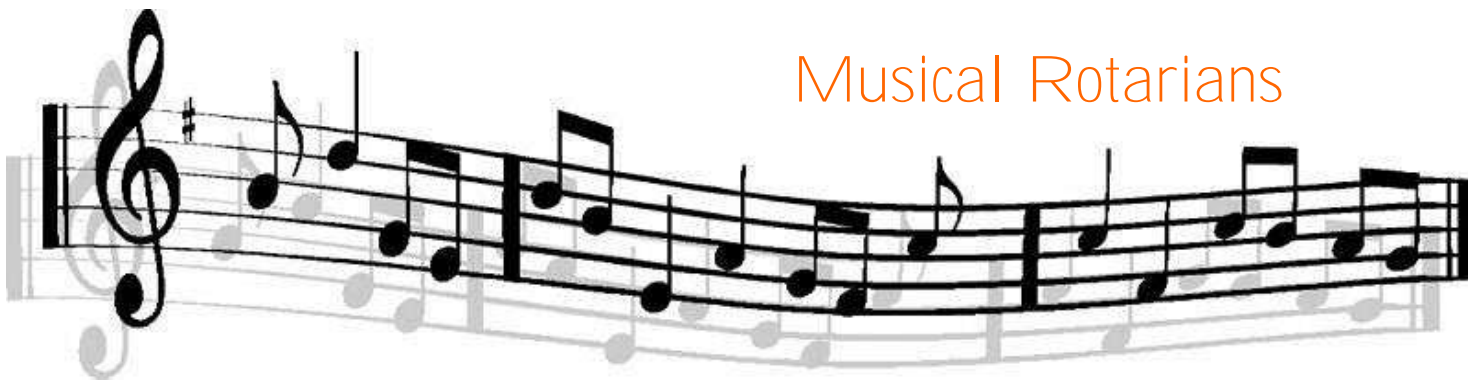
- 1.) Become a co-sponsor of the proposed District Grant application. Cost for sending one member is \$600, with a matching amount requested in the grant, or
- 2.) **Contribute a minimum of \$100 to the trip fund, to be spent "in country" on school or medical supplies, as observed by the trip members.**

NOTE: Either of the above options satisfies the international project criteria listed in the 2015-16 Presidential Citation.

COMMITMENT DATE for club financial support only: January 8, 2016

Questions? Need more information? Contact DGE Barbara at bjbelon@gmail.com

Musical Rotarians



Last month we featured some writing Rotarians, and this month we're looking at some special music makers in District 7410. We bring them to you in their own words with minimal editing...

Sam Alecci: Music Makes His World Go 'Round

Sam Alecci, President of the Newfoundland Rotary Club, reports that music is a big part of his life and he does it all—musician, lyricist, composer and performer. Here is how Sam sums up his love affair with music:

"I started as a drummer at the age of four. I was in a number of bands while a teen, learned to play many other instruments throughout my life and took up the guitar when my son left for college eight years ago and it became my primary instrument of choice. I teamed up with a fellow Rotarian a little over a year ago and perform once or twice a month as a duet with her.

"I own a music studio and music publishing company and recently finished the sixth episode of "Four Pines Music Presents Open Mic Night" --a TV show that runs on local cable television and streamed on the internet. The show highlights independent singer-songwriters and showcases their talents.

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Dennis Jeter: Versatility Is His Calling Card

Dennis Jeter, President of the Rotary Club of the Stroudsburgs, began playing the trumpet at the age of 16 after attending a Wynton Marsalis concert in Washington, DC. Soon after, he was accepted into the Peabody Preparatory program in Baltimore, MD

to study with Wayne Cameron. In the spring of 1987, he graduated from the Duke Ellington School of the Arts in Washington, DC with honors and later was enrolled as a computer science major at the University of Florida on a full merit scholarship.

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James Welch, Sr.: Tunkhannock's Gabriel

Tunkhannock's James "Jimmy" Welch, Sr. is an accomplished musician, raised in Monroeton, PA, and playing the trumpet since third grade. Although he really wanted to be a drummer, his mother discouraged that, encouraging him to play the clarinet like his maternal grandfather. However, as a child, Jimmy's fingers could not reach the clarinet's holes. A neighbor suggested he try the trumpet, and the rest is history.

Jim continued his interests in music after his family moved to Tunkhannock, playing in the high school band, but was also very involved in athletic pursuits, lettering in five different sports each year from grades 10-12. It was in high school that he formed a dance band, the Jimmy Welch Orchestra, that played at many benefits, dances and even Rotary events like the Tunkhannock Rotary Sports Banquet for High School Athletes and Tunkhannock Rotary's 25th Anniversary Dinner in 1950.

