

Rotary

Club of York



Annual Report 2021-2022
PEOPLE OF ACTION

Service Above Self

President's Message

This Rotary year showcased our resilience and dedication to being a **People of Action**, committed to **Service Above Self** and honoring the 4 Way Test:

*Is it the TRUTH? Is it FAIR to all concerned?
Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?*

We saw a robust return to in person gatherings while maintaining the opportunity to join weekly meetings through Zoom. We encouraged our members to answer Rotary International President, Shekhar Mehta's challenge, "Each One Bring One" Campaign by inviting guests to attend a weekly meeting and learn more about the work of Rotary. We focused on building membership and developed sub-committees to grow and diversify membership, to improve the membership experience, and to better engage and retain membership as a welcoming organization reflective of our community. We welcomed 40 new members to Rotary this year!

We enjoyed fellowship and friendship during our 2021 Love Fore Community event and raised funds to enable contributions of \$27,500 for five great organizations, the YWCA, Sparrow Place, Pedal for Peace USA, York City Little League, and Child Care Consultants. We raised \$16,000 during the 2022 Give Local York, in partnership with the newly created City of York Youth Engagement Center.

We experienced a wide array of outstanding programs that were engaging, informative and diverse and enjoyed many networking opportunities, enabling us to better know each other. We planted trees, we weeded and mulched the gateway project, highlighting the beautiful waterfall and garden and welcoming visitors to York, and we cleaned up the Little League baseball fields. We answered the call of fellow Rotarian, Alexis Campbell, when the Horn Farm was devastated by fire by offering financial support and physical labor needed to restore the property.

We remained dedicated to the young people we support in recognizing Students of the Month and in presenting the JROTC Community Service Award to Yamaris Reyes from William Penn High School. And we awarded many deserving students with college scholarships.

We answered the call to action when Ross Gibby of CRDC challenged us to collect our plastics for six weeks, returning 115 bags of waste to be repurposed for building products.



We were moved by the stories we heard and answered the Call to Action by supporting relief efforts in Haiti and Ukraine. And our Global Grants Committee has engaged in a future sanitation project with our Rotary friends in Sendafa, Ethiopia.

We said farewell to long-time Administrative Assistant, Renea Oberdick, and welcomed Administrative Coordinator, Becky Ruch.

This Annual Report reflects the important work of our committees, and we hope it reinforces our pride in the Rotary Club of York. I hope you enjoyed the Member Moments each week as much as I enjoyed interviewing and writing about so many of you. If time had allowed, I would have featured every one of you, as you all have a story to tell! It has truly been an honor and a privilege to lead our club in 2021-2022 and to work alongside this resolute team of Rotarians who **Serve to Change Lives!**

*~ President Jackie Summers
2021/2022*

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

2021-2022

Youth Exchange

Walt Tilley

The Youth Exchange program has resumed after COVID prevented much of the activities the previous year. Our committee started taking applications again, allowing one student to go to Slovakia and allowing us to welcome

two students; one from France, who will attend York Suburban High School, and another from Belgium, who will attend Dallastown Area High School. Our committee continues to grow, and we are excited to welcome four new

members who will be actively involved in 2022-23. We continue to welcome new members who want to support the students in the Youth Exchange program.



Global Grants Committee

Jane M. Conover

Rotary International gives us a great opportunity to impact communities across the globe where we are united in our commitment to Rotary values.

In 2022, our club supported our friends at the Rotary of Harrisburg Keystone Club with a donation to purchase a bus to help students get to school in Liberia. The Hop on the Bus project is now increasing school attendance and improving the life outcomes for hundreds of impoverished children.



Our Global Grants committee is building friendships with the wonderful people of Sendafa, Ethiopia, as we develop future projects to prevent

illness, improve hygiene, and reduce pollution by building 32 new latrines near the school, a medical center, and a neighborhood.

As we finalize the details of the project, the Rotary Club of York used our club's 2021-2022 budget to provide immediate support to our new friends in Ethiopia with the following grants:

- **\$1,250 to the medical center** in Sendafa to address immediate needs due to COVID
- **\$1,250 for Rotary Club of Addis Ababa Central Mela** for building latrines
- **\$500 for Rotary Club of Addis Ababa West** for COVID relief medication

Our contributions to the Rotary Foundation provide our district and our club with matching funds to support these international projects. Thank you for giving generously to the annual fund!



Some quick facts about Sendafa:

- **Location:** 24 miles northeast of Addis Ababa, capital city
- **Population:** Growth from 2005 to 2020 was 5,600 to 25,000 people
- **Economy:** Average income is about \$550 per year
- **Medical:** Most people have little-to-no access to doctors or medical care; AIDS prevalence is 4-7% and infant mortality is almost 7%
- **Education:** K-12 grade, government and private schools, significant dropout in 9th grade, not all children in schools, high illiteracy rate

Program Committee

Michael V.Z. Summers

The goal of the Program Committee is to reward members for taking time out of their busy week to attend Rotary and enjoy a great program. This past year the committee used its great reach to offer a broad menu of programming.

