

Sherrill Rotary Club Meeting Notes

- 11/30/17, 7 am, Nothin' Fancy Café.
- Present: Kim Frarey, Martha Group Elise Hereth, Dennis & Donna Schonewetter, and Jennifer Wengert.
- President Martha presided.
- YEO & PE Elise reported that the VVS HS Senior seeking to be an outbound Youth Exchange Student has been interviewed by the District YE Committee, but she has not yet been told how it went. Should he be accepted into the program, this will cause the SRC to accept an inbound exchange student. So... everyone should be on the look-out for suitable host families to provide room & board for about three months during the 2018-19 school year.
- Elise also reminded us that the time to identify summer exchange students is now. Please let her know if you know of a student who is interested in being a summer exchange student.
- Please be aware that the next evening meeting on December 7, 2017 is to be the pinning night for the VVS Interact Club. Put this on your calendar and plan to attend to meet these up-and-coming Rotarians and leaders of their communities. Also, our 2017 RYLA Student, Skylar Watts, will be present to tell us about her RYLA experience and her proposed project. Finally, the 2017 Summer Exchange Student, Alex Berger, will tell us about her exchange experience.
- Secretary Dennis reminded everyone that the annual election of club officers will be held on 12/21/17 at our evening meeting. We are in need of a person to be the VP in 2018-19, PE in 2019-20, President in 2020-21, and finally Immediate Past President in 2021-22. Any interested Rotarian should let Martha or Dennis know of their interest as soon as possible. Elise will be our President and Merry will be our PE in 2018-19. "Time flies when you are having fun!"
- There being no further business, Martha adjourned the meeting at about 7:45 am.
- The next regular club meeting will be held on Thursday, 12/7/17, at 6 pm, at the Sherrill American Legion.**



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How Rotary is assisting recovery in Puerto Rico

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By José Lucas Rodríguez, governor of Rotary District 7000 (Puerto Rico)

Sherrill Rotary Club Officers 2017-18

President:
Martha Group
President Elect:
Elise Hereth
Vice President:
Merry Speicher
Vice President Elect
TBD
Immediate Past President:
Donna Schonewetter
Foundation Chair:
Clark Speicher
Interact Advisor:
Donna Schonewetter
Membership Chair:
TBD
Program Chair:
Scott Swayze
Secretary:
Dennis Schonewetter
Sergeant-at-Arms:
Kim Frarey
Treasurer:
Bob DeWaine
Youth Exchange Officer:
Elise Hereth

District 7150 Volunteers

Elise Hereth: Youth Exchange Cmte
Dennis Schonewetter: PDG, Trainer, Parliamentarian, Interact Chair, Conference and TRF Gala Committees
Donna Schonewetter: Conference and TRF Gala Committees
Clark Speicher: Area 3 Assistant Governor, Conference Cmte



Puerto Rico is an island in the Caribbean, the smallest of the Greater Antilles, which is distinguished by its natural beauties, the talent of Puerto Ricans in music, arts, and sports, and above all for the warmth of its people.

But the so-called island of Enchantment was transformed by what already has been classified as the most catastrophic event in the history not only of Puerto Rico, but of the United States. More than a month after Hurricane Maria hit Puerto Rico, our people are still struggling to recover from the impact of this natural phenomenon, which left so much desolation in its wake.

Thousands of families have lost their houses totally or partially, either by winds of more than 185 miles per hour (295 km/h) or by the heavy rains that caused landslides that obstructed a lot of major roads, and overflowed all of our rivers and lakes. The force of the winds snatched the greenery out of our mountains, demolished much of our trees, and caused millions in damages to the infrastructure of the country.



Figure 1 — Rotary members deliver supplies to families in need in Puerto Rico.

But the response from Rotarians in District 7000 was quick and precise. A few days after the hurricane, several clubs around the island began to provide humanitarian aid to those affected. The help included non-perishable food, water, hygiene kits, water filters, solar lights, and power generators.

Rotarians in Puerto Rico are now focused on the recovery and reconstruction phases. Rotary clubs have developed plans to work with pumping systems for renewable energy projects in communities without potable water, the installation of water filtration systems, and the rollout of community economic development projects for the most affected areas. Disease prevention efforts in areas affected by the hurricane are also taking place, among other initiatives.

Rotary International has established a Donor Advised Fund (DAF) of the Rotary Foundation (number 614), to support projects for the recovery of Puerto Rico. Given the great work that remains ahead, contributions from Rotarians to this fund will be essential to help Puerto Rico get back on their feet.

Without a doubt, the “Isla del Encanto” will need several years to fully recover, and many hands to help its people achieve it. And within those hands will be those of Rotarians from Puerto Rico and around the world with their contributions, ideas and volunteering, which all will make the difference in the lifting of Puerto Rico.

How to help:

A Rotary Foundation Donor Advised Fund designated by donors has been established to accept contributions that will aid hurricane victims in Puerto Rico. Visit the [District 7000 website](#) to learn more.

