

# News from District 7410

## Letter from the District Governor

My Fellow Rotarians,

My original letter for this newsletter was going to include some information about Rotary's Education and Literacy Month, which is September, but I decided to rewrite it. We can talk about that some other time.

Right now, millions of people have been affected by the natural disaster named Hurricane Harvey. The natural Rotarian reaction is to find a way to help. At this time, we are in the process of forming an Ad Hoc committee in our district (like PDG Melanie did during Katrina) and we will try to coordinate a response. {Volunteers for this project would be greatly appreciated} The rain has not yet ended. The needs are enormous. However, lessons learned in the past tell us to wait and listen. I have reached out to the DG of the Greater Houston district, but have not yet heard a response. ShelterBox USA has Disaster Response Teams on the ground, but an action plan has not yet been formulated. The Red Cross is on the ground in Houston, but it is unclear what percentage of donations which will reach the people who need it.

My personal knee jerk reaction is to trust in Rotary and Rotarians. We are capable of making plans that make sense and which are cost effective. I also know that this area of the country will need support for a long time. I have faith that we will offer the best of ourselves to help. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page and email blasts.

I've had a busy two months. I have been able to visit with 39 of 43 clubs. I am excited that we will potentially have 3 new Rotaract Clubs, 5 New Interact Clubs and membership has increased by 20 since July. I very excited by the number of clubs which have decided to record their club's efforts in Rotary Club Central and also excited by the number of clubs which are going to try to become eligible for the Presidential Citation. For any club members who are interested, my DG visit presentation will be recorded and uploaded to Vimeo within the next two weeks.

The district website – [www.rotarydistrict7410.org](http://www.rotarydistrict7410.org) – is a work in progress. I will accept all suggestions to make it more user friendly. I am also still seeking "action" photos from clubs in order to put them on the banner at the top of the site. The Rotary International site – [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) – has become more user-friendly and is mobile friendly. The mobile app – Rotary Club Locator - is available on Android and iPhone. This is the app that gives you mobile access to Rotary Global Rewards. If your club has an interest in a

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# Rotary



**ROTARY:  
MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE**

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live demonstration of any of these items, this can be arranged through our Zoom platform. Just drop me a line.

There are five items of interest from the Finance Committee:

(1.) The PETS waiver incentive program has been renewed. If a club has its President-Elect named by December 15, and that person is registered for PETS by December 31, 2017, then the PETS assessment will be waived for January, 2018. THEN, if the person attends PETS (rear in seat!), then the PETS assessment will be waived for July, 2018.

(2.) A Family Membership Promotion was approved: If an immediate family member or member of a household joins Rotary from July 1 through June 30, 2018, their District dues will be waived for January, 2018 and July, 2018. This represents a savings of \$50 to the new member. Don't forget that the subscription to "The Rotarian" need not be doubled, making it another \$12 savings per year.

(3.) The Finance Committee has renewed the offer for up to \$200 for each club towards Rotary signage.

(4.) The committee also renewed the offer to pay up to \$75 towards Youth clearances for a club member in each club.

(5.) As an incentive to get our clubs to reconsider using ClubRunner for their data management, the District will reimburse the \$199 set-up fee for any club starting or restarting its ClubRun-

ner account. Kindly contact me directly about this program.

I encourage clubs to take advantage of these benefits from the District.

This newsletter will be undergoing a face-lift, as well. It will go to a completely digital format. I do ask that you print out a copy for your Rotarians who lack an email address.

I have included two letters: One from the Rotary Foundation regarding last year's giving. The other letter is a reminder to file your 990 forms with the IRS. The deadline is November 15, 2017.

Finally, I have several vacan-

cies in District positions. Notably, we need a Rotaract Chair and an Alumni Chair. We will also be looking for a new District Treasurer, since John Regula will be moving in the later part of this calendar year. Please contact me directly at 610-390-0351 or [ksbvnet@ptd.net](mailto:ksbvnet@ptd.net).

I hope that you have found this information useful. I will be posting more on the website as information becomes available. Additionally, the district directories will start coming to you through your Assistant Governors.

