

Rotary

Club of York



Annual Report 2022-2023
PEOPLE OF ACTION

Rotary Club of York Annual Report Letter

President's Message

Brother and Sister Rotarians,

You and I, dear friends, are part of something truly extraordinary. Locally, as the Rotary Club of York, we are part of an organization that has been serving our community in innumerable ways for well over a century. But beyond who we are and what we do here, we are connected to a vast world-wide network – a network that allows us to participate in serving the greater good in nearly every corner of the world.

As I've shared from the podium during my year as president, I honestly did not join Rotary for the service element, though I have always been committed to service. Like many others, like you perhaps, I joined Rotary for the interaction it brought me with other community leaders in York. There is nothing wrong with that of course. Fellowship and comradery were a central part of what inspired Paul Harris, just a few years before our founding, to establish Rotary in the first place. But the dozen years I've spent as a member of our club – and my year of presidency in particular – have led me to understand the truth of the saying that there's a difference between being a "member" of Rotary and "being a Rotarian". And the difference is captured in our motto: "service above self".

This past year, it was the privilege of a lifetime for me to lead this group of Rotarians. Even now that the year is past, it still seems to me an unlikely honor that was bestowed on me, and one for which I will be forever grateful. The service we were able to render to our community and to the world throughout the past year was nothing short of amazing. Record-breaking fundraising during our two annual fundraising events, dozens of Rotarians engaged in direct service through our committees and task forces. Having survived, and even thrived during Covid, it was a year to come fully out of that dark time and re-engage with each other and the community. It was, in short, a wonderful year.

The great English religious leader John Wesley once famously said "Do all the good you can, in all the ways you can, to all the souls you can, in every place you can, at all the times you can, with all the zeal you can, as long as ever you can". There are few other ways I can think of in this world to actually live out Wesley's sentiments than through Rotary. As I look back on my year as your president, I thank each and every one of you for your service to and through our club, for your support of me and my leadership, and for your ongoing commitment to everything Rotary stands for.

With gratitude,

Glenn Miller
President 2022-2023



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

2022-2023

Community Project Fundraising

Darren Smith & Dee Baker

We enjoyed fellowship and friendship during our 2022 Love Fore Community and Give Local York events, raising over \$52,000 in partnership with the York City Police towards the future Youth Engagement Center and other community needs.



Fellowship

Rob Bowen

This committee offers fellowship opportunities at local eating and drinking venues emphasizing Downtown York and a chance to meet and greet Rotarians outside of the traditional Wednesday lunch format. Most events are BYOB.

- Crab Feed at Etzweiler Bungalow at Susquehanna River - August
- Lovedraft's Unplugged Brew pub - December
- Gearhouse Brewing/Archetype Pizza -January
- Yorktowne Hotel Rooftop - March
- York Revolution at Lancaster Barnstormers - May
- Avianos - February



Networking

Rob Bowen

This committee visits local businesses to build awareness and expose us to local resources. This year small groups of Rotarians toured the Biotechnology Plant and the York County SPCA.





Global Projects Committee

Jane Conover

To build a deeper relationship with our Ethiopian friends in Sendafa, our club awarded two grants from our '22-'23 annual budget to distribute food boxes to 250 families and to launch an urban gardening project that uses socks to plant food.

Additionally, most residents in Sendafa Ethiopia live on less than \$2.00 per day and only 50% have access to a toilet. Rotarian Andy Seebold and his Ethiopian partner, Dr. Frew Tegene, saw the need for improved living conditions for residents and proposed a unique project building toilets; "Bottlehouse" latrines built using cement filled plastic bottles. This construction has proven to be more cost effective, stronger and alleviates

pollution. Our club with the Rotary Club of Central Mella, in Addis Ababa and District 7390 has been working on a long range project that is expected to begin construction in November 2023.





Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility (IDEA)

Jen May / Cal Weary

The Committee advises Officers of the Rotary Club of York (RCY) on matters pertaining to IDEA. The committee addressed major needs arising from the 2021 Courageous Conversations:

- Better engage new and current members with the intent of making the Club more welcoming.
- Become more active as volunteers in the City of York.
- IDEA members volunteered for various organizations and events in the City of York, including The Friends of the Lebanon Cemetery, Three Kings Day, and Cornerstone Cleanup.
- Recognize heritage and identity months/days to educate RCY members and make the Club atmosphere more inclusive
- International Women's Day, Mental Health Month, International Day Against Transphobia, Homophobia, and Biphobia, Pride Month, and Juneteenth were highlighted.
- Proposed speakers to the Program Committee that illuminated the richness of diversity in city businesses, business owners, entrepreneurs, and organizations.



Investment

Matt Falvey

The Rotary Club of York Investment Committee manages our club's Charitable Endowment Fund (CEF) and Rotary Club of York (RCY) Fund, making portfolio recommendations to the CEF and RCY Boards regarding fund asset allocation/investments. Both the overall portfolio and the individually managed portfolios are monitored for consistency in each manager's investment style; return relative to objectives; statistical measures; and a risk/return analysis.

Semi-annually the Investment Committee evaluates the performance of each asset class against the appropriate benchmark reflecting the style of the specific manager for which they were engaged, comparing overall equity performance to the S&P 500 index; overall bond performance to the Barclays Aggregate index; and overall portfolio performance to a custom benchmark.

Legacy Planning

Stephen Feldmann

The Legacy/Planned Giving Committee makes our members aware of the capability to provide enduring funding to their most strongly held beliefs about The Rotary Club of York. Six different presenters highlighted our Legacy Funds at weekly meetings.

Over a dozen Rotarians have created Legacy Funds to inject annual income into scholarship funds, and many more have included the York Rotary Charitable Endowment Fund in their estate planning.

Literacy *Brian Grimm*

The committee's mission is to increase awareness and highlight the importance of literacy by organizing club programs that primarily benefit children in the York City School District. Our main objective was to provide literacy materials for children in home-based childcare throughout York City.

Thanks to the incredible support of our club, we raised an impressive \$2,000 and presented \$500 to each of the four home-based early learning centers in York City. These funds will directly benefit the families and centers, enabling them to acquire much-needed reading materials for children aged from birth to five.

The committee is tasked with and has selected books that will be donated to various schools that are signed by the weekly speaker to recognize not only the speaker but the club's commitment to the children of York.



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. The Little League Committee is the liaison between the club and York City Little League, providing assistance with events, registration, field maintenance and uniform handouts. Some committee members serve on YCLL's Board of Directors.

This year preseason help by the committee prepared the batting cage and assisted with construction of two new batting cages at Allen field 2 and Odeon field, underwritten by RCY Charitable Endowment Fund. Allen Field clean up was done prior to the start of the season. Individual Rotarians contributed to the construction of a new softball field at Noonan Park for our three girls' softball teams.





Preserve Planet Earth (PPE) *Aaron Jacobs*

The Committee meets monthly, planning events and opportunities for Rotarians.

- Planting trees across the City of York with nearly three dozen new trees.
- Supporting Envirothon
- Collecting for, providing support to and educating others about CRDC Global's plastic recycling program.
- Provided an opportunity for Rotarians to recycle their electronics through a cooperative effort with Omega eCycle.
- Our own 'PPE Minute' where upcoming events and "did you know" information is shared monthly at Club meetings.
- Caring for our section of the York County Rail Trail and other amenities within the community including the Welcome Garden along South George Street and the Welcome to York signs at the gateways to our City.



Rotary Foundation

Bill Hartman

2022-2023 was another outstanding year of tremendous growth in contributions to the Annual Fund of The Rotary Foundation, exceeding the already high level of funds generated in the prior year and representing our third consecutive year of meaningful growth. At the District Annual Rotary Foundation dinner, we were awarded the District award for most contributions generated last year.

For 2022-2023 there were 184 sustaining members, those contributing over \$100 per year - the highest in club history. Our per capita giving continues to be well in excess of the District average. We welcomed 7 new members of the Paul Harris Society giving us 20 Paul Harris eligible members, the highest in club history, a noteworthy and significant accomplishment.