Jimmy went on to own a very successful insurance business still in the family. He has been very active in the community, serving for many years as the Fire Chief of the Triton Fire Company in Tunkhannock. He found the time to join Rotary in April 1971 and has put "Service Above Self" as an active Rotarian for the last 44 years.

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Foundation Celebrates 'Good We Do' at Recognition High Tea

BY PAUL MUCZYNSKI

Rotarians from District 7410 gathered at Genetti's Best Western Hotel in Hazleton on October 25th to celebrate the "Good We Do" in our local communities and the world with District and Global Grant Funds and the Rotarians that made it all

Rotary Club of Sayre



Sayre Rotarians Hand Out Dictionaries

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 (below) and Epiphany School (above). Basic education and literacy is one of the six areas of focus that are priorities for all Rotary Clubs, as it is believed that basic literacy is a precondition to the development of peace. Other areas of focus include disease prevention and treatment, peace and conflict prevention/resolution, water and sanitation, maternal and child health, and economic and community development. The Rotary Club of Sayre meets every Tuesday at 12:10 pm at the Rail House Restaurant in Waverly, NY.



possible. Joining the dignitary ranks were both RRFC Ron Smith and ARRFC Mike McCarthy.

Mary Ellen Bentler, Grants chair showed a presentation highlighting the District Grants from 2014 through 2015. She stated the District Rotary Foundation Committee was able to distribute over \$40,000 to help fund the projects.

PDG Paul Muczynski, District Rotary Foundation Committee chair, thanked new Major Donors Herbert L. Capman of Athens Rotary, PDG Paul Kerr of Montrose Rotary, Charles and Diana Lang of Newfoundland Rotary, and Carol and Robert Hemphill of North Pocono Rotary for their support to the Rotary Foundation. Carol Ziomek of the Tunkhannock Rotary was recognized for becoming a Level 4 Bequest Society member.



Photo by Shane East

David Forward gave a historical overview of Rotary and the Foundation. In recognition of the World Polio Day, Pennsylvania House of Representative and Dallas Rotarian Karen Boback read the Resolution she presented to the House of Representatives which was unanimously approved by a vote of the full House. Pictured on page nine are Rep. Boback with DG Barbara Belon, PDG Melanie Tek-Visgilo, and PDG Paul Muczynski.

The keynote speaker was District 7500 Governor David Forward, author of *A Century of Service* and his latest book on the 100th Anniversary of our Foundation. DG David presented a historical overview of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation.

The highlight of the event showcased ten of our district Rotarians that are celebrating their 25th, 30th, 40th, and 50th through 65th year anniversaries of membership in Rotary during this 2015-16 Rotary year.

With the help of district officers, DG Barbara presented each with a service tab for their major milestone in Rotary service.

Rotary Club of Tunkhannock

Tunkhannock's Winefest Draws Thousands

A big THANK YOU to everyone who attended or participated in our 8th Annual Tunkhannock Rotary Harvest and Wine Festival on Saturday, Oct 10th, at Lazybrook Park.

Over 60 Rotarians, their families, and friends worked the event, which is the major fund-raiser for the year. Over 4,000 people enjoyed a beautiful Fall day with good friends, fabulous food, wine, music and vendors. It was the most successful Festival to date.

The money raised will enable the Club to continue to give back to the local Community and to support International Rotary projects like Polio Eradication.

Most especially, the Tunkhannock Rotary Club thanks the very generous sponsors, 60 vendors and the two fabulous bands, amRadio and the Idol Kings, who helped make this event a huge success.

As a prelude to World Polio Day, the Tunkhannock Rotary sold purple crocus boutonniere/pins at the Festival, as well as, painting people's pinkies purple (as they do when they immunize a child against polio) for a small donation for polio eradication. The Club also raffled off a party tub of liquor flavored cakes donated by vendor Full Spirited Flavours to benefit the End Polio Now campaign.

The Club thanks all those attendees who supported these fundraising efforts to eradicate polio from the globe..



In photo above Tunkhannock Rotarians Fran Turner and Norm Werkheiser are lining up the souvenir wine glasses to be distributed to attendees with help from Wyalusing Area Rotarian Ann Burgess.

At right Rotarian Jennifer Williamson painting a guest's pinkie purple. For a view of the festival from on high, see our "District Photo Gallery" on Page 18.



Candy Canes to Brighten 'Black Friday'

Plans are well underway for Tunkhannock Rotary's Candy Cane Day on Friday Nov 27. Every year on Black Friday (day after Thanksgiving), Tunkhannock Rotarians and Interactors collect monetary donations from shoppers at various shopping center locations within Tunkhannock. Shoppers are offered candy canes as a treat for their donations.

