

Rotary

Club York



Annual Report 2020-2021

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President's Message

What a Year for The Rotary Club of York!

Pandemic, lockdown, virtual meetings, hybrid meetings – through it all the Rotary Club of York remained viable, energetic and engaged for the 2020-2021 Rotary year.

"Rotary Opens Opportunities," the Rotary International theme for the year, was truly embraced by the club.

As you will see in the following pages, members continued living the "Service Above Self" motto and remained true to the Four-Way Test.

Despite not being able to meet "in person," many hours of committee and board Zoom meetings made things happen.

To keep members engaged each week, the Program Committee tapped into the availability of remote presentations to provide outstanding program speakers.

The need for our club to take a stand on diversity became evident when – what some consider insensitive comments – were made to the media following a club meeting by one of our speakers. We could have put our head in the sand; we could have shrugged and moved on. But you know Rotarians are People of Action. We turned to those who are passionate about this moment in time for our nation, our community and our club. During our club's 105th anniversary year we officially formed our club's first IDEA (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Access) Committee.

We took action in other areas, too.

Our Strategic Plan was updated and we placed greater emphasis on Service Above Self and the Four-Way Test – the heart and soul of Rotary. In addition, we strengthened our connections to the Rotary District and to Rotary International.

During this year, our longtime Executive Coordinator, Roberta (Bert) Oberdick retired, and our Human Resources Committee was instrumental in hiring our new Executive Director, Lynne Morrison.

It was an honor for me to lead our club for the past 12 months alongside Rotarians and staff who united and gave generously of their amazing expertise, influence and passion to create lasting change.



President Anne Druck



Vision:

We are a diverse mix of community leaders working in unity who will accomplish sustainable positive change in ourselves, our community, and the world.

Mission:

We act to lift up our community through positive and lasting change.

What We Accomplished

2020-2021

Charitable Grants

Glenn Smith

Over the past 20 years, more than \$500,000 has been awarded to local non-profit organizations in support of our community's children. This year, with a focus on addressing abused and exploited children, grants totaling \$19,566 were given to the Children's

Home of York, EquiTeam Support Services and Turning Point Counseling and Advocacy Center.

Because of COVID-19's dramatic and wide-ranging impact on our children and the inability to distribute funds, the

committee will combine the 2020-2021 annual allocation with the 2021-2022 grant cycle to address child food insecurity in York County.



Club Foundation Grants

Shelly Riedel

The Trees for the Trail committee is pleased to report that the vast majority of the 200 trees that were planted have survived along the Susquehanna Trail and are thriving. During heat waves, Bartlett Tree Experts, under the leadership of Rotarian Christian Fitzpatrick, water the young trees along the busy road. Volunteers removed the stakes, ties, and water donuts. These were donated to the York County Parks System. Replacing the few trees that didn't survive was postponed due to COVID-19.

Fundraising *Darren Smith*

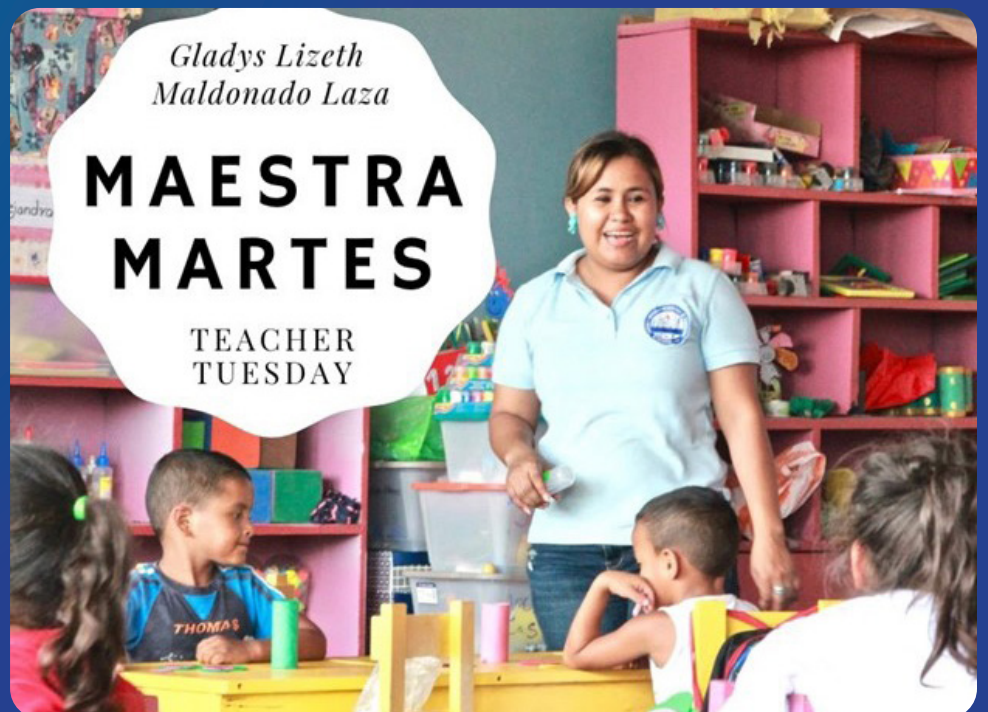
The "Love Fore Community" Golf/Tennis/Croquet Outing was held at the Country Club of York in September 2020. More than 150 participants enjoyed a day of golf, croquet, tennis, and corn hole along with a delicious buffet dinner and silent auction. The \$42,480 raised supported the Kiwanis Lake Restoration project, York City Little League, Bearcat Interact Club and Childcare Scholarships.