All my best,  
DG Karin

## *FYI...*

The **Council on Legislation** is the method by which Rotary changes our bylaws. Every district sends a representative to this body. The Council will meet next year. District 7410's representative is PDG Carol Hemphill, our alternate is PDG Toni McAndrew. Any proposed legislation must be sanctioned by the District and received by Rotary International by December 31, 2017.

If any member or club has a proposed change, please contact Carol at [carol\\_hemphill@aim.com](mailto:carol_hemphill@aim.com) or [570-499-7656](tel:570-499-7656).

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Your Club and District Support (CDS) team is contacting club officers as a reminder of the **IRS annual filing requirement** for all Rotary clubs in the U.S. and U.S. territories.

Whether your club is a subordinate under Rotary International's 501(c)(4) group exemption or is independently tax-exempt, **the IRS requires that all Rotary clubs in the U.S. and its territories file an annual information return. For those clubs whose tax year follows the Rotary year, the deadline to file is 15 November. The form a club must file is dependent upon its gross receipts for the year.** For more information, please see [Frequently asked questions about annual reporting requirements for exempt organizations](#) at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov). What kinds of questions? **See page 17.**

It is *important* that your club comply with IRS requirements. Please note that [Section 6033\(j\)](#) of the Internal Revenue Code *automatically*

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revokes the exemption of any organization that fails to satisfy its filing requirement for *three consecutive years*

Our [Frequently Asked Questions](#) will answer many of the general questions you may have about Rotary clubs and the IRS. Please direct any specific questions regarding your club's tax-exempt status or reporting requirements to local counsel, your tax adviser or the IRS at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) or 877-829-5500.

Please note that an email has been sent to all club presidents, secretaries, executive secretaries/directors and treasurers reported in our database with a valid email.

Sincerely,  
Your CDS Team

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**The Rotary Foundation** broke records again last year, according to Paul A. Netzel, the 2017-18 RF Chair. That surpasses its goal of raising \$300 million in total contributions!

"You have played a critical role in achieving this success," he writes. "Thank you for . . . ensuring the Foundation would have an even greater impact during its second century."

Netzel continues:

*This grand achievement has boosted Rotary causes . . . [as] the Foundation awarded 1,260 global grants in 2016-17, an 8 percent increase from 2015-16. Grants for polio eradication totaled more than \$110 million. Rotary Peace Fellowship applications increased 59 percent between 2015 and 2017, which shows that interest in our Rotary Peace Centers is increasing.*

*These monumental contributions have lasting effects in our communities.*

*As 2016-17 Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Kalyan Banerjee has said, "When we say that our Rotary Foundation is saving and transforming lives, we are not exaggerating. It is happening in communities all over our world. And it's been happening for 100 years."*



**District  
7410**

## **Finance Committee OKs Family. PETS Waivers**

The following were recently initiated by the District Finance Committee. If you'd like to know more, contact DG Karin.

1. The Finance Committee has initiated an Immediate Family Membership Promotion. This means that ANY member of a current District 7410 Rotarian's family who wishes to join will have their DISTRICT dues waived for January 2018 and July 2018. That means we are offering a \$50.00 waiver to new members. This offer is extended to any member of the household, or immediate family members. In order to receive the waiver, your secretary need only to email the district and let us know. The clubs can pass the savings to the new member.

2. The Finance Committee has decided to offer the PETS Waiver Program again. You must have your District dues paid in full, enter the name of your President-Elect by December 1, 2017, and have that person registered for PETS by December 31, 2017. If that is fulfilled, then your club will be eligible for a waiver of the \$137.50 PETS assessment on January 1, 2018. In addition, if your President-elect attends PETS (full session, including District session), then the PETS assessment for July, 2018 will also be waived. I can only encourage you to pay your dues and to name your President-Elect. Remember, in the Rotary Calendar, the President-Elect is supposed to be chosen 18 months before their term begins. So, don't wait for November to make your succession plans.

Blakeslee Rotary Hosts  
**NIGHT AT THE RACES**  
Get your Tickets by 9/20

**Saturday, September 23**

Dinner served 5-7pm post time 7pm  
Tunkhannock Township  
Volunteer Fire Co.

