



## Message from the District Governor Mary Ellen Bentler

Wow it is April already and as of April 1st there will be 91 days until the new Rotary Year. April is Maternal and Child Health month, a great opportunity for your clubs to consider what you are doing to support the health of mothers and young children. Improving access to care and the quality of care for women and children worldwide is an important focus for us. President Shekhar continues to encourage you to think of ways to do more.

March was a very busy month with President Elect training. This was a great opportunity for the President Elects, President Nominee and Assistant Governors to prepare for the upcoming Rotary Year. The attendees also had the opportunity to hear Rotary International President Elect Jennifer Jones, Rotary International Vice President Valarie Wafer and Rotary International Director Elect Drew Kessler present but they were also able to connect with them in the Hospitality rooms. It was very exciting to see the generosity of Rotarians when they held an auction on Friday night and raised \$32,000 in contribution to the Disaster Response fund to benefit the people of Ukraine.



**District Conference:** The District Conference committee has worked to put together an exciting conference on May 5, 6 and 7th in "Gorges" Ithaca, NY. Our Keynote Speaker will be Rotary International Trustee Jorge Aufranc. RIDDE Drew Kessler and Past Rotary Foundation Coordinator for Zone 32 Russel deFuria will also be joining us along with other great speakers. Please see the information in this newsletter and don't miss out on the fun. I would like to add another incentive to attend the conference. I will donate 1,000 points toward a Paul Harris, to be awarded to someone of your clubs' choosing, to the Club that has the most attendees.

The Polio Committee chair Dave Palmer reported the Polio Plus Fundraiser Night held on February 19th raised \$664.00 for the Polio Foundation and with the Gates Foundation match that donation to the Polio Foundation became \$1,992.00. Great Job! Also thank you to Michelle Reilly from the Mountain Top club for performing the National Anthem at the game. Looking forward to the results of the "Stay at Home Online Auction/Flea Market" that the District Foundation committee put together.

This is a very exciting time in Rotary, a time when the world needs us most. As we Serve to Change Lives, remember that we are also changing ourselves. We are becoming the world's great Change-makers and peace-builders.

In Service to Rotary,  
Mary Ellen



# District 7410 Conference

## SERVE TO CHANGE CHILDREN'S LIVES

May 5th-7th  
Ithaca, NY

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DG Mary Ellen Bentler  
District 7410  
2021-2022



Jorge Aufranc  
Rotary Foundation Trustee  
2019-2023

### What to Expect:

**Thursday, May 5th** - "Welcome Fiesta" and an evening of Fellowship, taking advantage of "Cinco de Mayo". Get to know other Rotarians while getting in the spirit with Margaritas, Cerveza, Tequila, and authentic Mexican Hors d'oeuvres!

**Friday, May 6th** - A continental breakfast, before Rotary. Adjourning at noon, allowing ample free time. Concluding with, a Cocktail Reception & Semi Formal Dinner with an open bar, at the Tompkins County Community College Culinary Arts Center. Live entertainment, fellowship, and fun, will cap off the night.

**May 7th** - A breakfast buffet before we return to Rotary and adjourn at 12:30 PM.

**Additional** - May 7th - For those who wish to participate, a dinner and additional overnight stay are available. Jorge Aufranc, will join us as well!

### Why attend the District Conference?

- Make meaningful connections with fellow Rotarians
- Engage with Powerful Speakers
- "Ithaca is GORGES!" - [Click here to see why!](#)

### [Register Here](#)

### [Reserve Your Room Here](#)

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# District Conference Exciting News!

## **Attention:**

**Rotarians who haven't attended a District Conference yet!  
This offer is for YOU!**

The District Conference Committee is offering a \$50 rebate to the first 15 Rotarians that register for the District Conference, who have never attended a District Conference in the past.

Each Rotarian will be required to attend the entire conference and the rebate will be sent to you once the Conference is concluded.

***Now is your time to act fast and register  
to be one of the top 15 and get this special deal!***



# DISTRICT CONFERENCE



Rotary District 7410  
May 5th-7th  
2021-2022

ITHACA, NY

## Featured Speakers



**Ann Marie Jones**

Presenting - "Child Slavery & Trafficking"



**Carol Hart Metzker**

Presenting - "Child Slavery & Trafficking"



**Orville Wright**

Presenting - "Prospective of Rotary Membership"



**Jim Mulry**

Presenting - "Saving Children from Malaria"

## Keynote Speaker

**Jorge Aufranc**  
*Rotary International  
Foundation Trustee  
2019-23*



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# DISTRICT CONFERENCE



**Rotary District 7410**

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## *Keynote Speaker Spotlight*

*Jorge Aufranc, Trustee 2019-23*  
*Rotary Club of Guatemala Sur Guatemala*



Jorge is a chemical engineer professional, currently Director of Corporation Instatec, company dedicated to the design and building of networking telecom systems. Formerly, he served as managing director of a chemical crop protection joint venture with Dupont in Central America.

