



# Kutztown Rotary Bulletin

**Kutztown Rotary Club, District 7430, Club 5433 - Organized April 1, 1926**  
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**the Club Room at the Kutztown Tavern, 272 West Main Street, Kutztown**

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**September 1, 2010** - Javier introduced Dr. Bruce Sharkin, Director of University Counseling Services, to present an overview of the Universities programs to prevent and deal with student alcohol and other drug (AOD) problems. Dr. Sharkin is a leader in this field and widely published. The most revealing statistics are that alcohol use starts around age 13 and 1/3 of incoming freshmen drink alcohol regularly and 5% admit to having a serious alcohol problem.

The colleges alcohol programs are aimed at students before they arrive on campus and deal with the problem all the way through campus. There are rules that define and provide the consequences of inappropriate alcohol use. There are programs that provide intervention for destructive behavior. Since most student housing is off campus, such program reach into the community. The local police and community leaders cooperate with the university and share information. University rules for students extend to off campus behavior. The university is actively promoting the Students Against Destructive Decisions. The college rewards students that voluntarily come forward and complete an appropriate AOD program. This removes barriers that may prevent a student from coming forward. These programs are showing some progress. The percentage of students having serious problems remains relatively constant and doesn't increase, as students get older.

**September 8** - Marie introduced our speaker, Jim Long from Security Service Company in Fleetwood. He is a member of the Fleetwood Rotary Club. SSC, his family's company, serves all of Eastern Pennsylvania and Western New Jersey. SSC is a third-generation family owned and operated full-service electronic security company that was established in 1973.

After they design a custom system and install it, they monitor it by following up on all alarm signals. They have the only monitoring station in Berks County. Hence they are familiar with local conditions such a weather, accidents, and natural disasters.

They have three technologies to connect the alarm system to the monitoring station. The newest, fastest, and most secure is the mesh radio system that operates solely on SSC equipment and does not depend on cell towers, the Internet, telephone or electric lines. The next most secure system is Cellular GSM Radio. It is portable and works in most parts of the world. The third system uses the customer's Internet connection.

Jim also has his own company, J. B. Long, Inc., which has been doing structural steel and iron detailing for 25 years. He is a graduate of Oley High School and Berks Vo-Tech School where he studied Architectural Drafting. His company prepares drawing for jobs all over the country ranging from Berks County to Maine, Florida and New Mexico.

**September 15** - Marty Handler presented a program to the club on his trip to China last April. The trip was sponsored by the Reading Chamber of Commerce and included 97 participants.

Among those on the trip were five superintendents of schools from Berks County and the Executive Director of the Berks County Intermediate Unit. The educators met the first day with officials of the Chinese Government to discuss the Mandarin language program in the Berks County schools. The Chinese language agency called the Hanban is sending teachers of Chinese to our schools to assist in implementing the Mandarin program. This face-to-face meeting solidified our working relationship with the Chinese government.

The remainder of the eight-day trip involved traveling to four cities, Beijing, Suzhou, Hangzhou, and Shanghai. Participants saw a number of notable destinations including the Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square, a silk factory, several Buddhist Temples and a green tea plantation. A highlight of the trip was traveling on a maglev train in Shanghai at 270 miles per hour. These trains are operational in China and are planned to provide much of the transportation between major cities.

A follow up program is planned for later this year with the teachers of Chinese presenting on the new language course in our schools.

**September 22, 2010** - Bob Hobaugh introduced Lisa Schnell of the Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association. The Sanctuary's 2,600 acres lie along the southeastern-most ridge of the Appalachian Mountains in northern Berks and southern Schuylkill Counties, Pennsylvania, where raptors soar along the slopes on northwest winds and on thermals that rise over the River of Rocks.

Diurnal (daytime) raptors include sixteen main species, including buteos, accipiters, falcons, eagles, vultures, osprey, and harriers. Nocturnal (nighttime) raptors include various owls known for silent flight and keen hearing. We distinguish vultures from other raptors due to the lack of feathers on their head and their enhanced sense of smell (and also the fact that they feed almost exclusively on carrion). Lisa used slides to depict raptors, suggesting that in identifying raptors, it is useful to use silhouette and flight patterns in addition to color and sound.

Official counters log an average of 18,000 migration raptors between August 15 and December 15 each year, tallying over one million during the last 75 years. Raptors migrate over Hawk Mountain because it is part of the Appalachian Flyway, a "leading line" or geographic feature that funnels the birds through a small area. Raptors migrate mainly in search of food, not to seek warmer climates for themselves.

Lisa reminded us that raptor migration is presently at its peak so we should visit the Sanctuary especially between August 15 and December 15. Toward that end she provided us with free passes. The facility is open throughout the year and Lisa also recommends the Spring native plant sale. You can learn more about Hawk Mountain at [www.hawkmountain.org](http://www.hawkmountain.org).

**October 13, 2010** - Barry Martin introduced Dave Gehr, who presented a program on his role as a member of a 10 member Haiti mission team from St. John's Reformed Church in Sinking Spring, PA. The church's youth minister and his wife led the team, with members ranging in age and background from college students to retirees.

The devastating earthquake on July 12, 2010, left death tolls estimated at 230,000 to 300,000 and more

than 1.5 million homeless. 9 months after the quake, 1.3 million are still living in tent cities, with little to no rebuilding to be seen.

The first day was split between 2 orphanages tucked away in the mountains above Port Au Prince. Each was shocking and heart wrenching in many ways. Pictures don't begin to show the horrendous conditions or emotions experienced at each orphanage. The second day we visited to Petionville Tent City which was even more disturbing than the orphanages, as we wound through Port Au Prince's largest tent city - home for more than 50,000 refugees. On day 3, some returned to "In God We Trust" orphanage which we also visited on day one. The rest drove 2.5 hours through Port Au Prince and along the coast to the town of Cabaret, where we visited another orphanage and began construction on a modest schoolhouse.

The final 3 days, the entire team began each day at 5:30 am traveling to Cabaret as we finished building the sections of the schoolhouse and subsequently assembled it in the small dirt village. This was an amazing, emotional, heart wrenching journey that no doubt impacted the lives of the relief team more than the victims of the earthquake.

### **Announcements**

**October 27, Kutztown Main Street Trick or Treat Night starting at 6:00 PM.**

**Christmas with Fleetwood** and other clubs – Thurs., Dec. 9, Berkleigh Country Club.

**Board meetings are the 1st Wed. of the month.**

### **Birthdays**

- 11/20 Marie DeFilippis

### **Anniversaries**

- 10/30 Barry Martin

### **Programs**

- Nov. 3 - Student of the Month - L. Bieh
- Nov. 10 - Foundation Dinner
- Nov. 17 - P. McCloskey
- Nov. 24 - No Meeting ( Thanksgiving Eve)

**Board Meetings are the First Wednesday of the Month**

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