The money raised is divided between Interfaith Friends and Wyoming County Children & Youth to buy Christmas toy gifts for children in need or in foster homes in Wyoming County.

The generosity of the shoppers has made this a very successful fund raising event for the Club and has made a lot of children happier at Christmas.

The Rotary Club of the Wyalusing Area

Rotary Club of Wyalusing Area Clay Bird Shoot



November 8th 2015

12 - 4 PM

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 questions contact:
Ken Wahlers at
(570) 575-4977
or
kwahlers@arrowunited.com**



[Rotary Club of the Wyalusing Area](#)

County Poorhouses of Yore Gone but not Forgotten

BY WES SKILLINGS

The threat of “ending up in the poorhouse” may not make sense to anyone under the age of 70, but it once loomed for those unable to escape poverty, as well as so-called destitute children. In fact, poorhouses, county farms and alms houses once provided temporary relief for those facing hard times and long-term residences for those unable to fend for themselves.

Wyalusing Rotarians recently heard a fascinating presentation by the administrator of their county nursing home, the Bradford County Manor, which was constructed more than a century before as a home for the indigent. Turns out that the American poorhouse system, patterned after the almshouses of England and Ireland, became too much of an expense or, as politicians like to say, cost prohibitive. Some remained institutions but evolved, as is the case with the Bradford County Manor, from the poorhouse of a century before.

Jim Shadduck, Bradford County Manor Administrator for the past seven years, gained a wealth of administrative experience at various assisted living facilities before returning to his native county. Shadduck remembers a field trip as a Boy Scout and an old cemetery with a faded sign proclaiming the “Almshouse Cemetery” and being told that several hundred said to be buried there had once resided at what is now the Bradford County Manor. Little did he know that his



life barely two decades later would be tied to that institution.

A little online research led me to a site where there were two postcards of the facility as it was back in the day— one entitled “Bradford County Poorhouse” and the other “Bradford County Almshouse.” (See accompanying graphic.) Posing out in front of the latter were dozens of people identified as “staff and inmates.”

Inmates? That is indeed what they were called at the time. That moniker now belongs to the residents of the facility across the highway from today’s county manor—the Bradford County Correctional Facility. It was not a nursing home and short-term care rehabilitation facility as it is today. It was a 268-acre working farm, with the impressive main building itself constructed of bricks made from clay on the land itself. Shadduck, upon taking over the reins some

three decades after that field trip, immediately started researching that cemetery. It had stuck in his imagination, and he found the names of some 300 people buried there. He was amazed to learn that the water system supplying the manor was comprised of a network of wooden pipes buried underground for some 100 years — in lengths of about 17 feet and perfectly drilled from end to end.

The residents there earned their room and board by working on the premises which, according to their history, boasted some 100 cows, 400 chickens, 96 turkeys and 46 hogs, as well as spacious gardens that produced 5,000 quarts of canned fruits and vegetables annually.

There was plenty of work for an estimated 130 people who resided there at any given time, starting in 1881.

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Poorhouses...

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(Note: Today's manor population is about 170 with not one cow to be milked.)

American poorhouses started as an institution in the 1800's, but for most of the history of Bradford County's version, it was known as the county farm or the county home. Even though most who resided there in the early years qualified as paupers, they worked for their room and board. Poorhouses and almshouses came to be known as infirmaries which seems a natural transition to nursing homes.

Poorhouses were supported by taxpayers and those who could not support themselves or be cared for by family were required to go there. If your county did not have a poorhouse or county home, the Poor Master, an elected municipal official, would be petitioned and he would decide if you should go to the poorhouse or receive some kind of temporary relief to get you over a rough bump.

Poorhouses, I'm told, were not the same as debtors' prisons, and you weren't ordered there as a punishment. However, you could end up in the poorhouse even if you didn't want to go.

Another option, a short step from slavery, was the process of "auctioning off the poor." It was sort of a Bizarro Word version of a traditional auction, because the pauper on the block went to the lowest bidder. Clothing and doctor's bills, by the way, were paid for by the town or county holding the auction. How much was the buyer willing to spend to feed and house you for the lowest price? It's only logical to assume that the bidder would want to get his money's worth, or pound of flesh, for the pauper's services.

Share Your Speaker with Us...

Rotary Club speakers are often the headliners when it comes to our weekly meetings. They can be informative, uplifting and entertaining, with messages worth delivering to a wider audience. If you'd like to share one of those messages with other Rotarians in District 7410, feel free to email it this way.— **Editor Wes at skill@epix.net.**



Dignitaries Gather at High Tea

Shown at the recent Rotary Foundation's Recognition High Tea are (from left) DG Barbara Belon, PDG Melanie Tek-Visgilio, state Rep. Karen Boback and PDL Paul Muczynski. Get the full story on page 5.

