



REPORTER

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Upcoming Events

- **February 6**—Pre-PETS, Susan Byrnes Health Education Center
- **February 25-27**—Multi-District PETS (MANDATORY), King of Prussia, PA
- **March 27** – District Assembly, Holiday Inn East, Harrisburg
- **April 22-25**—District Conference, Wyndham Gettysburg

For a complete calendar listing, please visit www.rotary7390.org.



DECEMBER 2009

"To feel the love of people whom we love is a fire that feeds our life. But to feel the affection that comes from those whom we do not know, from those unknown to us, who are watching over our sleep and solitude, over our dangers and our weaknesses that is something still greater and more beautiful because it widens out the boundaries of our being, and unites all living things."

Pablo Neruda, from "Childhood and Poetry"

December seems to be the busiest month so far this Rotary year. Many District 7390 Rotarians are busy with fundraisers, coat drives, secret Santa's for needy families, Club elections and Holiday get-

togethers. In between our busy Rotary schedules, most of us will prepare to celebrate the Holidays with our families. Whether it is Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, Holy Days or just Happy Holidays and good old Saint Nick, this is a month of happy moments, fellowship, family, good food and friends. How lucky we are.

All those Christmas tree sales, pine wreaths, chocolate and car wash tickets make December busy. But many individuals and families in our communities and thousands of people around the world may not have our blessings, but will have a brighter "Holiday" because you cared. "Service Above Self" certainly becomes an important part of our character and continues to inspire us and others to "Do Good in The World."

"The inspiration of a noble cause involving human interests wide and

far enables men to do things they did not dream themselves capable of before, and which they were not capable of alone. The consciousness of belonging, vitally, to something beyond individuality; of being part of a personality that reaches we know not where, in space and time, greatness the heart to limits of the soul's ideal, and builds out the supreme of character." In 1914 Paul Harris could very easily have said these words. He said so many similar phrases that have inspired the spirit of Rotarians and dedication to Rotary ideals. But these thoughts are actually the words of Lieutenant Colonel Joshua Chamberlain, American Civil War Hero. Both great men in their own



Saw my first Christmas tree of the year at the going-away party in Ecuador on November 14. Pictured with doctors, translators and new friends of the Rotary Club of Guayaquil Sul.

right. One was a Chicago lawyer and the other a Union soldier. Paul started an organization promoting peace. Joshua played a key role in ending the Civil war. Both men, I am sure, would echo the beloved Holiday sentiment of "Peace on Earth and Good will to all Men."

With gratitude for the sacrifices of men and women "watching over our sleep and solitude" on the present day battlefields, and Rotarians who join and participate in the ideals of "Service Above Self", may I and my Family wish you the joy of peace and the love of those you hold dear.

Sincerely,
District Governor Connie

Rotary International District 7390

Concetta M. Spark

District Governor 2009-2010

Take the Clean Water Challenge

If you have not already, please read the special report in your November issue of the Rotarian beginning on page 55, Take the Clean Water Challenge. Many Clubs in District 7390 already have. Our goal is to have every Club involved in a water and sanitation project some where. Contact the District office to find out how. Pictured:



Water Chair and RI President John Kenny at RI UN Day.

2010 RI Convention

Montréal, Québec, Canada, 20-23 June

Sophisticated yet friendly, Montréal offers an ideal setting for Rotarians to gather at the 2010 RI Convention. More than 80 nationalities and ethnic groups reside in Montréal. In addition, it is also the largest francophone city outside of Paris, making it the most bilingual metropolis in North America. Register early now for "An International Experience" and to receive the best rates and accommodations. For more information and to register, please visit www.rotary.org!



DGN 2012-2013 TO BE SELECTED

Clubs have been asked to suggest District Governor Nominees for 2012-2013. In this way, we will continue our three-year projection for District 7390's leadership. Clubs should survey their membership and suggest a qualified candidate. Suggestions must be made in the form of a resolution adopted at a regular Club meeting and certified by the Club Secretary.

Qualifications for a District Governor are specified in detail in the Bylaws of Rotary International as published in the Rotary Manual of Procedure. These qualifications should be studied carefully by Club members and the prospective Rotarian candidate for District Governor Nominee prior to the decision to suggest a member as a candidate.