In May 2020, the club participated in the "Give Local York" event, raising \$23,370. The proceeds also helped to pay for improvements to the Kiwanis Lake Restoration project.



Global and District Grants *Jane Conover*

The Global Grants Committee recommended, and the board approved, two grants. The first grant of \$15,000 supported the Teacher Empowerment Program in Honduras to train teachers across the country in partnership with the Chula Vista Rotary Club in California. The goal is to expand education to more children in a country where less than 50 percent of children complete primary school. A second grant for \$3,000 was to support the purchase of medical equipment for a medical clinic in Rio Grande, Argentina, in partnership with the North York Rotary Club. Distribution of global grants is a stellar example of how gifts to the Rotary Foundation are making an impact in the neediest communities around the world.



Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility Task Force *Cal Weary*

This year the York Rotary Club of York took a natural step towards the betterment of the club by forming the IDEA Task Force to examine the club's current practices pertaining to Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility (Creating the acronym IDEA). The committee is chartered to influence the club's strategy, programs and membership. Meeting twice a month, the Task Force implemented

a club wide diversity survey and helped other committees and our executive board to be mindful of IDEA as we address our own culture and increase engagement with the community. Support was provided for local organization Bro2Go, bringing motivational speaker Wallo267 who addressed gun violence and life after prison with city youth. IDEA continues its mission with

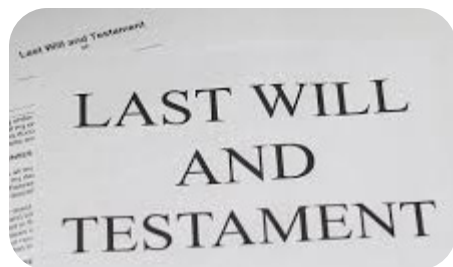
planned activities to inform and educate members, including a Courageous Conversations series to allow members of the club to speak openly and freely about this important subject, as well as expanded information and training.



Legacy/Planned Giving

Glenn Miller

The Legacy Committee was quiet in this "year of years," adding only one new Rotarian to the list of those who have chosen to remember the club in their wills and estate planning. The fruits of legacy gifts continued to make a dramatic impact on the club, on young people, and on the community. Scholarships continued to be awarded from funds such as the Non-Traditional Scholarship Fund. Community improvements continued from funds like LaMotte Fund.



Lend A Hand

Tina Rohrbach

The Angel Program benefitted two non-profit organizations at the holidays: The Children's Home of York, and the Cornerstone Youth Home. Rotarians purchased one toy and a robe for each of the 12 second through fourth grade boys in residence at Cornerstone Youth Home. Additionally, gift cards and monetary donations were collected from Rotarians to purchase holiday gifts for the sponsored children at The Children's Home of York. Items were personally selected by committee members in December 2020 and January 2021.



Literacy

Deb Harrison

The Literacy committee's main area of focus is our annual Book Fund Drive. Thanks to the generous support of member Rotarians, we presented checks to two organizations: \$1,000 to Center Director Carman Banzaca of the Child Development Center at First Church of the Brethren, and \$1,500 to Major Tom Babbit of the Salvation Army Learning Center. From these funds, more than 200 children will have access to age-appropriate books in their classrooms and camps.

L to R: Committee Chair; Deb Harrison, Literacy Committee chair; Carman Banzaca, Center Director, Child Development Center at First Church of the Brethren; Major Tom Babbit, Salvation Army; Rotarian Sarah White, Literacy Committee member.