**Ticket Information:**

**ROTARY CLUB SPECIAL**

Buy group of 8 tickets  
for \$15pp & get a free horse!

Name your own horses

Chance to win \$50  
if your horse wins



**Reservations Required**

**\$15 per person**

Build your own Tacos  
Nachos & Cheese  
Drinks & Dessert

**FOR TICKETS CALL CHRIS AT 570-646-7337**

[The Rotary Club of Dallas](#)

## *Installations Held in 90th Anniversary Year*

The Rotary Club of Dallas recently installed our officers and board members for the 2017-2018 service year at a dinner meeting held at the Appletree Terrace, Newberry Estate, Dallas.

The Dallas Rotary Club was chartered in March 1927 and are celebrating 90 years of service to the Back Mountain community and the world.

Among the more than two-dozen charitable projects it sponsors in the Back Mountain are the annual Christmas shopping spree for 45 children, a Christmas luncheon for the Dallas Active Adult Center, and an auction and raffle event to benefit the Back Mountain Food Pantry. We are also part of Rotary International's worldwide campaign to eradicate polio.

Major fundraisers include an annual charity golf tournament at the Irem Country Club in September and an annual Wine and Dine Festival at the Luzerne County Fairgrounds in June.



Seated from left: Treasurer Jerry Reisch, Secretary Ashley Wagner, President Kimberlie Reynolds, Board Member Fred Di-Maria, Vice President Sandy Peoples. Standing from left: Board Member Ron Fitch, Past President Jason Jolley, President Elect Jason Moran, Board Member Nick Stredny, Board Member Joe Stager. Absent for photo: Board Member Paul Saxon.

## **All Aboard for 2017!**

Your senses will tingle from the exhilarating whistle of the steam engine to the gentle rumble of the train as we traverse lush forests and quaint towns of northeastern Pennsylvania.

Bring your camera to capture the view of not one, but two tunnels and a beautiful waterfall to be enjoyed both en route to Jim Thorpe and upon return to Mountain Top.

Tickets are \$70.

### **Date and Time**

Sat, September 9, 2017  
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM EDT

### **Location**

Mt Top Hose Company (Parking Area)  
1 Lehigh Street  
Mountain Top, PA 18707

[Rotary Club of Tunkhannock](#)

## ***Wine Festival Tickets Down to Final Few***

The Tunkhannock Rotary Harvest and Wine Festival is fast approaching on Oct 14 at Lazybrook Park in Tunkhannock from 11 AM to 5 PM. There will be 12-13 wineries represented and over 50 fabulous food, craft and other vendors. Music will be provided throughout the day by returning favorite, am-Radio, and Kartune.

This event is a fun day out with family and friends while tasting some new wines and old favorites, enjoying great music and deli-



cious foods and shopping our creative vendors.

Again this year only 3,800 tickets will be sold for the Festival and only two classes of tickets are available; advanced sale tickets for \$25 per person and Rotary Lounge tickets.

We will announce on our website ([www.tunkhannockrotary.org](http://www.tunkhannockrotary.org)) and Facebook when the tickets are "sold out" and it is anticipated that no tickets

may be available at the gate on Oct 14.

Tickets can be ordered online at [www.tunkhannockrotary.org](http://www.tunkhannockrotary.org). Tickets can also be purchased at local sites in Tunkhannock: Gay's True Value, Community Bank, Antonio's Pizzeria & Restaurant and Nimble Hill Winery.

The Festival will take place rain or shine and tickets are non-refundable. This event is restricted to individuals aged 21 or older.

Approximately 120 Rotary Lounge tickets will be sold for \$45 per person.

A Rotary Lounge ticket includes entry to the Festival 30 min before the general public (at 10:30 am), tent with tables & chairs, complimentary wine glass, wine tasting and sales by Nimble Hill Winery in the tent.

This year a buffet meal will not be included. Rotary Lounge tickets are not available online or at other Tunkhannock locations, so please e-mail [AWayBiz@ptd.net](mailto:AWayBiz@ptd.net) for your Rotary Lounge tickets.