Club Presidents have information on the duties and responsibilities of the District Governor and the procedure for suggesting a candidate. This information is also available from the District Office. **Club suggestions for District Governor Nominee 2012-2013 must be received in the District Office by December 11, 2009 to be considered by the Nominating Committee. Interviews for District Governor Nominee 2012-2013 will be held Saturday, January 16, 2010 at the Susan Byrnes Health Education Center.**

The Rotary Foundation Dinner

The Annual Foundation Dinner was held Thursday, November 5 at the Sheraton Hotel in Harrisburg. Over 180 Rotarians and guests attended! A huge thank you to all that purchased 50/50 raffle tickets!! What a success the raffle was! The raffle raised over \$1200 with half going to the winner and half going to END POLIO NOW!

The speakers included:

- PDG Charles Cenknner who gave an update on END POLIO NOW
- Two members (Jessica Sprajcar & Kevin Leitzel) of the 2008-2009 GSE team spoke about their experiences on the trip
- Polio Survivor Randy Miller
- PDG Rob Brown (Towsontowne, MD) spoke on Building Peace through Rotary Peace Scholars.

PDG Ben Hoover presented the following Foundation Awards from the 2008-2009 Rotary year:

Highest Total Annual Fund Giving

\$41,700	York
\$34,667	Lancaster
\$16,466	Carlisle

Top Per Capita Giving Clubs

\$303.68	Lancaster-Hempfield
\$285.81	West York
\$202.11	Manheim

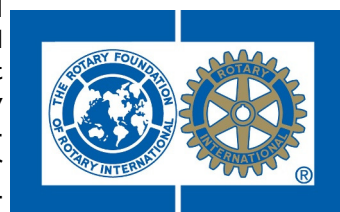
Highest Total Foundation Giving

\$52,200	York
\$35,190	Lancaster
\$19,684	Carlisle



THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

As we enter the Christmas and holiday seasons we have so much to be thankful for as Rotarians and residents of District 7390. We are truly working to make a better world, to deliver hope to those less fortunate than we, to eliminate major illnesses, and to improve the lives of all.



Through our Rotary Foundation the entire family of Rotary is supported. As Foundation Trustee Chair Glenn E. Estess, Sr. says, "We lift each other up, help each other grow, and accomplish things together that we never could alone. Through Rotary, with the help of our Foundation, we can take on challenges that no one else has the ability, or the inclination, or the organizational resources to tackle. We in Rotary share what we have in a way that no one else does, with love, with kindness, and with simple generosity."

That really says it all. From all of us at the Foundation, have a marvelous holiday season!

PDG Ed Jaeger Chairman
District 7390 Rotary Foundation Chair

Club & Student Activity

COLONIAL PARK

Colonial Park Rotary Hears Major General Marchi

Major General Randall Marchi, Commander of the 28th Infantry Division was the guest speaker of the Colonial Park Rotary Club's meeting on Veteran's Day. (L-R) Joe Lindsey, President, Major General Randall Marchi; Jeff Hoachlander, VP, Colonial Park Rotary



Colonial Park Rotary Honors Veterans



Members of the Colonial Park Rotary that served in the armed services were honored on Veterans Day for their service to country. The guest speaker was Major General Randall Marchi, commander of the 28th Infantry Division.

Colonial Park Rotary Club News

Reverend John Stoeckle, a member of the Colonial Park Rotary Club, addressed the members of the Colonial Park Rotary Club and their guests. Reverend Stoeckle spoke about the importance of giving thanks during touch economic times. (L-R) Rev John Stoeckle (Colonial Park Rotary) & Joe Lindsey



HARRISBURG

Youth Exchange Student Lukas Keschull (Germany) receiving honorary citizenship to Harrisburg from Mayor Stephen Reed.

DONEGAL AREA

Mary Alice Bitner, President of the Donegal Rotary Club #5333 is shown above with Rotary District #7390 Governor Concetta M Spark during her annual visit with the club. Governor Spark spoke about the meaning of the Rotary Foundation and her hope to eradicate polio.



EAST PETERSBURG

Rotary Club of East Petersburg to Support Educational Opportunities for Area Youth

The Rotary Club of East Petersburg has established a \$63,500 donor-advised fund focused on youth advancement at the Lancaster County Community Foundation.

