



REPORTER

ROTAR-E-

January 2010

Leadership, service, and peace begin with each of you, one committed person joining 1.2 million other committed persons in fellowship, service, participation and a vision of peace.

Happy New Year Rotarians of District 7390!

We are celebrating the beginning of 2010, which is the perfect time to reflect on our Rotary beginnings and set our goals for Rotary's future.

Paul Harris held his inaugural Rotary meeting along with three other business acquaintances—Sylvester Schiele, Gus Loehr, and Hiram Shorey—on February 23, 1905 in order to engage in business networking and fellowship. Paul was a transplant to Chicago and, I'm sure, missed his friends and family from back home. However, I tend to believe that the holidays of 1904 may have motivated him to arrange that February meeting. And, imagine for a moment, how surprised Paul Harris would be today to know that the Rotary fellowship he began one hundred and four years ago has grown to 32,000 Clubs worldwide!

The membership of Rotary includes not only the 1.2 million Rotarians and their families, but also over 250,000 Interactors, 170,000 Rotaractors, 15,000 Rotary Community Corps members, and over 8,000 young students annually in Rotary Youth Exchange. As our Rotary membership continues to grow, so does our Rotarian perspective and our collective expectations of the future impact of our service and fellowship in benefiting others. As a united group together in service we can not only resolve issues in our communities that often heretofore when undressed, but also work to make the world a better place.

In addition, our Rotary leaders in Chicago continue to expand our concept of fellowship by including international meetings and a once-a-year Rotary International Celebration Convention. It was with the 1917 Conference surplus of \$26 that Conference Chairman Arch Klumph started the Rotary Foundation. And it is with those funds and the Foundation dollars that have followed that Rotary not only "does good in the world," but also nurtures those international partnerships so critical to its foundation and its future.

The Rotary mottos of "Service Above Self" and "Peace and Good Will in the World" were evident in Rotary's role in the conception

Upcoming Events

- **February 6**—Pre-PETS, 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.

of the United Nations and continue to motivate Rotary's development of the Peace Scholars Program. With the graduation of over 480 Peace Scholars and over 400,000 Rotary volunteers, Rotary continues to work actively, one by one, to change the world for the better. Peace and good will is not just a holiday expression of hope and good wishes to the Rotary family; it is a commitment and legacy of love that Rotarians strive to give to generations to come and, more importantly, to the less fortunate who motivate all that we do as Rotarians every day.

Ashley Kaimowitz was only 16 when she became aware of the atrocities near her affluent Cape Town, South African suburb. After an accidental encounter with a four-year-old victim, Ashley joined Interact and worked with other Interactors as a volunteer in a nearby Family Counseling Center established to fight child rape in the community. At 16, her words are profound and wise beyond her years.

"I have learned that no matter how old you are, the impossible is achievable. I firmly believe that the life of one person, if helped, can change the course of the world, as you never know who that one little girl or boy could be."

That quote particularly caught my attention for, after participating in twelve medial missions, I now look into the eyes of the children in each county and wonder...How will these glasses change your life? Who may this child one day become because Rotarians, Rotary volunteers, and the Rotary Foundation provided the means for her to read and to write.

I am sure that many District 7390 Rotarians have experienced the feelings of satisfaction each time they have volunteered in their communities or have been part of an international medical, water, or literacy project. The happiness that comes from alleviating the tooth pain of a child in Kenya, getting needed glasses to a child in the Harrisburg school district who can't afford them, or giving a much needed cataract operation to an elderly person in Ethiopia who could not see makes me—and, I'm sure, each and every one of you—proud to be a Rotarian. And makes us feel encouraged and stalwart by the difference our mere \$100 annual contribution makes to bettering the lives of people in need all across the globe.

One such life-changing Rotary community service effort involves the local food bank program funded through a simplified grant from your club. Another is the many books donated to libraries in your speaker's names. Those acts significantly change other's lives for the better. And as we commence the second decade of the twenty-first century, we can say with pride that our efforts have made a difference in the lives of people from Africa to South America. Thank you for making all of that possible and for continuing to invest in these worthy endeavors in the future. Your individual efforts, past club support, and donations to the Rotary Foundation reflect well on our past history and current service and remind us that "The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands."

Sincerely,
District Governor Connie

Rotary International District 7390

Concetta M. Spark

District Governor 2009-2010

Save the Date Live Earth Run for Water April 18, 2010

“Every drop Counts”

Circling the globe in 24 hours, the Run will inspire the world's citizens to come together. Running or walking 6km makes the realities of water scarcity real to participants in the developed world. 24 hours, hundreds of runs, celebrities, thousands of runners, all raising funds to help solve the water crisis. Club Presidents are urged to plan a walk/run for water in April. Look for more information in next month's newsletter.



