

Weekly Program

Last week Hanover Rotary club member **Rev. Ross Lang** told us about Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) a disaster relief branch of Presbyterian Church USA. It is an internal charity that Ross' denomination has created and works with. Protestants are a fractious and fracturing bunch so there are more Protestant denominations forming every day but they are still the biggest Presbyterian denomination by a significant margin. They have about 1.5 million members nation wide. PDA was formed to specifically respond to victims of natural disasters or economic crisis that are precipitated by government intervention (countries where governments are hoarding resources). Ross got involved in PDA when he was in college. One of the great things about this charity is that they get the volunteers from the church to pay for airfare, supplies, and food when they go out. When the church donates money to this charity, 100% of it goes to building materials and supplies for the victims of these natural disasters. Even though the amount PDA disperses every year is not that big compared to other national charities, it is substantially more than that because all the costs of getting workers on site is covered by the congregations where the people that are going. Ross was part a group that flew down to help people affected by Hurricane Katrina. They were one of the earlier groups down there. They were dealing with all sorts of resource shortages. They lived in a corrugated plastic village. Generator fuel was extremely limited so when the sun went down, you were done for the day. PDA places a high preference on people being sent as

volunteers who have technical skills that could help. Ross' group had a pediatrician and several general contractors from his congregation to work down there. The goal is to provide a professional job. The professionals would teach the less experienced what they needed to know. The group cut and put in a tile floor for some people. Within a certain proximity to the water, FEMA said that the floors had to be replaced by something that would be water resistant should this happen again. A PDA rule was that they would only work on the primary residence of people. This was also the case when Ross helped victims of Hurricane Sandy in New York and New Jersey. Ross's group worked on three houses and they were able to finish the interiors of them in the two weeks they were there. When Ross helped the victims of Hurricane Sandy, the scene was less traumatic. Their group did not arrive at the scene soon after it happened. PDA would send volunteers and the volunteers would bring their own tools with them. People tended to leave their tools behind to help out other churches that had manpower but not resources. In the time period up to Easter, the church celebrates Lent and the church has a special offering called "One Great Hour of Sharing" which is taken nation-wide. About one third of that offering goes to fund this program. Another third goes to the group "Self Development People" which is a program that provides loans to people in developing countries to start their own businesses or get themselves out of debt, which also works in tandem with PDA. Donations are also taken all year for PDA and they also solicit grants from corporations.

Lotteries



Last week **Chris Lisewski** won the 50/50 drawing. Last week the Members Only raffle was up to \$506 and down to 18 cards. **Ross Lang** won \$3.

Birthday



Last week we sang happy birthday to **Warren Hartzman**.

Guests

Last week our guests were:

- **Hudson Hansch**

Program Schedule

- Aug 25 **Susan Calantone**, Morris Library
- Sep 1 Business Meeting
- Sep 8 **Dick Kitchell**
- Sep 15 **Val Kostenko**
- Sep 22 **Bob Greenwald**

NOTE: Each member is responsible for engaging a guest speaker on his/her designated day. Should a guest speaker be unavailable, it is requested that the member make his own presentation (on family, business backgrounds, humorous anecdotes, inspirational thoughts, etc.) or ask a fellow Rotarian to speak. We MUST fill a 15-minute time slot each week. If you are unable to attend the meeting on your designated day, please ask another Rotarian to switch dates with you and kindly advise Barbara Freda of the schedule change.

District and Club Events

- Monday, August 28, 7:00 pm**
Board Meeting at the Hanover Township Community Center. All members are welcome.
- Friday, September 1, 7:30 am**
Interfaith Food Pantry collection
- Saturday, September 9**
Hanover Township Day at Malapardis Park
- Monday, September 25, 7:00 pm**
Board Meeting at the Hanover Township Community Center. All members are welcome.
- Thursday, Sept 28, 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm**
District Membership Development Seminar at the Madison Area YMCA, 111 Kings Road. For Club Presidents and Membership Chairs. Light dinner and beverages will be served. Register at rotarydistrict7470.org.
- Wednesday, Oct 4, 3:30 pm – 8:30 pm**
Vocational Assembly at Pines Manor, Edison, NJ. Keynote speaker will be **Buzz Aldrin**, honorary Rotarian. Go to rotarydistrict7470.org for details.
- Mar 23, 7:30 am – Mar 24, 2018 1:30 pm**
President Elect Training at the Hanover Marriott. Register at rotarydistrict7470.org.
- Saturday, Apr 21, 2018 7:30 am – 3:30 pm**
Rotary Leadership Institute at West Orange High School, 51 Conforti Avenue, Tarnoff Wing.
- Sat, Apr 21 – Sat, Apr 28**
Hanover Rotary Cruise. See Bob Weger for details.
- May 26, 2018 – May 31, 2018**
District Conference. 5 Day Cruise to Bermuda Royal Caribbean - Anthem of the Seas.

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Miss a meeting? Make it up at:
www.rotaryclubone.org or
www.oneworldrotary.org.
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The District 7470 web site is:
www.RotaryDistrict7470.org
Look for **Rotary District 7470 New Jersey**
group on **LinkedIn**.

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August is Membership Month

2017-2018 Club Officers and Directors

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Membership	Fred Meola
Club Newsletter	Ken Lemanowicz
Interfaith Food Pantry	Marc Lebowitz
Historian	Bob Greenwald
Web	Lauren Hansch
Corporate Sponsors	Romanowsky, Siino
Quiz	Val Kostenko
Dictionary Project	Chris Lisewski
Casino Night	Kostenko, Deckert
Duck Race	Leone/Hartzman
Blood Drive	James Colavito
Cruise	Robert Weger



**ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**

The Four-Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do

Is it the **TRUTH**?

Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER
FRIENDSHIPS**?

Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

**EVERY
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EVERY
YEAR**



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