Service Above Self

Michael Hady

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

- Jack Kay – Yorktowne Hotel renovation
- Peter Kline – Little League in York
- Deb Etter, Kathleen Mirsky, Fifi Spangler and Ruby Schmidt -A. D. Goode elementary school garden



Student Education

Debbie Ashway

For the second year the Student Education Committee partnered with TEFC (The Foundation for Enhancing Communities) to facilitate the scholarship process. Additionally, the Student Education committee reached out to the local schools and created a fun video to entice the students to apply for the Rotary scholarships.

451 applications were received and 22 scholarships were awarded for a total of \$41,000.

Thirteen local high schools were represented: (Central York, Dallastown, Dover, Hanover, Kennard Dale, Logos Academy, Northern York, Red Land, Red Lion, Southwestern, Spring Grove, William Penn and York Suburban.)

The students will be attending 14 different colleges including HACC, Penn State York, and York College of Pennsylvania.

York Rotary Grants

Kelley Gibson

In 2022 the Rotary Club of York and the Charitable Endowment Fund of York Rotary revamped our community grants that provide valuable funding support to address the changing needs of York focused on improving our local community.

We awarded six grants of \$2,500 - \$15,000 in 2022 that addressed our focus areas of Peace & Social Justice and Growing Local Economies, aligning with Rotary International's focus to take action on our world's most persistent issues. Our funds provided free back to school supplies for York City students, job training for Yorktowne Hotel hospitality employees, support for the Stop the Violence free community event, parking lot playground for Community Progress Council, and tech education and guidance for teens.





Youth Development

Ashlee Etzweiler

The Youth Development Committee had two big adventures in 2022-2023 with York City youth. We partnered with the Group Violence Initiative June, July, and August 2022 for three Get Hooked on Fishing Days at Kiwanis Lake, providing fishing gear and t-shirts to 75 York City youth. Ten Rotarians provided instructions, volunteered to bait hooks, remove hooks, and untangle fishing lines.

In June 2023, we partnered with The Advantage Program, funding and participating in a teamwork themed Ropes Course Challenge event for 43 York City young men in Savage, Maryland. The young men had a great time running around and climbing in the woods on a beautiful sunny day. Five Rotarians participated with the young men.

From March to May of 2023, the Youth Development Committee provided an Advantage Homework Help Program volunteer every Wednesday from 4:30 to 5:30 pm at Martin Library to assist young men. A donation of school supplies and books was made to that program.



Youth Exchange

Walt Tilley

The Youth Exchange Program resumed in full force for the 2022-2023 Rotary year, with four students.

Gelisse Seidel, a student from York Suburban High School, successfully completed her exchange year in Slovakia. In addition to living with her host families, she traveled extensively in Europe during her exchange. We hosted two inbound students.

Jeanne Lefort from France who attended York Suburban High School was in the homecoming court and participated in the high school play and musical. Julien Thiry from Belgium who attended Dallastown Area High School played baseball in the fall and tennis in the spring. Both students participated in Thon, raising money to help children and families impacted by childhood cancer.

Our fourth student, Maxwell McCormick, was accepted into the Outbound program and attended training sessions preparing for his exchange year in the Czech Republic. Max graduated this year from Dallastown Area High School.

We look forward to the upcoming year when Max will be in the Czech Republic and our club will host a student from Indonesia.



Youth Leadership Committee

Kevin Appnel

The Youth Leadership Committee had another successful year of making connections with our local youth and honoring them for their various achievements. Connecting with our local student leaders helps to build awareness of what it means to be an outstanding Rotarian while potentially identifying our next generation of outstanding Rotarians.