Dallas Rotary Club Sponsors Interact Club at Lake Lehman

On September 17, 2015 the Rotary Club of Dallas was pleased to sponsor the charter meeting of the Interact Club at Lake Lehman High School.

Interact is a club for youth ages 12-18 who want to connect with others in their community or school. Interact club members have fun while carrying out service projects and learning about the world. Interact clubs organize at least two service projects a year: one that benefits their community and one that encourages international understanding. While Interact clubs receive guidance from individual Rotary clubs, like the Rotary Club of Dallas, they govern and support themselves.

The photo of the Lake Lehman Interact Club members is featured this month in our new "Rotary Photo Gallery" on Page 18.



Last chance to Join February International Service Trip

Wonderful news! The agenda for this February 11th through 18th service trip to the San Pedro/Sula area of Honduras has been finalized, and at this point, we're looking at 25+ volunteers who will accompany the Operation Honduras leadership team. This year, the two major building projects targeted are a new school in a com-

munity that has none and the construction of a 2nd floor for one of the buildings at El Refugio (orphanage).

The Rotary Service Team will also be meeting with four Honduran Rotary clubs: Valle de Sula, Ursula Rotary, San Pedro Sula Rotary, and Merendón Rotary - all of which meet at the Hotel Copanti, in which the team will be housed.

Interested? Contact either DG Barbara at bjbelon@gmail.com or Jim Davenport ophonduras@aol.com. Cost will run around \$1,200 for this seven-day adventure. The only mandatory team meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm, January 28th at Logan's Road

House, 2310 Wilkes-Barre Township Blvd., Wilkes-Barre, PA

Can't go? No problem! You can still offer financial assistance either to District 7410's Rotary Service Team or to Operation Honduras. Checks for the Rotary Service Team should be made out to the Rotary Club of Lehighton (with "Honduras Service Trip noted in the Memo line), and sent to Treasurer Renee Biechy, c/o Jim Thorpe Neighborhood Bank, 145 S. Fourth Street, Lehighton PA 18235. Donations for Operation Honduras should be made out to Wyoming Valley Presbyterian Church ("WVPC"), and sent to 2 Lockhart Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 1702

Rotary Club of Tunkhannock

Rotarians Help Take Back Prescription Drugs

Drug Take Back Day occurred in Wyoming County on Saturday Sept 12 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at CVS in Tunkhannock and Lech's Pharmacies in Tunkhannock, Laceyville and Nicholson.

In cooperation with the DA's office, a committee led by Matt Pompey took responsibility for all public relations and advertisement for this program, including distribution of posters to local businesses to advertise the event, public service announcements that aired over 250 times on 10 radio stations, newspaper articles and ads highlighting the dangers of these unneeded medications, especially for the young, radio interviews on the program and communications with civic organizations, Tyler Memorial Hospital administrators and church clergy who alerted their membership at meetings, from the pulpit and in their newsletters.

September's Drug Take Back Day resulted in the collection of over 134 pounds of drugs from people's medicine cabinets.

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Spotlight on Membership Issues

On Saturday, October 17, 2015, the Rotary District 7410 Membership Committee sponsored a workshop entitled "Movies and a Makeover". DG Barbara de Belón welcomed members from 25 clubs in the District to the Sheehy Farmer Center at King's College. Guest faculty included Joan Batory, an Assistant Regional Coordinator for Zone 32, from Philadelphia and District Governor John Kramb from District 7390, which is near Gettysburg. ARC Joan facilitated a session on diversity and another session on alumni involvement. DG John led two separate sessions on new member orientation which generated a lot of discussion and a sharing of ideas and

practices. District 7410 Rotarian Bob Chavey, Newfoundland, led two separate, lively sessions on putting the fun in Rotary. DGE Marcia Loughman and DGN/Membership Chair Karin-Susan Breitlauch each led a discussion on signature projects.

Each discussion session was preceded by films.— "The Boys of 1905" and part one of Michael McQueen's "Engaging the Next Generation of Rotary." After lunch, a video presentations included the second part of the McQueen lecture and "The Great Adventure", a Hollywood production made for Rotary International in 1955 for its 50th Anniversary.

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[The Rotary Club of North Scranton](#)

**North Scranton Rotary's Wine and Beer
Pairing Dinner**

at Sidel's Restaurant

Thursday November 12th 5:30PM & 7:30PM

Tickets \$65 per person

Wine and Beer Provided by



Ticket price includes 5 course meal with a pairing of either beer or wine for each course.