Rotarian since 1993, Jorge has served as RI Director, Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator, RI Training Leader, Major Gift Advisor, Council of Legislation member, RI President's Representative. As a member of the Board of Trustee of The Rotary Foundation he is serving as a Chair of the RI/USAID Steering Committee,

Vice Chair of the End Polio Now: Countdown to history challenge Committee, Trustee Liaison of the Operation Re-view Committee. He participated in a National Immunization Day in Moradabad, India and has been keynote speaker at the Lisbon Convention and two times at the International Assembly. He was Convener of RI Institutes in Dominican Republic, Bolivia, Colombia, Monterrey and Panama.

Founder -President of the Central American official Rotary Regional Magazine and the Central American Division of the Rotary Leadership Institute. He was Director of WASH Rotary Action Group and member of the Cadre.

He first saw the power of The Rotary Foundation in 1995, when he led a project to bring clean drinking water to an orphanage using matching grants. Today, he is the primary contact for the \$600,000 WASH in Schools competitive grant program in Guatemala, which is bringing water, sanitation, and hygiene to 48 schools in the country.

In 1988 as Club President he succeeded in reaching 100% Paul Harris participation. He is Benefactor, Major Donor and Bequest Society Member. He was named two times Rotarian of the Year and he is recipient of The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service. Jorge and his wife Débora have three children, five grandchildren and reside in Guatemala.



Rotary



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## Featured Speakers Spotlight

*Ann Marie Jones*



*Ann Marie Jones is a survivor of sex trafficking who helps women recover from the life she once endured. She is the resident coordinator at Dawn's Place, where she earlier recovered from a 13 year ordeal, became a peer recovery specialist and initiated a twelve-step sexual exploitation recovery program. She is a frequent speaker and an advocate for better anti-human trafficking laws. A character in her play, "Project Dawn", by Karen Hartman, is based on Ann Marie's experience working toward the exoneration of her criminal record. She was the first recipient of a Rotary Action Group Against Slavery "Freedom Award" and was a speaker at the Rotary International Convention in Toronto. Together with Carol Metzker, she coauthored A Shield Against the Monster: Protecting Children from Human Trafficking. Ann Marie is a mother and grandmother.*

*Carol Metzker*



*An unexpected encounter with an 11 year old Indian girl rescued from sex slavery led Carol Metzker on a quest to aid survivors and prevent new victims overseas and at home in the United States. Carol is an ally for survivors of human trafficking modern slavery, educator, TEDx presenter, author of Facing the Monster: How One Person Can Fight Child Slavery, and coauthor of A Shield Against the Monster: Protecting Children from Human Trafficking with sex-trafficking survivor, Ann Marie Jones. She works in community outreach at the Chester County (PA, USA) Sheriff's Office, consulted to The Salvation Army's New ay to Stop Trafficking Program, and volunteered with survivors at Dawn's Place for ten years. Carol has spoken about the subject in Seoul, Sydney, Toronto, and Kathmandu as well as throughout the United States. She is the recipient of several humanitarian awards include Rotary International's "Service Above Self".*



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## Featured Speaker Spotlight

Orville Wright



*Orville Wright is a twenty-three-year active-duty Navy Veteran. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy and spent twenty-one years in the defense industry with IBM and Lockheed-Martin, where he tested helicopters and avionics systems.*

*He gained experience and expertise with recovering Astronauts on Sky Labs 2 and 3, he served as the Command of Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron 8, and is the author and editor of two books.*

*He was raised in Bucks County, PA. He is a husband to his wife, Carolyn, who is a fellow Rotarian, and is the proud father of six adult children. His Rotarian contributions include but are certainly not limited to: Serving as the Past President of the Owego Rotary Club and serving as District Governor for District 7170 from 2010-2011. He also earned the Major Donor and Paul Harris Fellow awards. A fun fact about Orville is that he has also performed five charitable musical comedy shows!*

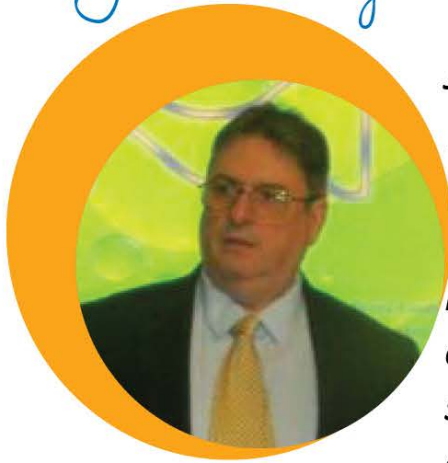




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## Featured Speaker Spotlight

*Jim Mulry*



*Jim Mulry is Head of Diagnostics for the Global Health Institute, a non-profit arm of Merck, the German biotech company. Jim brings over 40 years of experience in clinical laboratory diagnostics. His specialty is helping women and children from developing countries*