We led off the year with the York City Police Commissioner Michael Muldrow, later hosted US Senator Pat Toomey, and heard from Mayor Helfrich on the state of the city. We heard from business leaders ranging from

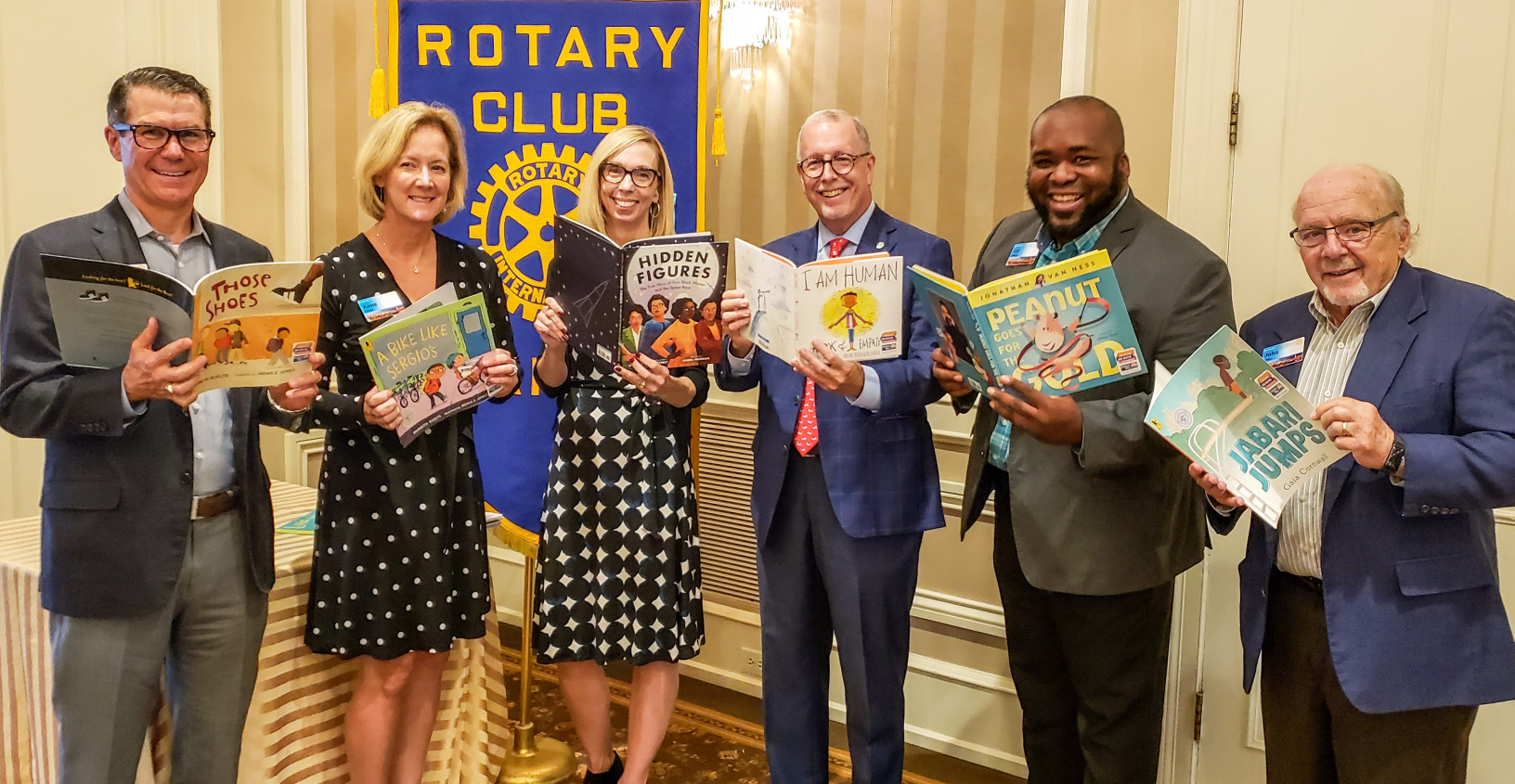
startups to companies celebrating their 100th year. A few examples include: Everything's Fire, which is bringing movie production to York; North Metal; Kinsley Enterprises; Hershey; Peoples Bank; Four Square Development; York Water; and Wolfgang Confectionary.