Menu for the evening designed and prepared by Sidel's Restaurant:

Appetizer: Bacon Wrapped Marinated Shrimp & Leek Paired with Vidal Blanc or Cluster Fuggle Pale Ale

Salad: Crisp Romaine Hearts with Grilled Apples in Pumpkin Cider Vinaigrette Paired with Riesling or Nim Wit

Soup: Butternut Squash Bisque Paired with Gewurztraminer or Flinke Hugel Lager

Entrée Choices include:

Pork Ossu Buch in White balsamic Glaze Paired with Cabernet Franc or Hop Bottom IPA

Braised Swordfish topped with Brown Sugar Julienne Harvest Vegetables Paired with Gruner Veltliner or Black and Tan

Cashew Encrusted Chicken Cutlets in Coconut Rum Sauce Paired with Gruner Veltliner or Black and Tan

Dessert: TBA

**Call Sidel's Restaurant for Tickets or for More Information at
570-343-6544**



Upcoming Club Events

Rotary Club of Honesdale

Savor Flavors from Around the Globe at Honesdale Dinner

The Honesdale Rotary Club is inviting everyone to its annual International Flavors Dinner on Saturday, November 7th. Club members say attendees will enjoy food from Mexico, India, Italy and many more countries. As one member put it, "It's like having the world on the tip of your fork!"

The dinner, a buffet of dishes prepared by area restaurants and local Rotarians, will take place at Honesdale High School, from 5:30pm – 7:30pm.

The event is chaired this year by Zachary Jennings, with help from Laurie Harrington and Ken Doolittle. All three say 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. The local club is part of a global organization that counts more than a million members on all seven continents.

Monies raised help support both international and local projects. In the past few years, Honesdale Rotary has helped the Honesdale Little Baseball Association build two new batting cages and a local girl scout supply basic-



Salut! Ole! Hej! Honesdale Rotary and Honesdale High School Interact club members invite the public to their annual International Flavors buffet on Saturday, November 7th at 5:30pm at Honesdale High School.

needs baskets to young people aging out of the foster care system. Internationally, the club has helped buy shelter boxes for victims of natural disasters, as well as continued to contribute to Rotary International's efforts to eradicate polio worldwide. Since 1988, the incidence of polio globally has decreased 99%!

Tickets are available at Wayne Bank, The Dime Bank, Honesdale National Bank and Stephens Pharmacy, 1101 Main Street, Honesdale or by calling 570-253-8631. They can also be purchased at the door. Corporate sponsorships are also available for \$300, \$150 and \$50. For more information,

visit Honesdale Rotary on Facebook or call (570) 253-8631. Visitors are welcome to all meetings, which take place Tuesdays at 12 noon at Cordaro's Restaurant in Honesdale.

Update on IRS Filings...

Not sure if your club has filed the correct IRS paperwork over the past 2-3 years? Here's how to check. Make sure you have your club's EIN number or legal name and full address that was used when the club received its non-profit status.

To check if your club's tax-exempt status was revoked:

See, "Exempt Status" on Next Page...

A Visit with Rotary Exchange Student from Slovakia

Rotary Club of the Abingtons



Mario (right) with Rotarians (from left) Leah Rudolph, Julia Rudolph Campbell and Ryan Campbell at a recent Junior League of Scranton event.

BY EILEEN CHRISTIAN
ABINGTON JOURNAL COLUMNIST

Mario Macicak has come all the way from Kezmarok, Slovakia to Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania, to become the latest exchange student in the Rotary Club of the Abingtons. He has been sponsored by the Rotary Club of Poprad and he proudly shows off the flag of his home Rotary Club.

“Destiny!” he exclaimed. “Do you believe in destiny?” He asked this question of me as I was trying to interview him.

I answered, “Well, I guess.”

“Well, Destiny has brought me here,” he firmly stated.

He told me that he is a Rotary exchange student because, and only because, of destiny. He had never heard of Rotary, never knew of the good, Rotarians do all the time and never dreamed of ever going so far away from home. Then one day he overheard a conversation about young people who had traveled to far-away places and lived in lovely homes with people who became family to them. He listened in wonder and asked who does this. The answer was Rotary. Mario never heard of Rotary. He asked what Rotary is and where in

See, “Mario,” Page 17.

EXEMPT STATUS...

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- 1 - Visit: www.irs.gov
- 2 - In the search field type: **exempt organizations select check**
- 3 - Select the entry labeled **EO Select Check**
- 4 - At the bottom of the next page, click the **Exempt Organizations Select Check Tool** button
- 5 - Check the **“Were automatically revoked”** radio button, fill in the EIN number, then click the Search link

If your status was revoked, then your club’s name will be listed together with the Exemption type, the revocation date and the posting date.