The Harvest and Wine Festival is the major fund-raiser for the Tunkhannock Rotary Club. It allows the Club to fund the annual July 3rd fireworks display, provide donations to local non-profit organizations and support a variety of activities to benefit our youth and our community. Additionally, the club provides funds for international programs.

That includes polio eradication, as well as, relief efforts for victims of natural disasters in the US and internationally.

### Celebrate Our Heritage!

**Rotary District #7410 is happy to invite you to the annual Heritage Festival at the grounds of Alparon Park in Troy September 16th and 17th.**

**There will be antique trucks, cars and tractor displays, a civil war skirmish, a vintage American Girl Doll display, kids activities, an artisan market place and so much more for the entire family.**

**Cost for an adult is only \$5.00/person and under 12 years old is free.**

**Join us in this family-friendly journey back in time September 16th and 17th!**

**For more information please visit [paheritagefestival.org](http://paheritagefestival.org).**



# CASH RAFFLE EVENT

Rotary Club of Hamlin and Lake Ariel

October 5 2017

## Rotary Club 7410: Foundation

The Rotary Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world. The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, good will, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education and the alleviation of poverty.

## Where does the Money go Locally?

ST. Thomas Moore Food Pantry \*Scholarships\* Hamlin, Lake Ariel, Ledgedale Fire and Rescue Services.\* Lacawac Sanctuary\* Interact Club\* Adopt a Wayne County Family\* Hamlin Park \* RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Training Camp)\* Local reading programs, Kids Safe Fair.

### Who are we?

Founded in Chicago in 1905 as the world's first volunteer services organization, Rotary quickly expanded around the globe. Today club members meet weekly to plan service projects, discuss community and international issues and enjoy fellowship. Clubs are non-political and open to every race, culture and creed. Visit [www.Rotary.org](http://www.Rotary.org) for more information.

## When and Where?

Tuesdays, Social time 5:30, Meeting begins at 6 p.m. R Place, RT 590 Hamlin

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*Thursday October 5, 2017*

*R Place  
Route 590 Hamlin  
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*6 P.M. to 10 P.M*

*Tickets are \$100 includes*

*\*\*Up to 2 people per purchased ticket may attend.*

*includes*

*Hors d'oeuvres- Crudites-  
Pasta Station,-Salad Station -  
Cash Bar.*



## In-Kind Donation

- I will mail or drop off my In-Kind donation to a POC listed.
- I will have a Rotary member Pick up my In-Kind donation.
- I would like to purchase a ticket for a chance to win.

POC Information, Mary Ellen Bentler (570) 499-8901, Jenn Wargo (570) 840-7501, Tatiana Black (570) 575-8487

[The Rotary Club of Wyalusing Area](#)

## *District Governor Trumpets Rotary Benefits*

DG Karin Breitlauch gave an upbeat power-point presentation on the many benefits of Rotary with the emphasis on this year's theme: "Rotary: Making a Difference."

DG Karin is a veterinarian by profession and a 10-year Rotarian, married 20 years to another Rotarian and the mother of a 20-year-old daughter who is a student at the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT). She is particularly proud that Rotary International continues to be one of the most effective organizations when it comes to international, national and local public service projects. The Rotary Foundation is third on the list of the Change the World Foundation of "Foundations that Change the World." Specifically an average of 92.5 cents of every dollar go to projects.

"I have learned a lot in the last 10 years," she said. "I've made friends on six continents." Most of all, she said it has made her a better person and a better global citizen.

She talked about the many benefits to members through My Rotary, and that she personally saves enough on various offerings to pay for her membership each year. She urged everyone to take advantage of My Rotary Rewards and noted that you can't get these advantages if you don't participate. She also sug-

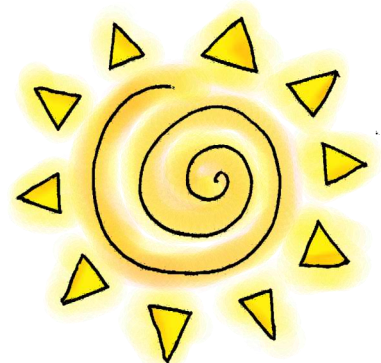


**DG Karin with AG Norm Kelly (above) and with Wyalusing Rotary President Wes Skillings (right) during her visit to the Wyalusing Club..**



gested taking advantage of Rotary Fellowships, because there is one for virtually every interest,