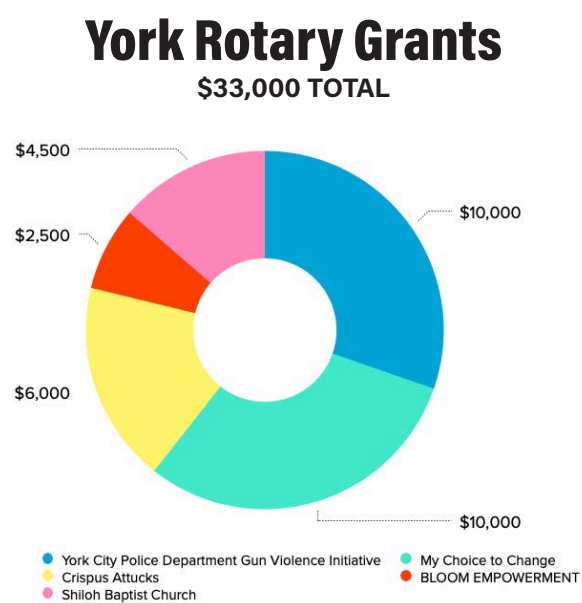
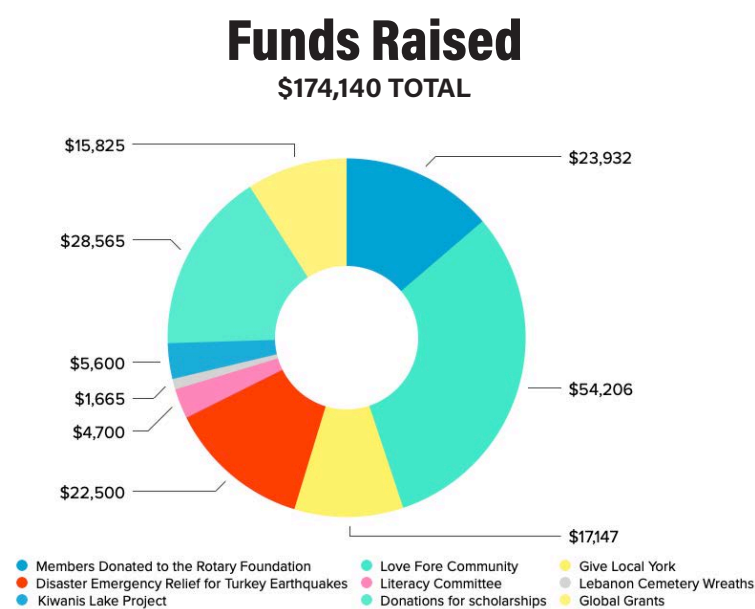
This year, Youth Leadership's efforts allowed our club to honor over 20 high school students through the Student of the Month program, and two fine college students through the College Service Awards program. All of these individuals are in the early stages of living the Rotary motto of service above self, and it's vital that we honor and foster their efforts. Through the club's support, 6 of our Students of the Month attended the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Conference this Summer, gaining experiences that will no doubt carry with them into their final year of high school and wherever their path shall lead after graduation.

The Youth Leadership Committee looks forward to this coming school year as we seek to connect with more of our future leaders and promote Rotary's commitment to service.

Financial Information

Generous donations from members in 2022-2023 raised \$168,994.87 to support our mission and programs. Endowed funds and other contributions enabled the Club to disburse more than \$148,447 in charitable support.

- **Members donated \$23,932** to the Rotary Foundation.
- **The “Love Fore Community 2022” golf/tennis/croquet/pickleball and cornhole event raised \$54,206.**
- Club participation in 2022 to **“Give Local York” raised \$17,146.**
- The club supported **Disaster Emergency Relief to supply \$22,500 towards the purchase of generators for those impacted by the Turkey Earthquakes.**
- Donations to the **Literacy Committee, combined with funds from the club’s budget, provided \$4,700** for reading projects that serve children through York Day Early Learning, the United Way of York County, Little Bulldogs Academy, and Christ Church Childcare Center.
- Rotarians donated **\$1,665 for wreaths to be placed at The Lebanon Cemetery in York,** in remembrance of our country’s fallen heroes who lie in peace.
- Preserve Planet **Earth’s Kiwanis Lake project received \$5,600** to complete the plan to have the lake function better than ever, allowing park visitors to see the tremendous impact York Rotary is making in its community.
- **The club disbursed \$56,800** in student education scholarships from its endowed funds at York County Community Foundation and the Charitable Endowment Fund.
- **Global Grants awarded \$4,000 to our Ethiopian friends in Sendafa** to distribute food boxes to 250 families and \$15,825 for a future latrine project in Ethiopia.
- The Charitable Endowment Fund **granted \$10,000 to York City Police Department’s Gun Violence Initiative, \$10,000 to “My Choice to Change,” \$6,000 to Crispus Attucks, \$2,500 to BLOOM EMPOWERMENT, and \$4,500 to Shiloh Baptist Church.**



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