

Morning Light

Newsletter of Rotary Club of Bethlehem Morning Star



January 2008

Meets 7:30 am Thursdays at Kirkland Village

NEW MEMBER SOIREE JAN. 15

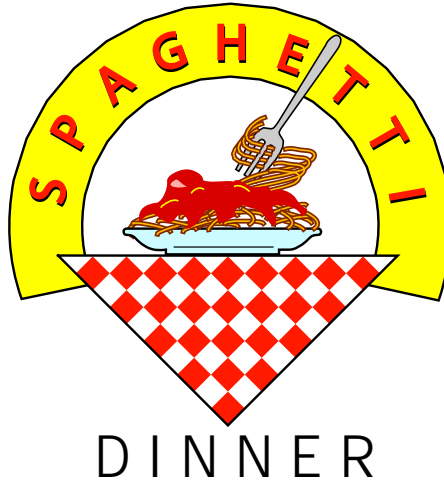
Our "New Member Soiree" will be held from 5:30 to 7:00 pm on January 15 at The Hanoverville Roadhouse.

If you were inducted in the past year and have not yet attended one of these soirees, you and your "significant other" are invited as guests of the club.

All members - especially board members and committee chairs - are invited to help our new members learn about Rotary International in general, and Morning Star Rotary in particular.

Barb Seifert will be announcing or emailing menu details and pricing soon.

Hope to see you there!



Friday Feb. 1

Snow Date: Feb. 8

Time: 5 to 8 pm
Place: Beth. Area Vo Tech
Price: Adults: \$8.00
Children (Under 10): \$4.00

Tickets will be distributed to club members starting at the Jan. 3 meeting. Members are strongly requested (but not required) to sell/buy 5 tickets per member.

Volunteer Sign Up to begin also at the Jan. 3 club meeting. We will have 50/50 Drawings throughout the evening.

Please help this event, which will help fund our grants for next Rotary Year!



Many thanks to the Liberty High School Accapella Singers and Rick Santee for a great holiday program!



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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Morning Star,

2007 is history, and the holiday season but a memory! We owe a special thanks to Jim Santanasto and Rick Santee for their part in making our Christmas celebrations so special for Bethlehem Morning Star. Jim, great job coordinating the Christmas party at the Sum Inn. And Rick, your Christmas sing-along was as always, so much fun!

A special thanks also to all Club members that supported the December 8 District Rotoplast Auction by contributing to or bidding on the various items for sale. The auction items were sold for more than \$48,000, ensuring that the next

Rotoplast mission can proceed.

In the new year, look for several Rotary Development initiatives. Our Club will form a task force to investigate an additional fund-raiser. Several of you have come forward with ideas, and we'll want to hear more about your ideas.

Beginning yet this month of January will be another Rotary development initiative, this one in conjunction with the Bethlehem and Saucon Clubs. In a series of three meetings, a number of Bethlehem civic, cultural, and business leaders along with Rotary members will attempt to identify one or more high

impact, high profile projects to improve our community. From among our members, Joan Paul will represent Bethlehem Morning Star, and Tom Mohr will represent the United Way in this initiative, which I see as holding great promise.

I wish for each of you the blessings of life, health, and prosperity for 2008. And may we also be blessed with the strength and wisdom to meet each challenge that this new year will certainly throw our way

Yours in Rotary,
Pres. Ron Helmuth

Rotary Foundation

Thanks to the Morning Star Rotarians who have contributed to Rotary Foundation this year. (The Rotary year runs July 1 to June 30.) To date, we have received almost \$4,200 of the \$5,000 goal set by our club leadership.

Contributions have been received from 40 members, including those making contributions via \$2 per week. Donations ranged from \$25 to \$500, and four new members have taken advantage of the 100 point match offered by the club towards their first Paul Harris Fellow (cumulative donation of \$1,000).

Morning Star has two new Paul Harris Fellows, and four additional members have achieved multiple Paul Harris status. These members

will be recognized at a club meeting in early 2008.

