

Report from Vice President, John Germany

I was recently invited to attend two important events in the state of Pennsylvania. I first attended the District Assembly in Altoona, PA on the invitation of then DGE Kelly Wike of District 7350. DG Kelly shared that her District's centennial project was to raise the money required for four (4) 45,000 pound containers of food. One container would be for the food banks in her district; one container would be sent to the Appalachian area; and the other two would be sent overseas. What a tremendous centennial project!

I then attended District 7370's District Assembly on the invitation of DGE Karen Teichman. This District Assembly was held in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. Lewisburg is a marvelous quaint old town in north central Pennsylvania. The assembly was well attended and afterwards, Karen told me of their District goal to raise money for one container of food. Thank you, District 7370!

I drove to New Hope, Pennsylvania where I met with Dr. Richard Newborn who is trustee of a Canadian Foundation funded by Quakers in Canada. Dr. Newborn originally contacted Hunger Plus, Inc. through our website, as Dr. Newborn and I are working with the same orphanage in Haiti. While staying with Dr. Newborn, I presented him with a partnership proposal between his foundation and Hunger Plus, Inc. Within this proposal, the foundation would fund the construction of a new orphanage and clinic on the mountain above Port au Prince, Haiti. This orphanage would specialize in children with AIDS. Hunger Plus's part would be to provide the food and all medical equipment (which Rotary has). I have since received a message from Dr. Newborn that the trustees of the foundation were very interested in pursuing the suggested project, and I will look into the possibility on my next trip to Port au Prince, Haiti, which will be in August.

I then drove to Providence, Rhode Island where I met with Hunger Plus, Inc. Director Louis Marciano, who had arranged a meeting with Alan Shawn Feinstein, Founder of The Feinstein Foundation. We had a very productive meeting and all parties are committed to raising money for the hungry of the world. While in Providence, John had the opportunity to meet with Lou's Rotary Club where presented a Hunger Plus update.