To check your club’s filing history check the “Have filed form 990-N (e-Postcard)” radio button.

At a recent meeting of the Dallas Rotary Club, guest speaker Matt Pompey from the Tunkhannock Rotary Club passionately plugged a community project he is spearheading in Wyoming County.

The Drug Take Back Project is designed to educate the public about the dangers of home medicine cabinet drugs, to reduce prescription drug abuse by our youth, and to eliminate unwanted drugs from being flushed down the toilet and entering our water supply.

Rotary Club of Dallas

Drug Take-Back Message Comes to Dallas



Tunkhannock Rotarian Matt Pompey (second from left) spoke in Dallas about his club’s successful drug take-back project. Shown with Pompey are (from left) Dallas Rotarians Jason Jolley, Dallas Pharmacist Paul Saxon and Jerry Reisch, District 7410 AG.

It provides community outreach in cooperation with the District Attorney’s office and independent pharmacies to collect the drugs to save lives and for proper disposal by the environment.



Our Clubs in Action

Rotary Club of Hazleton



The Hazleton Rotary Club hosted its annual spaghetti dinner on Wednesday, October 28 at Genetti Catering. Pictured planning for the meal are (from left) Gary, Toni Frumkin, Rotary President Ron Avellino, Dinner Co-Chair Sharon Farver, Donna Barna, Genetti Catering Staff Members Amy Ziolk-Banquet Sales Manager and Foster Dale-Food Director, Pat Korb and Pat Ward. Dinner Co-Chair Patrick Genetti, Lisa Marie Halecky, Joe Cammisa and Mary Malone were unavailable for photo.

Hazleton Rotary Club Serves Up Spaghetti in October

The Hazleton Rotary Club held its annual spaghetti dinner on Oct. 28. The menu 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” comments Ron Avellino, Rotary Club President.

Applications will be available in the spring, 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.

TAKE-BACK DAY...

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If any Rotary Clubs in our District would like more information on how to collaborate with local authorities to provide outreach for this program in their counties, contact Matt Pompey at mtpompey@epix.net or 570-840-4200

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"The beauty of music is that it does not have to stay with just you. We get to share our feelings, our thoughts and sometimes even our political agendas through music.

"Most of us know many songs word for word and music is a big part of many people's lives. It helps us celebrate love as well as easing a loss. As a member of the Rotary Fellowship for Musicians I get to read about, connect and exchange ideas with musicians throughout the world.

"Being a Rotarian is a lot like being a musician. We can share our thoughts and ideas with our fellow members (Our big band) and then act on it and share this with the world. To write a song, it starts sometimes with just a little idea. Maybe I see something or hear a phrase and it inspires me to sit down and put it to music.

"We certainly, as Rotarians, engage in a similar action. We may see something happening in the world or our community that needs change or improvement. We take that thought, idea, or observation and act on it. We form a project and we work on it until it is complete and presented to the world.

"So what I'm saying here is that this month is a call for musicians, lyricists, composers and performers" which in other words is a call for all us Rotarians to look around us and help bring about change through projects of your own.

"We are all composers of change and we perform daily in our work and how we interact with others in the world. I love being a musician and I love being a Rotarian. To me it's one in the same."

JETER...

While attending the University, he participated in their marching band and held the principal trumpet chair in the symphony orchestra. In the Summer of 1987, Mr. Jeter was the recipient of the first Wynton Marsalis scholarship to study music at the Eastern Music Festival in Greensboro, North Carolina. The following year, he transferred to the Manhattan School of Music in New York City, NY to study trumpet with William Vacchiano. While at the Manhattan School, his interest in the music industry broadened and he soon became very active in the business of music. In the Fall of 1990, Dennis was sponsored by William Vacchiano to become a Yamaha Young Performing Artist.

The groups performed regularly as a part of the Chelsea Concert Series founded in 1992 by Mr. Jeter to serve as presenter for the Consortium projects. In the Spring of 1991, Mr. Jeter graduated from the Manhattan School of Music to pursue a career in music performance. He has been presented in classical recitals throughout the United States as well as major jazz venues in the New York area including the Miles Davis Tribute in 1992 at St. John the Divine in which Mr. Jeter was a featured performer with the Max Roach Brass Quintet. In 1994 Dennis started the 'Monday Night Jam Session' at The Iridium in New York City which ran for eight months.