Initial funding for the East Petersburg Rotary Youth Advancement Fund was received from generous community support over the years through Rotary fundraisers and other efforts.



With this permanent endowment, the Club plans to support activities that foster educational opportunities, including leadership training or educational programs for youth ages 19 and under from East Petersburg Borough and the surrounding area served by the Hempfield School District.

"We are very pleased to form the East Petersburg Rotary Youth Advancement Fund at the Community Foundation. Each year, we will recommend grants from the fund to support East Petersburg Borough schools and organizations in health education, leadership training and athletic programs for young people in the local area. We must say 'Thanks' to current and former Rotary members for their efforts and to the community support for the fundraisers which made this all possible," said Neil Bolch, President of the East Petersburg Rotary.

By working with the Community Foundation, East Petersburg Rotary is creating a permanent community resource that will benefit young people for generations. The fund will help Rotary Club members to give back and leave a legacy in the East Petersburg borough. Individuals who are interested in adding to the fund can easily and securely contribute online at www.LancasterCountyFoundation.org/funds/eastpetersburgrotary.

"We are excited to be working with the East Petersburg Rotary to help them maximize their generous gift to the community," said Sam Bressi, President and CEO of the Lancaster County Community Foundation.

Rotary UN Day was held Saturday, November 7. It was a huge success! Many District 7390 Rotarians attended along with members of the Gettysburg & Eastern York County Interact Clubs and several Youth Exchange students. Above is a picture of the YE students at the UN.



Club & Student Activity

LITITZ

Rotary District Governor Visits Lititz recCenter



The Lititz recCenter was honored by a visit from Rotary's District Governor Connie Stark on Tuesday October 13. She was on hand to help the recCenter staff and members of the Lititz Rotary Club unpack and setup youth and children's gym equipment that had been purchased with Lititz Rotary Club donations and a matching grant from the Rotary Foundation.

In the photo with the Rotary District Governor are William Spence, Assistant District Rotary Governor, and a member of the Manheim Rotary Club. The recCenter's representatives are Program Director Meg Garrett, Childcare Director Julie Clements and Executive Director Karen Mailen. Lititz Rotary Club members are President Tom Oehme, Vice President Tom Clouse and Treasurer Dave Pegg. Helping with the set up and testing out the new equipment are children from the recCenter.

\$5,000 Donation given to Lititz Historical Foundation

Randy Weit, President of the Lititz Historical Foundation provided a very detailed presentation regarding the Foundation's past, present and future at the Lititz Rotary Club's November 3rd meeting.



Seen in the photo taken at the Foundation's Museum is Tom Oehme (l), President of the Lititz Rotary Club presenting a \$5,000 donation to Randy Weit (r).

Randy informed the Club that the contribution will be used for maintenance repairs to the 1792 buildings, personnel safety for the property and the publishing costs for the printing of the down town Lititz "Walking Tour Brochures." These items were on the 2009 "Rotary Club of Lititz Contribution Request Form" which was submitted by the Lititz Historical Foundation.

Donation to Lititz Police Department K-9 Program



At the Tuesday, November 10th Lititz Rotary Club weekly meeting a check in the amount of \$1,500 was presented to Officer Kenneth M. Wolfe (l) of the Lititz Police Department by Tom Oehme (r), President. The donation was given to fund the Police Department's K-9 food bill for Reky a four-year-old German Shepherd. Officer Wolfe is the handler

of Reky who work well as a team with numerous drug arrests. They are also called many times by other Police Agencies for assistance.

MECHANICSBURG-NORTH

On November 1st., The Mechanicsburg Rotary Club's members, wives, and friends gathered at Harrisburg International Airport to bid farewell and safe travels to the Water Committee's Team



members before departure to El Salvador to drill a well for safe drinking water in a needy village. One week later they returned after completing one well at a school, repairing an additional well and started another one to be finished by the next group of volunteers.

All the team members report they had a very positive experience helping on the drill rig, hygiene education and other related duties. Most days were very hot, very dirty and very, very fulfilling. The people were grateful and thanked the team for the clean water we all take for granted here in the United States.

PALMYRA

DICTIONARIES, GIFTS FROM ROTARY

Dictionaries take on a new meaning for third grade students in the Palmyra Area School System. Each year the Rotary Club of Palmyra distributes over two hundred new dictionaries to all third grade classes in three separate schools.