NOMINATE A TEACHER FOR 5th ANNUAL AWARDS!

Rotary Club Presidents and District leaders have received copies of the nomination form in preparation for our 5th Annual Teacher Impact Awards. Copies of the form are also on the District website and that of WGAL-TV, our co-sponsor. School Superintendents in our seven county area have also been sent information about the opportunity to honor some of our best educators. Nomination deadline is January 30, 2010.

The goal of the Teacher Impact Program is to honor those teachers who have had significant impact on their students, who go far and above the ordinary. The teacher must be a full-time pre-K through grade 12 teacher in one of our 7 counties. Winners will be announced at the end of February, with all finalists invited to an awards banquet on May 17 at the Sheraton Harrisburg-Hershey.

The 5 winners will receive a plaque and a check for \$1000 for their school. WGAL-TV will also create a vignette about each winner, to be shown at the banquet and on their TV station. Clubs are urged to nominate several of their best local teachers, and encourage the local schools to do the same.

~Ann S. Keim, Chairman



DGN 2011-12 and 2012-13 TO BE SELECTED

Clubs have been asked to suggest District Governor Nominees for 2011-2012 and 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 Nominees 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 must be received in the District Office by February 8, 2010 to be considered by the Nominating Committee. Interviews for District Governor Nominee 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 will be held Saturday, February 20, 2010 at the Susan Byrnes Health Education Center.**

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

As we begin 2010, all of us on the District Foundation Committee wish you a happy and prosperous New Year. Thanks to you, our Foundation efforts came a long way during the past calendar year and I hope we will finish up strong in the current campaign which ends June 30.

Rotary is working on a 200 million dollar challenge to match the Bill and Melinda Gates 255 and 100 million dollar grants to "Stop Polio Now" and we are over half way there. The incidence of polio has decreased more than 99% since 1988, when the global initiative against the disease began. Only four countries- Afganistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan-remain endemic. We are close to the final hurdle of this race, but the final hurdle is also the highest and will require the greatest effort from us all. Rotary is helping feed hungry children and give them clean water to drink, prevent and treat diseases, enable people to gain life-changing literacy skills, help establish small businesses and work for a more peaceful world. Right now more than 500 Foundation grant projects are addressing a range of humanitarian efforts around the world. And Rotary Centers for International Studies have graduated more than 400 to work in conflict resolution, humanitarian aid, diplomacy, and government.

What can we in District 7390 do to help? First and foremost we should support our Annual Programs Fund. Club Foundation Chairs, please stress this effort over the next six months. The APF is the life blood of our Foundation. Second, make sure we meet our goal of \$35 per member or \$1,000 per club, whichever is greater, for our Stop Polio Now campaign. If we meet these two goals we'll have had a terrific year. Club Presidents and Secretaries --- Club Foundation Chairs are now permitted access to club members donation data. Just log onto the "Member Access Portal" (MAP) at the Rotary website and assign your Foundation Chair and/or Treasurer under the "Update Club Data section on the MAP. And don't forget to save the date, 6 March 2010, for our Foundation Seminar; place and times to be announced.

Now is the time to focus on our Foundation. Call us at the Rotary office if we might help. -PDG Ed Jaeger Chairman, District 7390 Rotary Foundation Chair



Club & Student Activity

HONORING LONG-TIME ROTARIAN BUZZ COHO

Three Rotary Clubs in and near Lancaster have cooperatively mounted a project to install an honorary flagpole in front of the planned Manheim Township Public Library currently under construction in Overlook Park. The new library is projected to open in October of 2010.

The forty-foot tall flagpole will honor an exemplary Rotarian, Ralph "Buzz" Coho, now 95 years of age and still active, who has volunteered his Rotary "service above self" for more than fifty years in south-central Pennsylvania's District 7390. His energy, enthusiasm, and gracious good humor have been a beacon of Rotary spirit throughout the District for decades. From helping to organize a long list of new Rotary clubs in the District to providing advice and assistance on Rotary affairs to numerous District governors Buzz's impact has been profound.

A banquet will be held on Saturday, February 6 at the Eden Resort (6:30-10:00 p.m.) in Lancaster to honor Buzz and his many years of unselfish service to Rotary and his community. Rotarians from District 7390 are cordially invited to attend to join the celebration of our own "Mr. Rotary". Tickets are \$35 per person. Appetizers and cash bar will run from 6:30-7:30 p.m.. A three-course meal (dinner will be chicken) will be served, followed by various presentations.