While at the Iridium, Mr. Jeter began exploring the world of jazz through the eyes of a vocalist. This was to mark the beginning of a new era in his performing experience. The next few years were very rewarding. He had the opportunity to perform with the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra both as a vocalist as well as on the trumpet. Mr. Jeter began a weekly series at the Louisiana Community Bar and Grill in the Spring of 1996. In addition to his own quintet, Dennis featured over 25 of today's hottest jazz stars including; Slide Hampton, Cyrus Chestnut, Joe Temperely, Vincent Herring, Carl Allen, Loston Harris, Marc Cary, Rodney



Kendrick, Paquito Di Rivera, Wes Anderson, Milt Grayson and many, many more.

This was an opportunity not taken lightly by Mr. Jeter. He used it as a chance to refine his craft concentrating on the singing of standards in a tradition long forgotten by many of today's new vocalists. Since November of 1993, Dennis has been the Director of Special Projects for Wynton Marsalis Enterprises. In this position, Mr. Jeter has served as the tour manager, press liaison, technology advisor and personal assistant to Mr. Marsalis.

Mr. Jeter is currently the President of JazzWorld.Com, Inc. and New Jazz Renaissance Recordings. JazzWorld.Com serves as the cyber home to over 35 jazz musicians.

The label currently features recordings by; Brad Leali, Spike Wilner, Anna-Lisa, Dennis Jeter and the NJR All-Stars which include; Wes Anderson, Victor Goines, Andy Farber, Wycliffe Gordon, Wayne Goodman, Ron Westray, Herlin Riley, Rodney Whitaker, Farid Barron, Doug Wamble and vocalist, Milt Grayson.

WELCH...

Through all the years and demands on his life, Jimmy maintained his love of music and played the trumpet at every opportunity. For many years, he played with the Dixie Strollers and was guest soloist with local orchestras, including the Wyoming County Chorale and the Tunkhannock High School Band. His group was a regular feature at the Wyoming County Fair and performed an annual concert on the lawn of the Wyoming County Courthouse.

Jimmy currently leads and plays trumpet in the Jimmy Welch Band that has been playing for over 50 years throughout northeastern PA and they still perform at benefits and celebrations including Tunkhannock Rotary's recent 90th Anniversary Celebration. The band plays music from the 30's and 40's, with vocals, jazz, big band sounds, Dixieland and sing-along geared for swing dancing and seniors.

After all these years as a musician, he still plays by ear, never bothering to learn to read sheet music and he says he never practices.

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MEMBERSHIP (CONTINUED FROM 10)...

Special thanks to Carol Ziomek, District Registrar, Ed Gallagher for video assistance, and to the King's College staff.

For those clubs who missed out on this opportunity, DGN/Membership Chair Karin would be hap-

py to come to your clubs and present a portion of the program. Contact her at ksbvet@ptd.net

FACTOID: As of October 26th, District 7410's membership count stood at **1117**. Please ask your club secretaries to make sure that all new members have been entered into our District database.

MARIO...

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the world was such a place as 'Rotary.' As Mario listened he knew that such a program was for him. He set out to find out how he could qualify to be a Rotary Exchange Student, even though he was unsure if there was a Rotary club in his town.

Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) is a Rotary International student exchange program for students in secondary school. Since 1929, Rotary International sent young people around the globe to get to know new cultures. There about 8500 students currently sponsored by Rotary clubs each year. These students are sent to another country for a year, usually a school year, and they live with multiple host families. They are expected to perform ordinary daily tasks, like any other kid in the household, and attend high school classes.

In the picture above, Mario is holding the flag of his local Rotary Club of Poprad, Slovakia, in District 2240. Through that club Mario learned that student exchanges are for people from 15 to 19 years of age who have shown strong leadership in their schools and communities, are willing to try new things, are open to cultural differences and are willing to serve as an ambassador for their country. In his heart he knew all those qualifications could be met by him. He began the lengthy process, close to a year, where he was scrutinized and documented and coached so that his year abroad would be successful.

The process for host families is also in place. Rotary International has instituted a Certification Program which assesses individual Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) programs with a primary focus on quality control and student safety. Rotary groups, such as our club, are not permitted to participate in RYE programs without first obtaining RI certification.

In September, Rotarian Ryan Campbell, took a day off from work and met Mario at the airport in New York City. When they arrived back in Clarks Summit, family and extended family of Ryan's were there to greet Mario and welcome him to his new home. The Campbell household will be the first of several families

where Mario will live this school year.

As our exchange student, Mario comes to our Rotary club each week, is greeted by all and recently spoke to us about his life in Slovakia. Although he struggles with English, he readily addressed us with a slide program he had prepared, called, "Me, My Town and My Country." As he stood at the podium, his command of our language is obviously limited and he addressed us in choppy but delightful English, but his natural wit and charm came through with each word. He spoke about his family, his friends and his home life with loving sincerity. He is lively and interesting and most of all he is full of fun. He attends school at Abington Heights and has interest in Information Technology and graphics. He enjoys winter sports but his real love is for acting and his ultimate dream is to be a Shakespearean actor.

