

# Making a Difference....

## Our Club Activities At A Glance



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- *Citizen of the Year Awards \**
- *Teacher of the year Award \**

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- PVHS Scholarship
- Student of the Month
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- *South Africa – Qumi Home\**

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- Daily Bread Food Pantry
- Holiday Food Baskets
- Food Packing / Potato Planting
- Phillis Strike Out Hunger
- *Back Pack Program\**

### Environment

- Perkiomen Creek Clean-up
- Tree Planting
- *Route 29 Clean-up\**

### Fund Raising

- Annual Golf Tournament
- Annual Pancake Breakfast
- Food Truck
- Various Charity Drives

# Community Events

Event	Description
Halloween Parade	We have been hosting the annual parade since 1956. It is a wonderful opportunity to bring the community together to celebrate
Welcome Baskets	We welcome new residents to the community with a basket of goodies and pertinent information about the community they are joining
Community Sign	As part of the Trapp 300 year celebration, we partnered with several other service organizations in the area to build a welcome sign on the west side of Trappe
Trappe Community Day	We take an active role in the annual event to build spirit and bring the community together
Benches in The Parks	We have placed benches in several area parks for visitors to enjoy as they take in the fresh air and enjoy the great outdoors
Speaker's House	We partner regularly with the Speaker's house organization as they continue to restore and renovate the home of Frederick Muhlenberg – First speaker of the US House of Representatives ( <a href="http://www.speakershouse.org">www.speakershouse.org</a> )
Senior Home Visits	We honor the elders in our community and visit them at the area senior living facilities on special occasions
Citizen of The Year Award	There are many people in our community that live by the Rotary motto of “Service Beyond Self”. We recognize these members at a special banquet in their honor.
Teacher of The Year	Teacher make the difference in the lives of our youth. We honor a teachers from Methacton and Perkiomen Valley schools for their exemplary traits. The teachers are selected through nominations from the students.

# Youth Programs

Event	Description
Interact Club	Interact Club is a youth Rotary club at high school level. Our club sponsors a thriving Interact club at Perkiomen Valley HS. We are looking for interested students to reactivate the club at Methacton HS.
Four-Way-Speech Contest	Rotary district wide speech completion that gives high school students to home their opportunity to develop their public speaking skills by delivering speeches on a topic of their choice as it relates to the Rotary Four Way Test. Held each year in March/April.
Camp Neidig	This is a district wide leadership camp to teach rising seniors leadership and team building skills that will last them a life time. Held each June
PVHS Scholarship	We honor a student each year for their accomplishments in community service
Student of the Month	We honor one student each month from Methacton HS and Perkiomen Valley HS. The students are selected by the high school teachers based on their ability to exhibit the traits of the Rotary 4 Way Test.
International Youth Exchange	This program is sponsored globally by Rotary International. For the past 60+ years we have given students (Age 15-19) opportunities to travel to a different country and live with a host family for a full academic year. There are over 4,000 students in this program this year. Our club has a student studying in Argentina during 2017/2018.
Science Fair Awards	Rotary has five "Avenues of Service" ( <a href="https://goo.gl/Am3xoQ">https://goo.gl/Am3xoQ</a> ). We give two awards at the Montgomery County Science Fair for projects that are related to one of these areas of service.
Battle Axe Dinner	There is a long standing tradition and sports rivalry between Methacton HS and Perkiomen Valley HS. We bring the football team seniors and coaches together for a dinner each year before their big game against each other. It is always a fun event.
Scholarships at MCCC	Our club values education and supports local area youth financial support. We have given scholarships at Montgomery County Community College and Ursinus College in the past.

# International

Event	Description
India School Projects	A delegation of 6 members visited India in Jan 2017 with the intent of learning about the country and their needs in education and health. Our club has partnered with a US family to facilitate various projects at schools in India that are in significant need
Belarus Orphanage	Through the dedicated effort of one of our members we provided funding for an orphanage in Belarus to purchase toys for the children
Haiti School Project	Two of our members have traveled to Haiti in the past to provide educational material and training to promote science education in improvised area in Haiti
South Africa – Qumi Home	We partnered with a local organization in South Africa to develop training material for staff at a home for young people with developmental challenges

# Rotary Foundation

Event	Description
Purple Pinkie – Polio Event	Rotary is a driving force across the world in the fight against polio which is nearly eradicated. We are regular supporters for the annual district wide event that raises awareness and funds to fight polio
Annual Foundation Gala	The Rotary Foundation is the charitable wing of Rotary International. We participate in the annual gala to raise funds and to celebrate the successes in the past year

# Fight Hunger

Event	Description
Daily Bread Food Pantry	Hunger continues to be a big challenge for many families in our community. This food pantry has been in operation for many years to satisfy some of the needs. We sponsor various events to raise funds for this food pantry ( <a href="http://dailybreadcommunityfoodpantry.org/">http://dailybreadcommunityfoodpantry.org/</a> )
Holiday Food Baskets	During the holiday season each year, we assemble baskets of food to prepare a traditional meal for the whole family and provide to families in need through the food pantry. During 2017, we partnered with the local area Boy Scout Troop to purchase the items and prepare the baskets
Food Packing / Potato Planting	Members of our club have participated in several events to package nutritionally balanced food that is delivered to local food pantries and sent internationally to feed the poor. We have also helped another club in our district that grows potatoes that are supplied to the area food pantries
Phillies Strike Our Hunger	This is an annual food drive to collect food and provide it to local area food pantries
Back Pack Programs	Our local area schools have many students that rely on state subsidized meal programs at the school. Many of them go hungry during the weekends. This program gives these students a bag of ready to eat food that can be used during the weekends. We provided funding to start this program at two of the Methacton Elementary Schools

# Environment

Event	Description
Perkiomen Creek Clean-up	Many of our club members are volunteering to support the the Perkiomen Valley Watershed Conservancy's annual event to clean the local creek banks of trash and debris that have collected through the year ( <a href="https://www.perkiomenwatershed.org/">https://www.perkiomenwatershed.org/</a> )
Tree Planting	Our Rotary International president has challenged all 1.2 million members to plant at least one tree this year. Our club will be taking part in this challenge. We have also participated in other tree planting initiatives in the past.
Route 29 Clean-up	Our club participates in local area clean up efforts to keep our environment free of debris

# Fund Raising

Fund Raising is a necessary evil for all volunteer service organizations. This provides us with the funds we need to conduct our projects to drive our service focused mission forward and to help others in the community. We strive to do this in the most fun and engaging way possible. We find that engaging the community gives us many secondary benefits.

Event	Description
Annual Golf Tournament	2018 marks the 4 <sup>th</sup> year we will be conducting the golf tournament at a very prestigious private country club. We have partnered with the Colleeville Fire Company for the first 4 years. This year we will be partnering with the Perkiomen Valley Watershed Conservancy. This is held in June/July
Annual Pancake Breakfast	This is a long standing tradition in the community. During the early spring time, we hold an event where 500 to 600 people of all ages come to the event to enjoy a great breakfast and mingle with their neighbors. The funds we raise are donated to the Daily Bread Community Food Pantry
Food Truck	Our club owns a food truck that is used at many of the local area events to serve hot dogs, hamburgers, pretzels, popcorn and ice cream to the hungry crowds
Various Charity Drives	Throughout the year we participate in opportunities to raise funds for the various activities