We also surveyed wines with Thorn Hill, cheese with Caputo Brothers, homemade chocolates from a startup, and "sampled" the brew scene. We heard from the NAACP York president and learned more about the Hispanic Coalition and Lebanon Cemetery, the historic black resting place for many of the early generations that helped

build our community. Other great not-for-profit presentations included York Day Nursery, Keystone Kidspace, and Memorial Gold Star Healing & Peace Garden.

Diversity of programs and community interest with a business slant was our goal. We hope we delivered just that for our membership.





IDEA Committee *Jennifer Geubtner-May*

The mission of the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility (IDEA) Committee is to advise Officers of Rotary Club of York (the Club) on matters pertaining to IDEA. These measures are both grand and slight, but they are all rooted in the needs of the Club.

In 2021, as the committee planned for club-wide Courageous Conversations (CCs,) we began submitting statements and/or thought-provoking questions related to diversity for publication in the weekly *Announcer*. The rationale of the blurbs was to encourage personal reflection, dialogue among Rotarians, and provide education about IDEA.

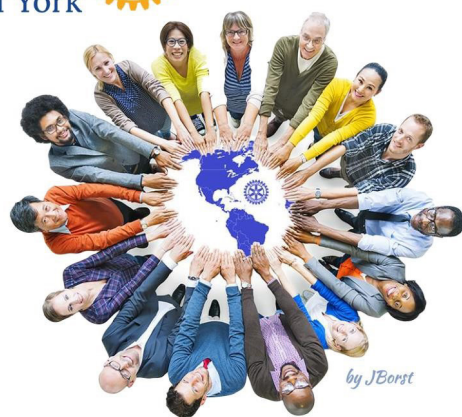
In late 2021, our committee held four Courageous Conversations, inviting all Rotarians to join 90-minute discussions about race, particularly:

1. The impact race has had on individual Rotarians and their friends and families.
2. What Rotarians can do to foster inclusion.
3. Other barriers ingrained in our Club that make the goal of a more diverse RCY more difficult.

Approximately forty Rotarians participated in the CCs. The major theme that emerged was that the Rotary Club of York can find new and better ways to welcome its new members and guests to ensure they are engaged and understand fully what our club is all about. The second most common theme

was the need for the Club to become more active in the city, the area we serve. IDEA is working with other RCY committees to address these two major needs.

The IDEA committee proposed numerous speakers to the Program Committee to illuminate the richness of diversity in city businesses, business owners, entrepreneurs, and organizations that also strive to serve the community. We are thankful to the Program Committee who did a great job of bringing more diverse speakers to our club, providing a genuine feeling of increased inclusion for all members.



IDEA
Inclusion-Diversity-Equity-Accessibility

Youth Leadership Committee

Kevin Appnel

The Youth Leadership Committee was pleased to return to honoring and hosting our Students of the Month in-person during our weekly meetings. Throughout the 2021-2022 school year, 21 high school students from 11 different school systems were honored as Students of the Month, along with three college students from Harrisburg Area Community College, Penn State's York Campus, and York College of Pennsylvania, who were awarded for their service to their community. The Youth Leadership Committee was proud to sponsor eight of our Students of the Month at this summer's RYLA Conference.

Little League

Al Sykes

York City Little League was revitalized by grants from the Rotary Club of York, York YMCA, and the Baseball Tomorrow Fund in 2005 as part of Rotary International's Centennial year. The Little League Committee was formed in the Rotary Club of York the same year to be the liaison between the club and York City Little League. The committee members provide assistance with events, registration, field maintenance, and uniform handouts. Some committee members serve on YCLL's Board of Directors.

In the 2021-2022 Rotary year we met pre-season to prepare the batting cage and clean up at Allen Field prior to the start of the season. Our members served as volunteers for field preparation, scoring, announcing, and provided other assistance for the District 14 Tournament, which was held, in part, at Rotary Field at Allen Park.



Charitable Grants *Kelley Gibson*

York Rotary Grants provide valuable funding support to address the changing needs of York through grant programs focused on improving our local community. In 2021, the York Rotary grants provided \$10,000 to the York County Food Bank to enable them to provide holiday meals to school-age children and families.

In 2022, we awarded grants of \$3,000-\$6,000 to six York programs that aligned with two local fields of interest with Rotary International's focus to take action on our world's most persistent issues. The fields of interest for 2022 were Economic Development (Growing Local Economies) and Peace (Promoting Peace & Social Justice).