These new gifts, shipped in bulk and distributed to the class rooms, are not a mere formality. More personally, each individual student receives their book directly from a member of the Rotary Club and upon receipt, they are urged to sign their own personal copy.

The elementary teachers are as appreciative of these tools of learning as the students themselves. To encourage team effort between teacher and student, these books are not limited to word definitions, but also include facts of history and geography.

In addition to the dictionary project, the Rotary Club displays more than 100 American flags each patriotic holiday and are also responsible for the shade pavilions at the community pool.



If you would like a speaker at your Club on RYLA, please contact RYLA Chair Gary Crissman at 545-6553 or Crissman@att.net.

Club & Student Activity

COLUMBIA

Christmas Pet Photos with Santa



The Columbia Rotary Club will hold "Pet Photos with Santa" at the Columbia Animal Hospital. Photos are just \$10, and \$5 for each additional pet in the photo. Photos will be presented in a nice holiday frame. Cats, dogs, and other furry and feathery friends are welcome!

Location: Columbia Animal Hospital

Address: 4081 Columbia Ave,
Columbia, PA 17512

Phone Number: (717) 285-4640

Date: Saturday December 5, 2009

Hours: 1pm to 5pm

The Columbia Rotary club has been in existence since 1920, and is currently seeking new members! The club meets every Tuesday morning at 7:30 am at Taste of Styles, Locust St. Columbia. If anyone is interested in attending the meeting, or joining the Columbia Rotary Club please contact Christina George at 285-6112.



USA, PUERTO RICO and US VIRGIN ISLANDS ROTARY CLUBS AND DISTRICTS & THE IRS

What follows is not tax advice, but general information, which may be useful. Questions regarding any tax matters need to be referred to local counsel, your tax adviser or to the IRS. (<http://www.irs.ustreas.gov> or 1-800-829-1040)

On 13 May 1958, the Internal Revenue Service declared that Rotary International (RI) and its clubs and districts are entitled to exemption from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code. While Rotary districts and clubs are exempt from paying *federal income tax*, the law does require Rotary clubs and districts to file an annual information return on IRS Form 990, on or before the 15th day of the 5th month following the close of the annual accounting period (15 November). Certain organizations, other than private foundations, that do not normally receive more than \$25,000 in gross receipts in each taxable year are not required to file Form 990.

Starting in 2008, clubs or districts with gross receipts of \$25,000 or less were required to file Form 990-N, which is an electronic e-Postcard report. This report is required annually. Failure to meet the annual filing requirement for three consecutive years will result in revocation of the tax-exempt status of the club or district in question. To learn more about this requirement, and to obtain the necessary e-Postcard report form, visit the US Treasury website at: www.irs.gov/eo, or call the toll-free number: (877) 829-5500.

Numbers: RI's Group Exemption Number (referred to as "GEN" on Form 990), is 0573, which applies to RI as well as all USA, Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands clubs and districts. At the same time, every club and district in the USA, Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands is required to have its own *Employer Identification Number* (EIN). This 9-digit number is essentially a tax ID number, and has nothing to do with whether the club or district has any employees. As RI must report annually the EINs of all districts and clubs in the USA, Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands, the RI secretariat maintains a list of those EIN tax numbers for reference. New Rotary Clubs, however, must apply directly to the IRS for an EIN number to be assigned to the new Rotary club. Please contact your Club and District Support (CDS) representative at Rotary International headquarters if you have any questions about the EIN number for your club or district.

Tax Deductible Status: Contributions to clubs and districts are generally not tax deductible as charitable contributions. Clubs and districts that have gross annual receipts that normally exceed \$100,000 generally must include a disclosure statement regarding the non-deductibility of contributions during fundraising solicitations (IRC Sec. 6113). Note that this includes invoices for *payment of dues*. See IRS Notice 88-120 for more details and acceptable disclosure language. Contributions to any club or district charitable fund that has obtained tax exemption 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.

Other Taxes: Clubs or districts may be required to file IRS Form 990-T if they have "*unrelated business income*." An unrelated trade or business is defined as any trade or business that is regularly carried on, and that is not substantially related to the organization's exempt purpose or function. (IRC Sec. 513). Federal Social Security and withholding taxes, and local state income taxes may be required from a club or district that has one or more paid employees. Please contact the IRS or your tax consultant or attorney for guidance on this issue.