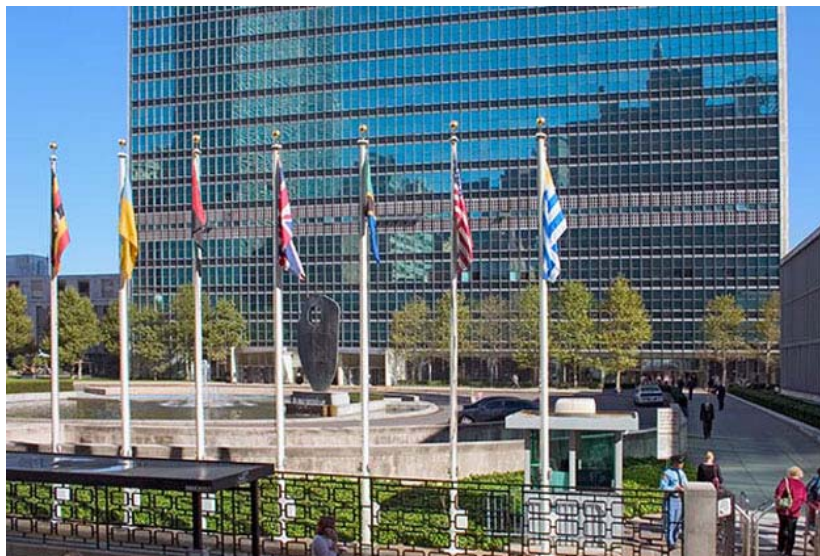
For Bethlehem Morning Star to achieve its goal of \$5,000, three levels of contribution must continue to occur. First, members giving \$2 per week need to continue making their donations. Second, more new members should consider making their initial contribution and obtaining the

matching points. Finally, many of the long-term Rotarians who previously achieved Paul Harris status should consider making an annual contribution of \$100 to continue the good works of the Foundation.

The goal of Rotary Foundation is "Every Rotarian, Every Year". Wouldn't it be great if Morning Star achieved this in 2007-08?



MORNING STAR TRIP TO UNITED NATIONS THURSDAY FEB. 7



We're all set for the UN trip on Thursday, Feb. 7.

Departure time: 8 a.m. sharp
from Kirkland Village parking lot

Cost: \$35 per person, including transportation and the UN tour --
lunch at your own cost

Attire: Business casual

Return Time: Approximately 4 p.m.

We will have 2 briefings: one on the UN's Millennium
Development Goals, and the second by Rotary's Senior UN

Delegate on Rotary's Global Impact and its relationship with
the United Nations. We'll also be having a behind-the-
scenes tour of the UN, including the General Assembly and
Security Council Chambers. Cameras welcome. No need
for ID or a passport.

Cash or checks (payable to Bethlehem Morning Star
Rotary) are due by Jan. 24. Those spaces not filled by
members by Jan. 17 can be taken up by spouses, teenage
children, our exchange student or Ambassadorial Scholar,
etc.

Sign up at meetings, or contact Bill Hunter
wdh3@lehigh.edu or 610-758-4505.

AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLAR

This week our club welcomes our Ambassadorial Scholar.
His name is Markus Hege, is 24 years old, and he's from
Wissenbourg, France. He'll be doing an MBA at Lehigh,
and will be hosted by our club for all of 2008. Bill Hunter
will serve as his advisor, but all club members are encour-
aged to host Markus for dinners, take him around the area,
invite him to Rotary functions, etc.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JANUARY . . .

10 Tom Mohr
14 Rosemary McDonald
16 Geoff Wright
20 Ron Helmuth
28 Janet Sipple



2008-09 OFFICERS & DIRECTORS ELECTED

The following candidates have been elected to serve Morning Star Rotary during the 2008-09 Rotary Year:

PRESIDENT ELECT ... Jim Santanasto

SECRETARY Val Walk

TREASURER Cheryl Russo

BOARD MEMBERS 2008-2010 (four)

Ken Gilson
Mike Long
Don Scanlon
Eileen Taff

BOARD MEMBER 2008-09 (one)

Chuck Uhl
*(Position open by Jim Santanasto
becoming President Elect)*

Note: The following people were previously elected, and will serve on the 2008-2009 Morning Star Board:

PRESIDENT Dave Cincera

PAST PRESIDENT Ron Helmuth

BOARD MEMBERS 2007-2009

Eileen Dunn
Mary Matz
John St. Clair
(Jim Santanasto to Pres. Elect)

Calendar

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Jan. 3 BOARD MEETING
Before regular meeting

Jan. 15 NEW MEMBER SOIREE
Hanoverville Roadhouse

Feb. 1 SPAGHETTI DINNER
Beth. Area Vo Tech

Feb. 7 Trip to UNITED NATIONS
replaces morning meeting

Officers & Directors 2007-08

PRESIDENT

Ron Helmuth ron.helmuth@rcn.com

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Dave Cincera davin@rcn.com

SECRETARY

Val Walk val@btcu.org

TREASURER

Cheryl Russo cheryl.russo@pnc.com

PAST PRESIDENT

Tom Mohr tnymohr@verizon.net

BOARD MEMBERS

7/1/06 - 6/30/08:

Rich Hyde rhyde@ezmicro.com
(replaces Sarah Kunert/Donna Green)

Betty Langensiepen pastor@stpetersallentown.com

Jean Searfoss jsearfoss@cementemployers.com
(replaces Val Walk - now Secretary)