She recommended club representation at the Rotary Leadership Institute on March 3, 2018, as well as the District Conference at Kalahari in the Poconos April 22-24:







# 35th Annual Dallas Rotary Fall Golf Classic - Steak and Clambake

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## Player Entry \$ 110.00 Per Player

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED AND PREPAID BY SEPTEMBER 15, 2017

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# Our Clubs in Action

## The Rotary Club of The Abingtons

# Newest U.S. Citizens Receive Rotary Welcome

BY EILEEN CHRISTIAN

Many people, from different parts of the world, recently traveled to the Federal Court House in Scranton and changed their status from immigrants to citizens. The Rotary Club of the Abingtons was there to welcome them with warm smiles and cookies and punch.

On July 21, the Federal Court Judges donned their black robes and entered the lively court room where the people waited. Court was in session. All rose to listen to the familiar lyrics of the Star Spangled Banner. The Judges welcomed the assembly saying that at one time each of the judges had ancestors who had come from somewhere else in search of a better life in America.

The citizenship ceremony is a moving one. The room is filled with those who look very different one from the other. Each person's journey has been long and hazardous. Hope of a new life awaits with the ticket to freedom - documented citizenship.

Many of the people in the court room waited years. The process to become a citizen of the United States is not easy. Long before the citizen ceremony, a naturalization interview is conducted by a United States CIS officer who will ask questions regarding Civics. A prospective citizen can study from a Civics practice test, where from the 100 questions listed, the officer can choose any 6 to be answered correctly. There are 57 additional questions on the principles of American democracy, system of government and rights and responsibilities in the section on American government. Thirty more questions concern history

Each person's journey has been long and hazardous...

from the colonial period to recent times. Thirteen more questions are on geography, holidays and national symbols. Questions about the state where the applicant will live also must be answered. Applicants are expected to respond correctly to any of these questions chosen at random by the officer in charge. For many, English is not their first language, making the process more difficult.

Forms, study tests, the personal interview all lead up to this one day when those immigrants in the Court House

## ***Kudos for Rotarians In Tunkhannock***

At the July 27 Rotary Luncheon at Purkey's Pink Apple, President Samantha Maruzzelli announced that the Tunkhannock Rotary had been voted as the "Best Non-Profit Organization" by readers of the Wyoming County Examiner/Advance.

Reporter C.J. Marshall attended the meeting in preparation for composing an article on the Club and its activities. The resulting article appeared in the Aug 2 edition of the Wyoming County Examiner (<http://wcexaminer.com/news/rotarians-big-on-service-to-community-1.2225204>).

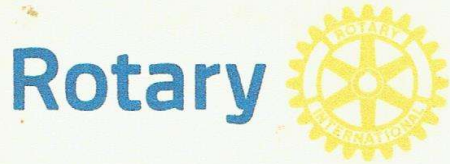
Past President Ann Way accepted the award at the Dietrich Theater on Aug. 17 on behalf of the Club, since she was President during the period covered by the award.

raise their right hands and say, "I pledge allegiance to the flag..." For many the words bring tears as well. When the new citizens leave the court house, each is given a small flag. As the door opens into the hallway, outside of the court room, the Rotary Club of the Abingtons is there and a small reception is set up with white cloths, a red, white and blue motif and home-made cookies and punch.

About a week before the ceremony, an announcement was made at the regular Rotary club meeting. Bakers were needed to make cookies and bring them into Rotary on the following week. From there the cookies would be taken the next day to the hallway outside of the court room. The practice of doing this community service was begun some forty years ago when Mary Ann and Bengt Nelson, arrived in California from Sweden. When they made their oath of allegiance, the lawyers' auxiliary gave them a similar welcome. Mary Ann said when she settled into life in the Abingtons, she would find a way so that every new citizen would have punch and a home-made cookie as a welcoming gesture.