2022 programs awarded are as follows:

- Stop The Violence Event
- John A. Lambert Hospitality Training Program Tuition Scholarship Program
- Back 2 School Resource Fair
- Parking Lot Play
- York Unity March & Festival
- YouthDev At TechRev

Service Above Self

Michael Hady

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

- **LaQuinn Thompson** – Children's Miracle Network
- **Bruce Bartz** – Bartz Brigade
- **Sarah Reineker** and **Kathy Pindzola** – Impact Foundation at York Suburban



Preserve Planet Earth

Aaron Jacobs

York Rotary's Preserve Planet Earth Committee (PPE) continues to focus on environmental issues and projects within York City. We continued our project at Kiwanis Lake, we planted 50 trees downtown, and we supported Envirothon again in the spring. We continue to be good stewards of our section of the York County Rail trail by emptying the trash and caring for the gardens along that area. We partnered with CRDC Global so that Rotarians could recycle all forms of plastic and styrofoam and collected 115 bags from 46 members. We also assisted the Horn Farm in milling local timber provided by the York Water Company to help the farm rebuild after their devastating fire last year.

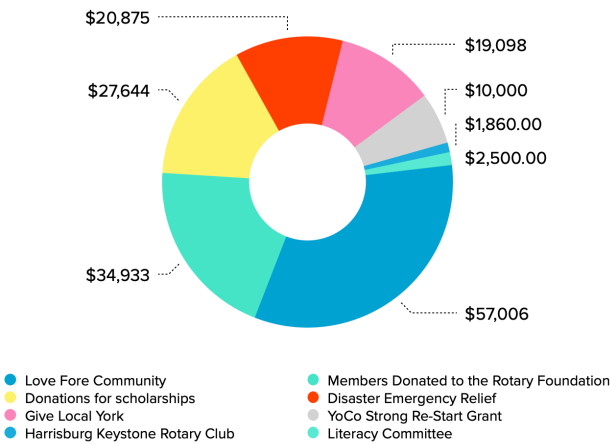


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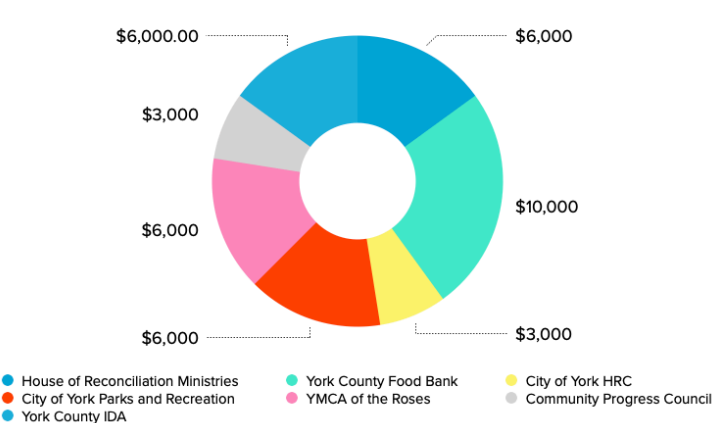
Generous donations from members in 2021-2022 raised \$173,916 to support our mission and programs. Endowed funds and other contributions enabled the Club to disburse more than \$200,000 in charitable support.

- **Members donated \$34,933** to the Rotary Foundation
- **YoCo Strong Re-Start Grant** received for \$10,000
- **The “Love Fore Community 2021” golf/tennis/croquet and corn hole event raised \$57,006** toward donations to York City Little League, Sparrow Place, Pedal for Peace, YWCA- Racial Injustice Initiative, and Child Care Consultants.
- Club participation in 2021 **“Give Local York” raised \$19,098** for Early Childhood Education Scholarships through Child Care Consultants.
- The club supported **Disaster Emergency Relief for Horn Farm and the Crisis in Ukraine with donations totaling \$20,875**
- Donations to the **Literacy Committee raised \$1,860** for reading projects that serve 130 children through the Salvation Army and 77 children through the First Church of the Brethren’s child development center.
- Preserve Planet Earth’s **Kiwanis Lake project received \$2,500** to complete the 5-step plan to have the lake functioning better than ever, allowing park visitors to see the tremendous impact York Rotary is making in its community.
- **Donations for scholarships raised \$27,644.** The club disbursed \$49,950 in student education scholarships from its endowed funds in the Charitable Endowment Fund.
- Global grants totaling **\$3,250, dispersed to Harrisburg Keystone Rotary Club** and **Ethiopia Latrine Project** and **COVID relief.**
- The Charitable Endowment Fund granted \$40,000 from its endowed funds at the York County Community Foundation, supporting: **\$6,000 for House of Reconciliation Ministries- 9th Annual Stop The Violence Event, \$10,000 for York County Food Bank, \$3,000 for City of York Human Relations Commission- York Unity March and Festival, \$6,000 for City of York Parks and Recreation- Back to School Resources Fair, \$6,000 for YMCA of the Roses, \$3,000 for Community Progress Council- Parking Lot Play, and \$6,000 for York County Industrial Development Authority – John A Lambert Hospitality Training Program.**

Funds Raised
\$173,916 TOTAL



York Rotary Grants
\$40,000 TOTAL



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