Jim Vitale JmVtale@aol.com

7/1/07 - 6/30/09:

Eileen Dunn Ed.dunn@rcn.com

Mary Matz wilmarmatz@verizon.net

Jim Santanasto jsantanast@aol.com

John St. Clair jbstc@rcn.com

MEETING PROGRAMS

Program Chair: Dave Cincera - davcin@rcn.com

JANUARY 2008

- Jan. 3 **CHRISTA WARDA, “German Music in the Lehigh Valley”**
- Jan. 10 **KEN GILSON, Classification Talk**
- Jan. 17 **SUSAN MAUSER, “Lehigh Valley Academy” (Tentative)**
- Jan. 24 **DR. HAROLD MILLMAN, “PT and the Cancer Patient”**
- Jan. 31 **KATHY DIAMANDOPOULOS, Classification Talk**

FEBRUARY 2008

- Feb. 7 **MORNING STAR TRIP TO THE UNITED NATIONS**
No morning meeting
- Feb. 14 **TBA**
- Feb. 21 **JEFF KICKSKA, Classification Talk**
- Feb. 28 **Club Assembly**

ROTARY RESPONSIBILITIES

	<u>GREETER</u>	<u>SGT. @ ARMS</u>	<u>\$2/WEEK</u>	<u>INVOCATION</u>	<u>INTRODUCTIONS</u>	
Jan. 3	Gretchen Vakiener	Ed Ortelli	Mary Diggs	Mike Long	Jim Santanasto	
Jan. 10	Tom Mohr	Dagny Danga-Storm...	Barbara Garrison	_____	Joan Paul	
Jan. 17	John St. Clair	Tom Hartzell.....	Silvio Panseri	Mary Matz	Barb Siefert-Sigmon	
Jan. 24	Lori Gregalio	_____	Judi Dexter	_____	Lin Rohrbach	
Jan. 31	Susan Burnett.....	_____ ...	Gretchen Vakiener	Bill Jahn.....	Tom Hartzell	
Feb. 7	MORNING STAR TRIP TO THE UNITED NATIONS					
Feb. 14	Gary Hartney	Claire Howard	_____	_____	_____	
Feb. 21	Gretchen Vakiener ...	_____	_____	Butch Macri	Tom Mohr	
Feb. 28	<div style="border: 2px solid blue; border-radius: 50%; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Sign up at meetings or on-line! </div>				_____	Joan Paul

HIGHLIGHTS

Board of Directors Meeting



FROM MEETING HELD DECEMBER 4, 2007:

Youth Programs

- 20 applicants were interviewed for the District Out-bound Rotary Youth Exchange program. Eighteen were accepted including Carl Kolepp, son of Tom Kolepp. John St. Clair and Lin Rohrbach participated in the interview process.
- The district is looking for candidates interested in the Summer Exchange program. This is a 4 to 6 week direct exchange for students between the ages of 15 and 18.

Fellowship Committee

- Christmas party replaces regular meeting Dec. 6.

Nominating Committee

- See election results - page 4.

Membership Committee

- Approved one proposed member.
- Two new member soirees are scheduled - for Jan. 15 and April 22 - see page 1.

Spaghetti Dinner

- See info on page 1.
- Table sponsors will be solicited.

Treasurer's Report

- Bank balance at 11/30/07 was \$20,662.
- District dues were paid, and the "Hands" check cleared.
- As of 11/30/07, the concert showed a net profit of \$6,889.
- As of 11/30/07, Morning Star books (with only a small portion of the income) show a net profit of \$1,626. We still must reconcile with CCA. Unofficially, CCA showed a net profit of \$2,205 to be split equally between CCA and Morning Star. (This is in addition to the \$7,000 for Special

Olympics from CCA/Morning Star and directly from sponsors.)

Resignations

- Board accepted, with deep regrets, the resignation of Gary and Betty Langensiepen, recognizing their service on various committees over the years, and acknowledging Gary's contributions as Past President, Betty's service on the board and involvement with obtaining Thrivent matching grants.

Past Presidents - Concern was expressed over the number of Past Presidents who have either resigned or are inactive in the club. We are losing a lot of valuable experience and need to get our seasoned club members re-engaged into the club.

Special Olympics Grants

- Discussed the timing of the presentation(s) of the Special Olympics Grants for the 5K race and the concert. The board agreed that both presentations should be made at the same time, and that we need to generate as much publicity as possible.
- Since no firm prior determination had been made concerning the portion of the concert proceeds to go to Special Olympics, a motion was approved that \$5,000 be granted to Special Olympics, with the balance going into the club treasury for next year's grants.

Next Meeting

- With Jan. 1 being a holiday and Jan. 8 not possible for many board members, the next board meeting will be held on Jan. 3 prior to our regular club meeting.