Since that time Phyllis Watkins has been in charge of the reception. She has been assisted by Kathy Nelson, who recently was awarded the Four Way Test Award for her service as a non-Rotarian.

One of Rotary's goals is to promote international understanding and good will. On July 21, this goal was advanced with smiles, red punch, home made cookies and words of welcome.



**NORTH POCONO  
ROTARY**

**Annual  
Golf  
Tournament**

**Mon., Sept. 25, 2017**

Lunch: 12:00 Noon  
Shotgun Start: 1:00 PM



**ELMHURST  
COUNTRY CLUB**

319 Gardner Road  
Moscow, PA 18444



**REGISTER BY  
SEPT. 18, 2017**

**SCHEDULE  
OF EVENTS**

**Monday, September 25, 2017**

**12:00 Noon  
Registration & Luncheon**

**1:00 PM  
Shotgun Start**

**50/50 Raffle  
Dinner & Awards  
following Golf Tournament**

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**4 Person Scramble Format**

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[The Rotary Club of The Stroudsburgs](#)



## Coloring the World Brighter for Kids Everywhere

Bethany Kuster, a Wind Gap Middle School Student presented her project, Color for Kids, to the Rotary Club of the Stroudsburgs on August 17. Her non-profit organization's goal is to bring color to kids everywhere. That means 7,239 kids around the world now have Color so far-- 300,464 crayons shared and counting! Her dream is for every kid to have their own box

of crayons. Their mission is to promote individual expression and creativity through color of children in high poverty schools enrolled in grades pre-k through grade 4 by providing personal art supplies that they can bring home.

Visit <http://www.colorforkids.net/home.html> for more information.



Back to School!  
... and Rotary is there for youth in the communities we serve and around the world.



## Plains Rotary Golf Tournament: Everyone's a Winner

Members of the Plains Rotary held their annual memorial golf tournament at the Mountain Laurel Golf Course on August 25<sup>th</sup>. The funds raised by the tournament will be used to support activities in the Plains area such as: new winter coats for children, Christmas party for special need children, dictionaries for 200 third grade students, community service award, donations to local food pantry, and scholarships. The Plains Rotarians thank all the golfers and sponsors who made this event a success and we hope they will continue to support our efforts to serve the needs of our local community. The winning foursome (from left) are John Nerbecki, AJ Rossi, Don Rossi and Tony Rossi.



### Mark Markowitz Gets His PHS Wings

District 7410 Paul Harris Society Chair Al Noble (right) presented PHS wings for his Rotary pin to Mike Markovitz, officially welcoming him into the Paul Harris Society for his annual donations of at least \$1,000 to the RI Foundation.



### RYLA in the house at Stroudsburg Rotary!

This past June 5 students were sponsored by our club to attend RYLA. 3 are pictured here (left to right) Kendall White, Kennedy Brown and Alefiya Vahanty were able to attend our meeting and share about their experiences. Life changing, the best week of my life and Thank you so much for the opportunity were echoed by all 3 of the young ladies. Also in the photo is Leila Bouchekouk, District RYLA executive team and ESU Rotaract President, Karen DeMatteo, District RYLA Chair and Stroudsburg Rotarian with Rob Howell, Stroudsburg Rotary President.

[The Rotary Clubs of Tunkhannock](#)

## Former Exchange Student from Belgium Returns

On Aug 3, the Tunkhannock Rotary Club had the pleasure of welcoming 2015-2016 inbound exchange student from Belgium Louis Metens and his parents during their visit to Tunkhannock. Louis talked about how the exchange program influenced his decisions after his year in Tunkhannock.

Louis admitted that he had no idea what he wanted to study when he graduated from high school in Belgium and that he was a little lost. At that time, he considered studying communications.

When he got to Tunkhannock he got to learn about a lot of people from around the world and got to learn more English. He also discovered new ways of learning and how American teachers interact with their students, which is different than his experience in Belgium. While at Tunkhannock Area High School, he took speech, public speaking and debates, journalism and other classes that he did not have access to in Belgium.

### Visited U.S. Colleges

While his host Anne Sehne's son was on exchange in Brazil, Louis went with Anne to visit colleges for Stefan. He found they were very different from in Belgium.