Mario's home is located in the high Tatra mountains, where tourism and sports such as cycling and hockey, are paramount. The High Tatras National Park, just north of Poprad, offers access to the small alpine mountains in summer and many ski centers in winter. His town of Kezmarok, Slovakia has about 17,000 residents. Nearby Poprad, with a population of 55,000, is one of the most important cities in eastern Slovakia and is known as the administrative, economic and cultural center of the Tatras region.

From so far away, he comes to our town, to meet our people, to learn our language, to play in our mountains. At first glance it may appear to the onlooker as if he is receiving so much. But the real gift is what he brings to us.

His energy, his enthusiasm, his curiosity and innocent demeanor show a teenager full of hope and life. We welcome Mario Macicak to our community.

Community Calendar/Something to Do: International Flavors Dinner, a buffet of international dishes sponsored by Honesdale Rotary. Saturday, November 7th, 5:30pm-7:30pm, Honesdale High School, 459 Terrace Street, Honesdale. Tickets \$15 adults, \$10 children. Tickets available at local banks, Stephens Pharmacy/Honesdale or by phone (570) 253-8631 or at the door. (See article on Page 12.)

District Rotary Photo Gallery



Some of the 4,000 people who came to the Tunkhannock Harvest & Wine Festival last month.

Lake Lehman High School Joins Interact Team

First row: Emily Carey, Carolyn Kerkowski, Julia Hutsko, Rachel Malak, Lindsay Pembleton, Jade Fry, Olivia Vasey. Second row: Zachary Corey, Nicholas Eury, Sarah Malak, Lauryn Pembleton, Jace Garnick, Krystin Chaga, Hannah Lukasavage, Julia Sabol, Faculty Advisor Brian Gorski.



New Rotarians

Blakeslee	Kimberly Tsafatinos
Mountaintop	Jo Gulvas
Plymouth	Deborah Klopotoski Michael Klopotoski
Pocono Mtns.	Grant Hilfiger Kelly Slinger
Sayre	Sherry Griggs
Stroudsburgs	Cheryl Hendershedt
Wilkes-Barre	Joseph Broghamer
Wyalusing Area	Jonathan Naugle

District 7410 — 2015 Club Data

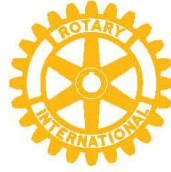
Club	Total Mem.	New Mem.	Oct. Attend.
Abingtons	64	0	0.00%
Athens	15	0	0.00%
Blakeslee	12	1	70.00%
Dallas	44	0	60.00%
Dunmore	16	0	94.00%
Forest City Area	12	0	77.80%
Freeland	8	0	0.00%
Hamlin	24	0	0.00%
Hawley	19	0	0.00%
Hazleton	87	0	0.00%
Honesdale	33	0	0.00%
Jim Thorpe	24	0	0.00%
Kingston	26	0	0.00%
Lehighton	10	0	0.00%
Mid-Valley	6	0	0.00%
Milford- Matamoras	23	0	0.00%
Montrose	22	0	79.00%
Mountaintop	16	1	65.00%
Mt. Pocono	15	0	0.00%
New Milford	12	0	0.00%
Newfoundland	40	0	62.12%
North Pocono	17	0	0.00%
North Scranton	27	0	0.00%
Pittston	12	0	0.00%
Plains	21	0	0.00%
Plymouth	22	2	0.00%
Pocono Moun- tains	20	2	74.00%
Sayre	14	1	78.00%
Scranton	36	0	0.00%
Smithfields	21	0	0.00%
Stroudsburgs	102	1	0.00%
Towanda	12	0	0.00%
Trail (Factoryville)	13	0	0.00%
Troy	24	0	75.00%
Tunkhannock	65	0	0.00%
Weatherly	9	0	0.00%
Wellsboro	51	0	0.00%
West End	29	0	0.00%
Wilkes-Barre	29	1	0.00%
Winola	17	0	0.00%
Wyalusing Area	27	1	0.00%
Wyoming	21	0	0.00%

**PDG Paul Muczynski Visits Dallas**

At a recent meeting of the Rotary Club of Dallas, PDG Paul Muczynski from the Plains Rotary Club was the guest speaker. He showed a video of the tragic destruction of the city of Warsaw, and its triumphant rebuilding after the war. Muczynski (right) is shown with Dallas Rotary Club President Jason Jolley.



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