Little League

Al Sykes

The Little League Committee gathered at Rotary Fields at Allen Park in early April for some spring cleaning. Raking, weeding, repairs to the batting cages and the outfield fence were performed on a Friday evening. Several members of the Little League Committee also serve on the York City Little League Board of directors.

Committee members also participated in sign-ups, tournament assistance and Opening Day ceremonies on April 24. Nearly 200 boys and girls from ages 6 to 14 participated.



Rotary Foundation

Bill Hartman

Despite the challenges of the Pandemic, the Club's Rotary Foundation giving by our members stepped up to financially support the excellent Global Causes and important local projects that the Rotary Foundation funds. The Rotary Club of York's FY 2021 goal for Foundation giving was exceeded. In 2020-2021 we increased the number of Paul Harris Fellows by 10 to 175 and major donors by 2 to 14. When the District offered matching recognition points to close out the Fiscal Year, 12 members made contributions.

Preserve Planet Earth

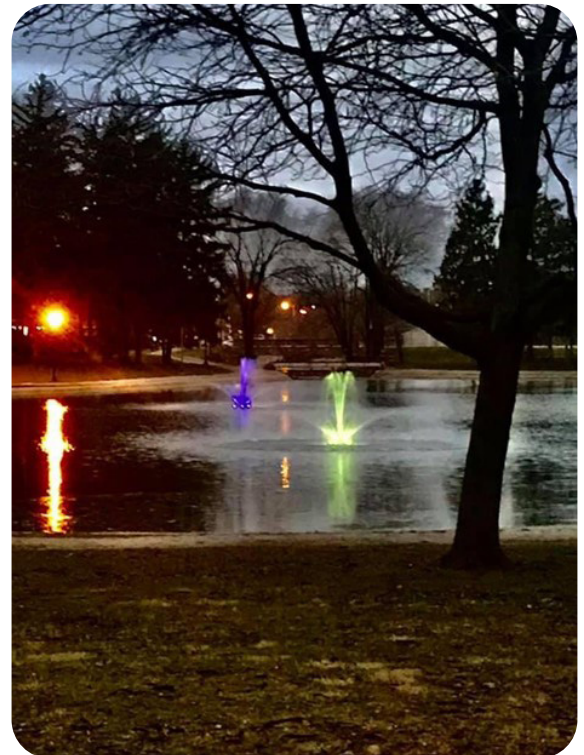
Aaron Jacobs

Preserve Planet Earth (PPE) took on an ambitious project in 2020 to rehabilitate Kiwanis Lake. The lake was overpopulated with wildlife, overwhelmed with debris and the mechanical features of the lake had failed. We are transforming the lake, its water quality and its park into the beautiful asset that it had once been. Completion is targeted for 2021.

The floodgate has been repaired, lights and fountains have been added and a new Smart Lake feature allows the lake to be monitored by the city and its communities to prevent water quality issues in the future.

Generous contributions by many community partners make this project possible.

- The Rotary Club of York
- Stewart & Tate, Inc.
- The City of York
- Trola Industries, Inc.
- York City Parks Conservancy
- Penn Air
- Rotary District Club Foundation
- American Hydro Corporation
- Uptown York Rotary Club
- Hydro Consulting & Maintenance Services, Inc.
- Powder Mill Foundation
- Arthur J. & Lee R. Glatfelter Foundation
- J. William Warehime Foundation
- FirstEnergy Foundation
- York County Community Foundation



Program

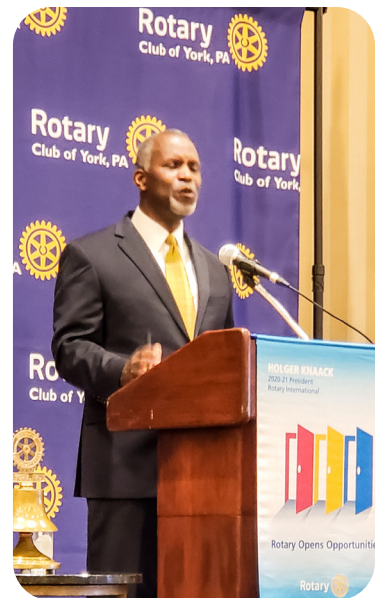
Mike Summers

In the midst of a worldwide pandemic with COVID-19, remote programming was first mastered and eventually shifted to hybrid presentations with some members being “in the room” at the Country Club of York and others watching remotely. An on-site IT meeting specialist guaranteed that our Zoom virtual and hybrid meetings ran smoothly and ensured that the virtual audience could always ask questions of our speakers. Members were able to hear and see outstanding speakers that they otherwise would not have.