Law had already been of interest to him and his ability to argue was noted in his classes here and by his parents in their communications with him.

So, after his exchange year, he decided to go to college in the Netherlands to study law. His is studying European Law at Maastricht University and is having a great time. He is studying in English, but he is also learning Dutch. Louis hopes to be jurist counselor for business law.

Louis remarked that it is hard for the inbound exchange students at the beginning of the year, so please help them by interacting with them whenever possible, making them



**Louis Metens tells Tunkhannock Rotarians how his year as an exchange student from Belgium enriched his life and changed his life.**



Tunkhannock Rotary President Samantha Maruzzelli (left), and Louis flank his parents, Gerald and Louis Metens, at their Aug. 3 meeting.

feel welcome and talk with them so they can practice their English.

He admitted that the favorite foods he discovered here were Krispy Kreme donuts and Dunkin Donuts Macchiato coffee.

Louis loves traveling and visited Julia Alonso (fellow 2015-2016 Inbound Exchange Student) in Brazil and hopes to visit Frank Yu (fellow 2015-2016 Inbound Exchange Student) in Taiwan.

Louis' parents said the biggest changes that they noted after his time in Tunkhannock was that he was more confident and independent.



**NORTH POCONO  
ROTARY**

**ANNUAL  
GOLF  
TOURNAMENT**

*at*

**ELMHURST  
COUNTRY CLUB**



**Mon., Sept. 25, 2017**

Lunch: 12:00 Noon • Shotgun Start: 1:00 PM

**Player & Sponsor Information:**

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**PLAYERS: \$95 each**

includes Lunch, Green Fees, Cart,  
Refreshments on Course and Dinner

# Harvest & Wine Festival



**Saturday October 14, 2017**  
**11 am - 5 pm at Lazy Brook Park**

**\$25.00 - ADVANCE TICKET SALES ONLY**  
Includes Commemorative Wine Glass

**\$45.00 - ROTARY LOUNGE**  
120 seats available - Includes Commemorative Wine Glass  
Wine Tasting & Sales by Nimble Hill Winery

**All Day Entertainment**  
**am Radio & Kartune**

**Tickets Available at the Following  
Tunkhannock Locations:**  
Gay's True Value • Community Bank  
Nimble Hill Winery • Antonio's Pizzeria

**Order Tickets Online**  
[www.tunkhannockrotary.org](http://www.tunkhannockrotary.org)

MUST BE 21 TO ENTER FESTIVAL GROUNDS  
HELD RAIN OR SHINE - NO PETS ALLOWED  
TICKETS ARE NON REFUNDABLE

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# Q&A about U.S. Rotary Clubs and the IRS

Here are some of the frequently asked questions about Rotary Clubs and the IRS. These are meant as informational guides and not legal advice. Contact your tax professional or the IRS at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) or 1-877-829-5500.

**What is an Employer Identification Number (EIN) and does my club need to apply for one?**

[Rotary Club of Tunkhannock](#)

## Planting Trees For Our Veterans

After DG Karin-Susan Breitlauch's visit in July, the Tunkhannock Rotary Board of Directors began the planning process for planting a tree for every club Rotarian to meet RI President Ian Riseley's challenge. It was decided that the first phase of the project will be to work with the Tunkhannock Tree Association to plant a tree in town for every veteran in Tunkhannock Rotary. Since there are 10 veterans, 10 trees will be planted by the Association with funding from the Club.

The second phase of the project, which will be led by Patty Ehrenzeller, will be the planting of trees in Club Rotarian's yards or designated places until 1 tree is planted for each club member. A tree planting party is being planned in Spring to meet this goal by Earth Day 2018.

