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Lock Haven Rotary Club Newsletter

August 2011

Lock Haven Rotary Greet District Governor



District Governor Alice Kissinger, center, presented an official "Reach Within to Embrace Humanity" banner to Club President Loretta Coltrane, left. Assistant Governor Brent Jones, right, introduced DG Alice to the club and served as her aide. In honor of Alice's visit, our club made a \$100 donation to The Rotary Foundation PolioPlus fund.

District 7350 & 7370
Rotary Foundation, PR, & Membership Seminars
Saturday, September 17, 2011

Registration: 8:30 AM
Sessions: 9-12 noon
Lunch: 12 noon w/departure at 1:30 p.m.

The Casino, Lakemont, Park Blvd, Altoona, PA

Club will pay cost of \$25 for members who attend
Sessions are concurrent so we need several members in attendance
Contact President Loretta if you wish to attend and carpool with us.



2011-2012 Club Officers Installed

7370 Assistant District Governor Brent Jones installed club officers for the 2011-2012 year during our July 19 noon meeting.

Our leadership team this year includes Club President Loretta Coltrane, Immediate Past President Brent May, Club Secretary Richard Mikula, Club Treasurer Jacinth Maynard, International Service Director Cindy Love, Club Service Director Larry Coploff, Community Service Director April Welshans, and Sergeant-at-arms Ira Masemore.

AG Brent Jones presented the gavel and club bell to 2011-2012 Club President Loretta Coltrane during installation ceremonies on July 19. Loretta previously served as Club President in 2005-2006 under the leadership of then District Governor Alex Rauch.

2010-11 RI Presidential Citations Awarded to 2 Lock Haven Clubs



Past District Governor Connie Wydra, left, presented Rotary International Presidential Citations to 2010-11 Club Presidents President Jerri Alrich, Downtown Lock Haven Club second from left,

and Rotary Club of Lock Haven Club President Brent May, right, at our July 26 club meeting. The clubs were two of only eight District 7370 Clubs that earned a the Citation from RI President Ray Klingensmith. To earn the award, clubs needed to score 25 points each in four categories: Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, and International Service. Congratulations to both clubs for their hard work this past year to earn this prestigious award!

District Governor Alice Kissinger Visits Our Club

At the August 2nd club meeting 25 members and guests were on hand to greet District Governor Alice Kissinger, a member of the Hegins-Valley View Rotary Club in Schuylkill County. Alice introduced Rotary International President Kalyan Banerjee's 2011-12 theme, "Reach Within to Embrace Humanity."

Alice noted that RI President Kalyan wants each Rotarian to understand that all of humanity has similar dreams, hopes, and problems. If we start with and strengthen ourselves and then work outward to build a stronger family in our own homes, and further expand to building and improving our community then as Rotarians we will be able to understand and better serve others. President Kalyan's three emphases that he wishes each club to embrace in the year ahead are 1) strengthen our family, 2) continue what we do best, and 3) change whatever needs to be changed.

Alice encouraged us to continue our support of water projects so others can drink clean water that is so essential to life, to help others obtain the ability to read and improve their livelihood, to help stop suffering and pain by giving freely of our time and money to eradicate polio, and other projects we might identify to provide "Service Above Self" to others.

She reminded us that our founder Paul Harris started Rotary because he wanted to make friends with other people. As Rotarians we can meet friends each week at our meeting. She suggested that we expand our circle of Rotary friends by moving about and not sitting at the same table with the same people each week.

Alice explained that the New Generations Avenue of Service was added to remind us to reach out to the younger generations because we are getting older and we need to find our replacements to keep Rotary growing and strong. "Get serious about membership. It's a hard topic that no one wants to talk about but we need new ideas and younger people," she said.

Alice told about going to a favorite restaurant where the tables are covered with white paper and with a package of crayons to use to draw while waiting for the meal. One day while drawing, she noticed that each color has a certain job to do - just like Rotarians. Some of the crayons had been used a lot and had been worn down, while others had hardly been used at all as though they didn't have a purpose or an idea to how to be used - just like Rotarians. Some crayons were bright and cheerful while others reminded Alice of a rainy day. She noted that, like those crayons, Rotarians are happiest when we come out of the box and do something useful and encouraged us to do something useful this year and to remember that each one of us ARE Rotary and that each one of us are the BEST OF THE BEST.