We heard from our community leaders including the Mayor, County President Commissioner and the two candidates for Congress. We celebrated Ron Martin’s retirement and heard from York College’s Dr. Gunther-Smith and Miss Pennsylvania. The retirement of our longtime Executive Coordinator, Roberta (Bert) Oberdick, was also celebrated. Her service of over 25 years was met with a standing ovation.

We took inspiration from a memorable presentation by Dr. Sylvia Whitlock of California, who led the way for women to become Rotarians – and leaders – of Rotary Clubs. The fight for equal rights for women in Rotary went all the way to the highest court in the land. It was a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that forced RI to accept women.

We celebrated some lofty 100th anniversaries, like women’s right to vote and our own United Way of York County. We heard from established businesses like Elsner Engineering, learned from startups like cyberconIQ, were wowed by a movement in York for youth “Pedal 4 Peace” and excited to hear about a huge solar initiative happening right here in York County.





Service Above Self

Jackie Summers

The Service Above Self Committee presents the Charles S. Wolf Service Above Self award four times throughout the Rotary year. This year five individuals were recognized who went above and beyond in demonstrating Service Above Self in our community. Each received \$150 for donation to the charity of their choice. The recipients:

- Tzipporah Goins and Arlette Morales organized a peaceful Black Lives Matter rally in the city of York.
- Jamiel Alexander for his passion and commitment to community and his ability to create positive change.
- We bid farewell to Past President & Past District Governor, Paddy Rooney as he moved to be closer to family.
- Aaron Anderson in recognition of his leadership in bringing together area Police Chiefs, the Black Ministers Association and other clergy to address issues surrounding social unrest.
- Jason McSherry for his selfless act of heroism in rescuing a neighbor in a house fire and caring for her pet while she received treatment.



Student Education Fund *Diane Merino*

Merit scholarships with a total value of \$16,250 were awarded to seven York County 2021 graduates to begin their college journey.

Recipients are:

- **Maya Fetrow (Dover Area)** - Edwin P. Mangold Rotary Scholarship, \$4,000.
- **Jacqueline Kiszka (West York)** - Sanford M. Kranich Scholarship, \$2,000.
- **Bevan Fogdall (York Suburban)** - Arlington Kahley Rising Musician Scholarship, \$1,000.
- **Hudson Smith York Suburban)** - Arlington Kahley Rising Musician Scholarship, \$1,000.
- **Sarah Berman (Central York)** - James C. and Carrie B. Bush Scholarship, \$4,000.
- **Sierra Weaver (Dover Area)** - John T. and Paige S. Smith Scholarship, \$3,000.
- **Maggie Scarborough (Kennard-Dale)** - Charles and Alma Diehl Scholarship, \$1,250.

"Non-Traditional Student" scholarships -- totaling \$7,200 -- were awarded to **Jasmine Cross, Lindsey Hershner, and Melissa Raup** who exhibited commitment to pursuing their education while raising a family, volunteering, and working.

The \$3,000 Donna E. Hayes Scholarship was awarded to **Rachel Stockslager**, 2017 Susquehannock High School graduate, as she completes her Equine Science degree at Centenary University.