*An Employer Identification Number (EIN) is a nine-digit number used by the IRS to identify an entity. All Rotary clubs in the US and US territories (American Samoa, Guam, Northern Marianas, Puerto Rico, US Virgin Islands) need to apply for an EIN when they charter. To find out more, visit [How to Apply for an EIN and Instructions for Form SS-4](#) at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov). Please note that RI's Group Exemption Number (GEN) 0573 must be included on the form in order for your club to be tax-exempt under RI's 501(c)(4) group exemption ruling.*

**My club intends to operate as a 501(c)(4) organization. Do we need to notify the IRS?**

Legislation enacted at the end of 2015 requires you to notify the IRS by submitting Form 8976 within 60 days of the date your club becomes a legal entity (i.e. date your articles of incorporation were approved or date your constitution or bylaws were adopted). Clubs that have filed a Form 990 or Form 1024 on or before 8 July 2016 are not required to file the notification. Visit [Electronically Submit Your Form 8976](#) at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) for more details.

**What must my club do to be included under RI's 501(c)(4) group exemption ruling?**

Send a copy of the notice from the IRS confirming your EIN to your Club and District Support Representative (CDS). It is also necessary to include a positive confirmation that your club wishes to be included in RI's 501(c)(4) group exemption ruling. RI will enter your club's EIN into its database and annually confirms

with the IRS all clubs included under RI's 501(c)(4) group exemption ruling.

**Can my club use RI's EIN when applying for a bank account or filing?**

No. Each EIN is specifically assigned to a single entity or club. Your club must use its own EIN when applying for a bank account or filing its annual information form.

**What do the terms 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) mean?**

These are federal tax classifications for organizations that meet the requirements of Internal Revenue Code section 501(a). Charitable organizations are exempt under section 501(c)(3) and social welfare organizations under 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code. Under RI's group exemption ruling, Rotary, Rotaract and Interact clubs are entitled to 501(c)(4) tax-exempt status.

**Are contributions to my club considered charitable contributions for individuals?**

Contributions to clubs are generally not tax deductible as charitable contributions. Contributions to any club charitable fund that is tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code may be tax-deductible as charitable contributions. Membership dues may be deductible for some Rotarians as business expenses.

**Can my club or club foundation use The Rotary Foundation's EIN to receive charitable contributions?**

No. Each EIN is assigned to a specific entity. The club or club foundation itself must meet the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code in order to receive charitable contributions.



## District 7410 — 2017 Club Data

**New Rotarians**

Abingtons	Maryclaire Green
Hawley	Pam Dirkson
	Barbara Furey
Hazleton	Toni Ruggiero
	Stephen Seach
Milford-Matamoras	Susan Fisher
	Marty Gaughn
	Doug Luhrs
	Penny Luhry
	Kari Murante
	Monica Schatz
	Shannon Stevenson
Mt. Pocono	Arthur King
Newfoundland	Joanne Scilltoe
North Scranton	James Medalie
	Sandra Roberts
Pittston	Alex Becker
Slate Belt Rotary	Nicholas Csorba
Stroudsburgs, The	Deedrae Drysdale
	Beth Utley
West End	Joey Krawitz

Club	Total Mem.	New Mem.	Attend %
Abingtons, The	51	1	40.69%
Athens	17		
Blakeslee	11		88.64%
Dallas	42		
Dunmore	13		
Forest City Area	13		79.50%
Freeland	10		
Hamlin Lake Ariel	32		43.75%
Hawley	23	2	
Hazleton	77	2	34.72%
Honesdale	37		
Jim Thorpe	24		33.00%
Kingston	19		67.00%
Lehighton	9		
Mid-Valley	2		50.00%
Milford-Matamoras	32	7	
Montrose	17		
Mountaintop	22		68.00%
Mt. Pocono	19	1	
New Milford	17		
Newfoundland	36	1	85.86%
North Pocono	18		66.00%
North Scranton	24	2	79.00%
Pittston	17	1	49.00%
Plains	19		75.00%
Plymouth	19		
Pocono Mountains	21		
Sayre	16		71.00%
Scranton	38		
Slate Belt Rotary	20	1	80.00%
Smithfields	21		41.17%
Stroudsburgs, The	103	2	62.82%
Towanda	12		85.00%
Trail	18		
Troy	22		
Tunkhannock	67		
Weatherly	10		
Wellsboro	44		
West End	13	1	
Wilkes-Barre	30		
Winola	15		
Wyalusing Area	26		30.00%
Wyoming Rotary	19		44.00%



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