Come to our Club Picnic

Tuesday Evening, August 30

5:00 p.m. – Games, Swimming, Fishing, Socializing

6:30 p.m. – Picnic Dinner

A Rotary Family Gathering at the Home of Bill Bastian

- **Bring a covered dish to share.**
- **Try your hand at bocce, badminton, shuffleboard, or take a dip in the pool (bring your own towel and suit), fishing (bring your own rod and bait), or sit and chat.**

DIRECTIONS: From Lock Haven (Consider Carpooling)

- **Take I-80 East to Exit 192 and turn right.**
- **Turn right again onto Rt 880 North. Drive approx. 1,7 miles and turn right onto Fourth Gap Road.**
- **Drive for approx. 1.5 miles on Fourth Gap Road then turn right onto Wagmyr Lane . Stay on the main macadam lane until you see a large house with a green peaked roof and wooden exterior.**
- **You've arrived at Bill Bastian's beautiful home!**
- **Someone will assist you with unloading and parking.**

Please email or call one of our Picnic Co-Chairs: Nancy Merinar at 660-9943 jmerinar@comcast.net or .ynda Carey at 484-1582 lcarey@kcnet.org by August 26 to provide a head count and ages of your family members who will attend.

Fellow Lock Haven Rotarians,

It was a privilege to serve as your Assistant Governor for the past four years from July 2007 to June 2011. Working with dedicated Rotarians who gave of their time and talents to benefit our club and serve others was very rewarding. I have many fond memories of advising and working with club presidents Ernie Kerstetter and Brent May, their hard-working board members, and with you, the members of our wonderful Lock Haven Rotary Club to complete projects and make a difference in the lives of others.

During those four years with district responsibilities I learned new skills that I hope will enable me to serve this club better as your 2011-12 president. It is good to be back home full-time again with my club whose fellowship and support are unparalleled in 7370.

I appreciated the "thank you" card you all signed and your very thoughtful and practical gift of a gas card.

My sincere thanks to you all!

Loretta Coltrane
Club President, 2011-2012

YOUTH EXCHANGE STUDENT EAGER FOR OPPORTUNITY



LOCK HAVEN - Brennan Register is counting down the days to August 11 when she will fly out of the State College airport to participate in a year-long Rotary International Youth Exchange in Brazil, South America.

"I'm really excited about this year-long opportunity to face new challenges living and traveling throughout Brazil and experiencing a different culture. It is something that will help me grow and become bicultural," she said.

A May 2011 graduate of Central Mountain High School, Brennan will travel for over 13 hours to Santa Rosa, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, where she will be met by District 4660 Rotarians and her host Rotary Club of Santa Rosa Amizade.

Sponsored for the Youth Exchange program by Rotary District 7370 and the Rotary Club of Lock Haven, Brennan will become acquainted with the culture and customs of Brazil while staying in the homes of three Rotarian families in the Portuguese-speaking South American country. She will attend high school classes at the Instituto Sinodal Da Paz.

Except for a deficiency in Portuguese, the eighteen-year-old blonde Brennan should blend in well. She will be staying in an area of Brazil where many of the natives are also blonde, and her first host family is a three-child household like her own.

To prepare for her stay abroad, Brennan attended several orientation sessions with other American students who will travel abroad as Rotary Exchange Students this year. She also met several students from other countries who were staying with families in Districts 7350 during the Outbound Orientation session held in Bedford in March and at the District 7370 Conference held in April.

"My roommate at conference was from Brazil and she gave me lots of good advice. Like, how is a teen age girl supposed to pack for a full year long trip? I'm still packing and hope I can stay within the restrictions on the amount of luggage allowed," she said.

Brennan's parents, Joel and Theresa Register, are supportive of their daughter's decision to spend a year abroad before starting her college studies towards a teaching career in mathematics. "We're grateful to Rotary for providing Brennan with this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to learn about another culture and way of life," said her mother Theresa, a teacher at Central Mountain High School.

"Even though Brennan will be thousands of miles away from our family, we plan to communicate with each other through the internet and Face Time video phone calls to keep updated about her activities," said her father, Joel, who is employed as the Information Resources Manager at Lock Haven University.

The first Rotary youth exchange was initiated by the Rotary Club of Copenhagen, Denmark in 1929, to provide high school students with the opportunity to experience the culture and diversity of other countries by spending an academic year abroad. Today more than 8,000 students and 58 countries participate in the exchange program each year.

GOOD LUCK BRENNAN!
We're with you all the way!!