The Ralph "Buzz" Coho flagpole will display an American flag symbolic of our great nation, which is all the more fitting given Buzz's long and rich Rotary career of citizenship and service, as well as the notable fact he was born on the forth of July - a genuine Yankee Doodle Dandy.

For information about the banquet and seat reservation arrangements please contact the District 7390 office or the Buzz Coho Flagpole Joint Project Committee via e-mail to Jim Martin at bjm1530@comcast.net.

COLUMBIA

Christmas Pet Photos with Santa

On December 5, the Rotary Club of Columbia had Santa visit and take photos with "Furry Children". The day was very successful and raised over \$550 for the Club.



Pictured Left to Right are:
Dr. Bob Bartlett
Chris Milsom
Jane Morgan (Mrs. Santa)
Mike Reiner (Santa)
Abby Krause
Christina George
Joe Milsom
(And George – the dog!)



Chris Milsom, Anita Martin, Jane Morgan

ELIZABETHTOWN

Elizabethtown Christmas Tree Sale

For more than 20 years the Elizabethtown Rotary Club has been selling Christmas Trees to raise funds that support local school activities and charities. This year, we began the sale on Black Friday, and actually sold several trees before the site was even set up and open for business. All the trees and supplies are paid for by our wonderfully supportive sponsors, so that every dollar we collect in sales of trees goes right back into the community through our donations. Each sponsor gets a free tree of their choice, and their name on a banner. One day is designated for the sponsorship



(L-R) Dane Whitmoyer, Jeff Kline (Tree Sales Chair) and Maria Wherley, took the noon shift and missed our club meeting to sell trees.

and they are listed on the lighted signboards by the tree sale. On those days, their own customers can use reduced price coupons to purchase their tree. We are set up in front of GIANT FOODS, who graciously let us take up the frontage space in their parking lot each year, and support us in many other ways. We hand out a bag of information about all of our sponsors, along with a free tree disposal bag. All trees are given a fresh cut and drilled for tree stands, and wrapped in a plastic netting to help the customer get them into their homes. We have loyal customers who come back every year for

our service and a chance to support the community with their purchase.

This year our new INTERACT Club also joined us by selling tree ornaments to raise money for their first project, Operation Christmas Child. A total of 480 Rotarian tree sales hours, plus the committee planning and preparation time, go into this program, and every able member is expected to work three shifts. Others help out by calling and reminding workers of their shifts, and seeking out sponsors, or being individual sponsors. The Rheems Fire Co. always works a Saturday for us, and this year they sold a record 73 trees for us. It is a great project that involves the entire membership of the club. We sold 460 trees and raised around \$17,500.



Dennis Zubler shows off the high quality trees to a customer.



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

LANCASTER



The Rotary Club of Lancaster in November held its annual Rotary Club of Lancaster Men's and Women's Basketball Extravaganza in partnership with Franklin Marshall College. One of the most successful tournaments in the 30 year history of the event, the men's and women's teams from F&M won their respective tournaments,

the crowds were substantial and lively, and club participation helpful. In addition to raising awareness of the club's local and international efforts, the tournament raised substantial funding for Rotary International and the School District of Lancaster.

LANCASTER-NORTHEAST

Captain Ralf Schmitt-Raiser, German Naval Attaché, used the opportunity of his visit to the Lancaster Northeast Rotary Club to honor one of our own. The German officer presented club' past president, Captain Stephen D. Sitler, U.S. Navy Retired, the Silver Cross of Honor of the German Federal Armed Forces in recognition of his meritorious services to the German military. Captain Sitler had been assigned to the U.S. Embassy in Germany from 1996 to 1999 as US Naval



Attaché. In that role he was charged with "the extremely important task of functioning as a link to the German Ministry of Defense, focusing, in particular on cooperation between the German and the US Navies", Schmitt-Raiser said. In addition, he "coordinated a broad spectrum of military affairs which extended well beyond purely Navy duties."

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Colonial Park

Sarah Dowhower—Central Dauphin High School
Aneesa Neibauer—Central Dauphin East High School
Brock Judd—Dauphin County Technical School

Elizabethtown

Jamie Dullinger—Elizabethtown High School
Zachary Myers—Elizabethtown High School

Lancaster-Sunrise

George Fladeland
Marissa Hollinger—Manheim Twp Middle School

Lebanon

Adam Kuhn—Lebanon High School
Chelsey Marquardt—Lebanon HS & Lebanon CTC
Samantha Mease—Lebanon High School
Lindsey Good—Lebanon Catholic School
Ryan Morrison—Lebanon Catholic School
Josh Troxel—Cedar Crest HS & Lebanon CTC

LITITZ

Sgt. Kerry L. Good of the Lititz Police Department spoke before the Lititz Rotary Club December 1st regarding the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program. D.A.R.E. is an international education program aimed at preventing drug use and violent behavior. The program is being taught for 13 weeks to the fifth grade students at Lititz Elementary and John Bonfield Schools. At the conclusion of Sgt. Good's presentation, Rotary Club President Tom Oehme (l) presented a \$400 check to assist in the costs of the program.