The laws of individual states vary in regard to state income tax, sales tax, other taxes and special licenses. The 501(c)(4) status applies only to federal income tax and does not necessarily have any bearing on state or local taxes. IRS interpretation of its Code also can vary slightly in different US Treasury districts.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Carlisle

Brendan Van Gorder—Boiling Springs High School

Elizabethtown

Mandi Shearer—Elizabethtown High School

Mitchell Weidman—Elizabethtown High School

Lancaster-Sunrise

Daniel Vucovich—Manheim Township

Katrina Mill—Manheim Township

Lebanon

Jennifer Herb—Lebanon High School

Christian Eisenhour—Lebanon High School

Alicia Corle—Annville-Cleona HS & Lebanon Co CTC

Mechanicsburg-North

Amanda Cree—Cumberland-Perry Tech & Northern HS

Aleksandr Kolesnik—Cumberland-Tech & Northern HS

Gretchen Garland—Cumberland Valley High School

Luke Ogden—Cumberland Valley High School

Jonathan Broughton—Northern Lebanon HS & Lebanon CTC

York-North

Erin Dubs—Northeastern High School

Club	Membership/Attendance						Media Report	
	Mem. 1-Jul-09	+ -	Mem. 31-Oct-09	Mem. Goal	Attend %	# Mtg	Oct 2009	YTD 2009-2010
Annville	15	-2	13	17	66	5		5
Carlisle	123	+1	124	131	59	5	3	12
Carlisle-Sunrise	33	+4	37	40	81	4	3	7
Colonial Park	92	-1	91	94	52	4	4	9
Columbia	14	-2	12	17	44	4	2	4
Denver Adamstown	18		18	23	73	4	3	10
Donegal	13		13	17	87	4		3
East Petersburg	14		14	17	78	5		
Eastern York County	21		21	25	67	4		1
Elizabethtown	87	+1	88	100	82	5		66
Ephrata	40		40	43	35	3	2	5
Gettysburg	84	+3	87	90	75	4	5	8
Hanover	102	+2	104	100	53	4		1
Harrisburg	196	+4	200	205	66	3	3	7
Harrisburg Keystone	27	+8	35	35	65	4	2	3
Hershey	139		139	140	46	3		
Hummelstown	37	+2	39	40	60	3	2	10
Lancaster	255	+5	260	260	72	4	2	5
Lancaster - Hempfield	40	+4	44	45	73	4		
Lancaster - Northeast	49	+2	51	55	72	4		
Lancaster Penn Square	22	+4	26	30	62	5		
Lancaster - South	55	+3	58	60	62	4		
Lancaster - Sunrise	36	-1	35	40	80	5		1
Lebanon	34	+1	35	37	56	4		
Lititz	39	+1	40	45	75	4	2	5
Littlestown	24	-1	23	26	95	4		
Manheim	24	-2	22	28	83	4	1	4
Mechanicsburg	19	+4	23	30	84	4		
Mechanicsburg - North	63	-2	61	65	86	5	3	4
Millersburg	16		16	19	60	5	1	1
Mount Joy	52	-3	49	58	63	4		
Myerstown - E. Lebanon County	43		43	46	75	4	4	10
New Holland	6		6	9	58	4		
New Oxford - Conewago Valley	14		14	21	66	4		
Northern Lebanon County	22		22	24	56	4		2
Palmyra	18	-1	17	20	100	3		
Paradise	32	+2	34	37	67	5		
Perry County	17		17	23	55	4		1
Red Lion-Dallastown Area	23		23	27	61	5	1	2
Shippensburg	16		16	18	50	4		2
Southern York County	28	-3	25	32	76	5		
Susquehanna Township	22	+1	23	30	47	4		
Upper Dauphin	11		11	15	60	3		
West Shore	18	-2	16	23	92	5		
West York	11		11	15	90	4		2
York	307	+12	319	315	61	4	8	25
York East	76	+2	78	80	44	4		
York North	48	+4	52	60	70	3	4	13
District Totals	2495	+50	2545	2727	68		55	228

Note: Clubs in red did not turn in a October Membership Report.