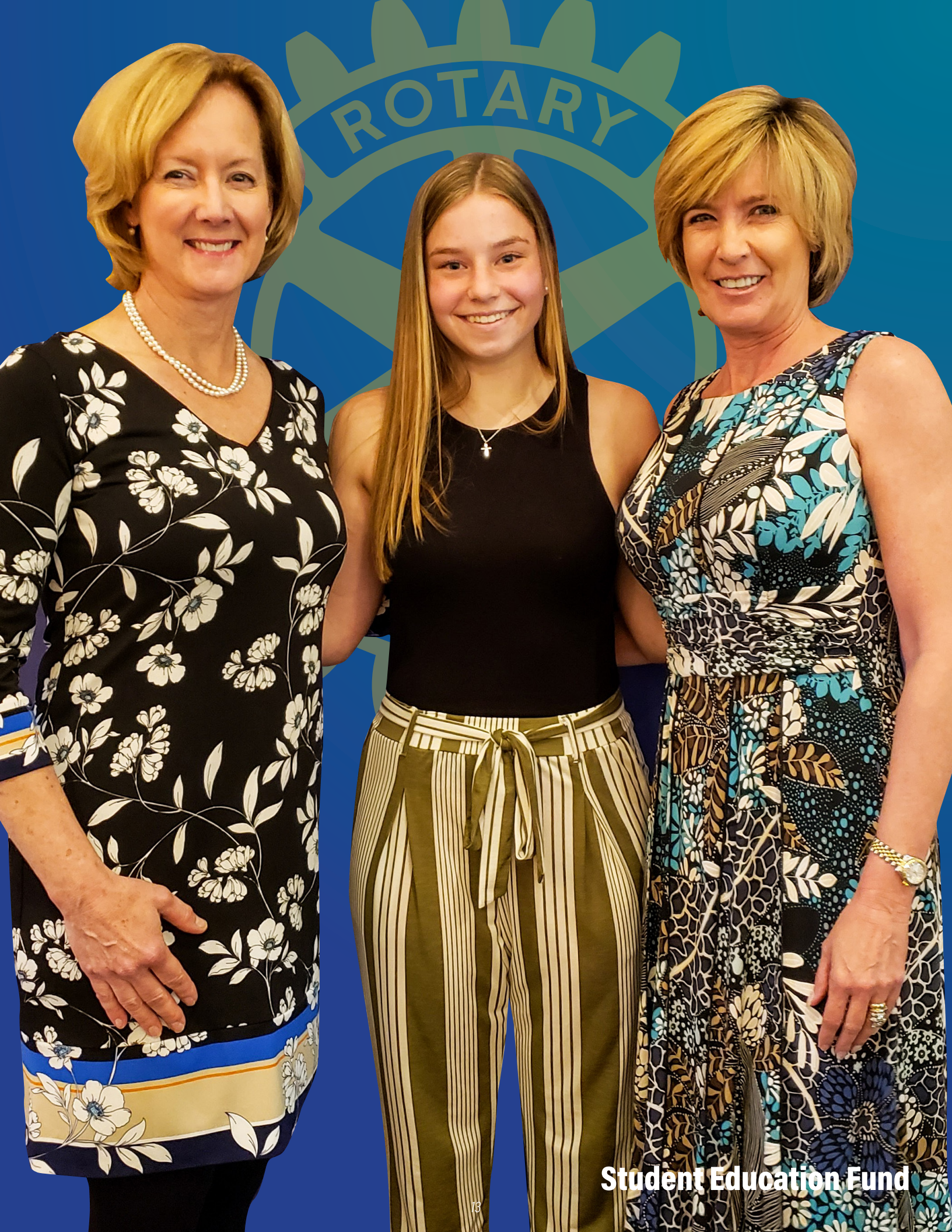
The \$1,500 Carol Wagman Scholarship was awarded to junior year student **Zachary Gibbs** (South Western High School), who is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing major at York College of Pennsylvania.

The \$5,000 Rotary Club of York's Student Education Chair's Scholarship was awarded to **Abigail Wurzbach**, 2019 York Catholic graduate, a Business Administration major at York College of Pennsylvania. This

new scholarship is for current full time college students starting their junior year who exemplify Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self" in their community activities and outlook.

\$56,000 in Whitely Educational Loans were awarded to 28 full-time college students. The maximum loan amount was \$2,000. Whitely Loans may be granted for a maximum of four academic years for undergraduate studies only.





Student Education Fund



Youth Exchange

Walt Tilley

The Youth Exchange Program brings students from around the world to live for a year in York and invites students from York to travel and live in another country. Due to the pandemic, the Youth Exchange Program took a hiatus in the 2020-2021 year, however, the Youth Exchange Committee at the club and district levels developed online and remote training opportunities and created new resources for our Rotary volunteers.

Youth Leadership/ Students of the Month

Kevin Appnel

Working with local schools to select exceptional 11th grade students from each school to honor as Students of the Month, 20 students were honored and were able to address the Rotary Club via video to share their stories and express their gratitude.

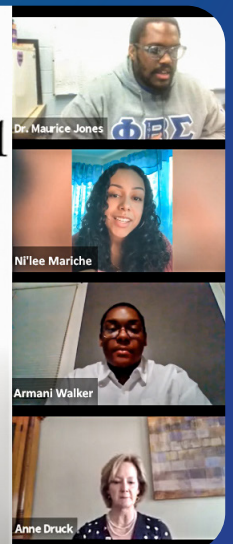
Additionally, The Youth Leadership Committee honored three college students – from Harrisburg Area Community College, Penn State's York Campus, and York College of Pennsylvania – with the "Rotary Service Award".