Another \$400 check was given to the Warwick Township Police Department for their D.A.R.E. program, which provides the education program for the fifth grade students at John Beck and Kissel Hill Elementary Schools.

The Lititz Rotary Club is in the process of distributing funds to various organizations in Lititz and the surrounding area which were derived from proceeds from the Annual Lititz Rotary Club's Golf Tournament, the annual Craft Show and the Travelogue series which is in its 47th year.

MYERSTOWN-ELCO



Recently Myerstown-Elco Rotary club members and friends joined together to wrap Christmas packages for the veterans living in a supervised housing facility in Lebanon. Christmas packages were crammed full of

personal care items for each veteran. Myerstown-Elco Rotary club does this every year as a community service for the benefit of those who have served our country so faithfully in the past and who now need our help. Individuals of the club donate their own money and time for this project. At the time of sorting the articles that go into each package, a sense of gratitude and fellowship amongst those present was much in evidence. This is the season to be thankful for all the good things we have; it is a Rotary club principle to share with others and this is one of many ways Rotary club members share their blessings with those less fortunate.

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!



Club	Membership/Attendance						Media Report	
	Mem. 1-Jul-09	+ -	Mem. 30-Nov-09	Mem. Goal	Attend %	# Mtg	Nov 2009	YTD 2009-2010
Annville	15	-2	13	17	61	3	3	8
Carlisle	123	+1	124	131	65	3	5	17
Carlisle-Sunrise	33	+4	37	40	84	4	4	11
Colonial Park	92		92	94	61	3	8	17
Columbia	14	-2	12	17	44	4	1	5
Denver Adamstown	18		18	23	75	3	2	12
Donegal	13		13	17	84	4		3
East Petersburg	14		14	17	76	3	1	1
Eastern York County	21		21	25	63	3		1
Elizabethtown	87	+1	88	100	82	5		66
Ephrata	40		40	43	40	4	4	9
Gettysburg	84	+2	86	90	80	5	2	10
Hanover	102	+3	105	100	52	4	2	3
Harrisburg	196	+4	200	205	64	4		7
Harrisburg Keystone	27	+8	35	35	59	4		3
Hershey	139	+3	142	140	48	4		
Hummelstown	37	+2	39	40	60	3	2	10
Lancaster	255	+5	260	260	75	4		5
Lancaster - Hempfield	40	+4	44	45	81	4		
Lancaster - Northeast	49		49	55	69	3		
Lancaster Penn Square	22	+4	26	30	74	3		
Lancaster - South	55	+3	58	60	57	4		
Lancaster - Sunrise	36		36	40	78	3		1
Lebanon	34	+1	35	37	56	4		
Lititz	39	+1	40	45	78	4	4	9
Littlestown	24	-1	23	26	83	3		
Manheim	24	-2	22	28	81	4	2	6
Mechanicsburg	19	+4	23	30	84	4		
Mechanicsburg - North	63	-2	61	65	83	3	3	7
Millersburg	16		16	19	50	5		1
Mount Joy	52	-2	50	58	66	4		
Myerstown - E. Lebanon County	43		43	46	75	4	4	10
New Holland	6		6	9	58	4		
New Oxford - Conewago Valley	14	+2	16	21	67	4		
Northern Lebanon County	22	+1	23	24	55	4	1	3
Palmyra	18	-1	17	20	97	4		
Paradise	32	+2	34	37	78	3		
Perry County	17		17	23	55	4		1
Red Lion-Dallastown Area	23	-1	22	27	70	3		2
Shippensburg	16		16	18	60	4		2
Southern York County	28	-3	25	32	73	3	3	3
Susquehanna Township	22	+1	23	30	50	3		
Upper Dauphin	11		11	15	60	3		
West Shore	18		18	23	94	3		
West York	11	+1	12	15	91	4		2
York	307	+8	315	315	51	4	5	30
York East	76	+2	78	80	51	4		
York North	48	+4	52	60	70	3	4	13
District Totals	2495	+55	2550	2727	68		60	278

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