Youth
Leadership

Students
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William Penn
Senior High School

Ni'lee Mariche
and
Armani Walker

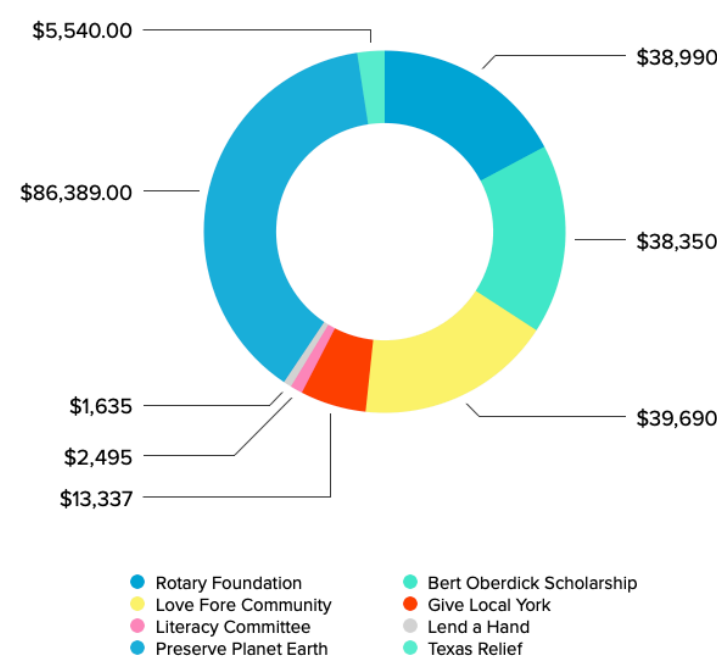


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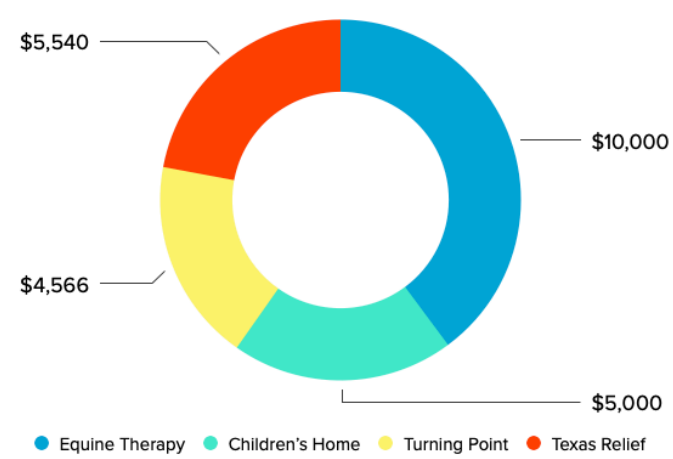
Donations from members In 2020 –2021 raised \$226,426 to support its mission and programs. Endowed funds and other contributions contributed an additional \$25,106 to enable a total of \$251,532 to be disbursed.

- **Members donated \$38,990** to the Rotary Foundation.
- The **“Bert Oberdick Non-Traditional Student Scholarship”** was created by the Past Presidents donating \$38,350 in honor of Bert’s retirement as Executive Coordinator.
- The **“Love Fore Community” golf/tennis/croquet and Corn Hole event raised \$39,690** for Early Childhood Education Scholarships administrated by Child Care Consultants, the PPE Kiwanis Lake Revitalization Project, and York City Little League.
- Club participation in **“Give Local York” raised \$13,337** for additional Early Childhood Education Scholarships through Child Care Consultants.
- Donations to the **Literacy Committee raised \$2,495** for reading projects that served 130 children through the Salvation Army and 77 children through the First Church of the Brethren’s child development center.
- The **Lend-A-Hand committee raised \$1,635** to provide assistance to those in need.
- **Preserve Planet Earth committee raised \$86,389** in additional support of the Kiwanis Lake restoration project.
- The club supported **Disaster Emergency Relief in TX** granted to partner Rotary Club of Beaumont TX with \$11,080 from member donations, a CEF grant and the Presidents fund.
- The Rotary Club of York utilized \$19,566 from its endowed funds at CEF (Charitable Endowment Fund) and YCCF (York County Community Foundation) supporting: **\$10,000 for equine therapy** project at Equiteam, **\$5,000 for equine therapy for resident’s project** at Children’s Home of York, and **\$4,566 for furnishing for the children’s therapy room** and art studio project at Turning Point.

Funds Raised



Charitable Grants



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