*to combat infectious diseases.*

*Jim is a member of the Phoenix 100 Rotary Club. He is active with Rotarians Against Malaria Global and Malaria Partners International, also part of Rotary International. The Malaria Microscopy Project unites Rotarians with the Global Health Institute to both combat malaria and enhance healthcare delivery in developing countries. The Global Health Institute funds the education of laboratory technologists to better diagnose malaria and other fevers. The Rotary helps by raising funds to purchase needed microscopes. In sub-Saharan Africa, 60,000 children die of malaria every year. Better microscopy education helps early diagnosis. Jim is working with Rotarians globally with ongoing projects in Ghana, Nigeria, Burkina Faso, Kenya, Botswana, Sudan, Mali, Tanzania, Columbia, and Pakistan. Please come and see how your club can help.*



# New Member Spotlight

## Dallas Rotary welcomes two new members

At a recent meeting of the Dallas Rotary, they were pleased to welcome two new members to help the club bring programs and projects to the Back Mountain Community that they serve.



*From left: new member Alex Mertz, Past President Kerry Freeman, Rotarian and sponsor, Barbara Rinker and new member, Phil Mertz.*

## **Wyoming Rotary welcomes a new member**

Nick Sobeck was recently installed as the newest member of The Rotary Club of Wyoming. He joins his father, Frank a member since 1986, his Uncle Mark, a member since 1981 and his first cousins Mike and Rich, who joined in 2014.

The Club meets every Thursday at 6:15 pm at Leggio's Restaurant, Dallas. Prospective members and speakers are always welcome to attend, by contacting Mark Sobeck at 570-760-1644. The installation was performed by Rotary District 7410 Governor, Mary Ellen Bentler at a joint meeting hosted by The Rotary Club of Plymouth at Grotto Pizza, Harveys Lake, with the Rotary Clubs of Wyoming, Kingston and Dallas in attendance.



*Pictured from left to right are: Frank Sobeck, Nick, Sobeck and District Governor Bentler.*



## **New Milford Area Rotary inducts three new members**

The New Milford Area Rotary inducted three new members on St Patrick's Day, March 17, 2022, during its meeting at the Susquehanna County Interfaith building in Montrose, Pennsylvania.

Each new inductee is a representative of the Corporate Membership category of the club and enjoys the full benefits offered by Rotary membership. Christopher McComb, Superintendent of the Montrose Area High School represents the school district as the primary member. Christopher resides in Brackney, Pennsylvania.

Cynthia Beeman, Executive Director of the Susquehanna County Interfaith was inducted as the primary member of Interfaith. Cindy has a master's degree in Executive Leadership, and resides in Kingsley, Pennsylvania with her husband Bryce Beeman.

Marissa Robinson represents the Endless Mountains Health Systems (EMHS) in Montrose as the alternate member of EMHS. Marissa is the Director of Human Resources and has a Bachelor of Science degree in Healthcare Management. Marissa resides in South Montrose.

The Club currently consists of 35 members actively serving the community and world and welcomes new membership. Contact information can be found at [www.facebook.com/newmilfordrotary](http://www.facebook.com/newmilfordrotary). Or one can contact David Palmer, Membership Chair at [davesolopalmer@gmail.com](mailto:davesolopalmer@gmail.com).



*Pictured left to right: Karen Voigt, Secretary, New Milford Area Rotary; Christopher McComb, Superintendent, Montrose Area School District; Marissa Robinson, Director of Human Resources, Endless Mountains Health Systems; Cindy Beeman,*

## Rotary Club of the Abingtons welcomes new member

The Rotary Club of the Abingtons installed a new member Tom Zurla, Assistant VP, Area Manager, Honesdale National Bank. Seen here are Past District Governors Roger Mattes, Warren Watkins and Gus Vlassis who each participated in the installation, Virginia Johnson, member and sponsor and Tom.





# ROTARY DISTRICT 7410 POLIOPLUS SOCIETY APPLICATION



As a Rotarian and supporter of Polio Eradication, Rotary's #1 international priority, I wish to participate in this child focused humanitarian effort as a member of the PolioPlus Society of Rotary District 7410.

I hereby commit to making an annual donation to the PolioPlus program of the Rotary Foundation as follows: (select one)

- ☐ \$100 per year to PolioPlus (this is the minimum amount to become a PolioPlus Society member)
- ☐ A contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_ per year to PolioPlus (more than \$100)
- ☐ A contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_ only this year; unfortunately, I cannot do this every year

Society members will receive a PolioPlus Society membership pin and Paul Harris credit. Make your donation online at [www.rotary.org/donate](http://www.rotary.org/donate) and select the Polio Fund, or through your Rotary Club. If made on-line, one can establish a recurring donation.

E-mail or mail this completed form to the District PolioPlus Chair at [davesolopalmer@gmail.com](mailto:davesolopalmer@gmail.com) or Dave Palmer, 443 Mateer Road, Hop Bottom, PA 18824. Contact Dave for questions at 570-498-6637.

***Until the last child is immunized, and the world is certified polio-free, every child is at risk.***

Name:

Signature:

Date:

Club Name:

Phone Number:

E-Mail:

Your PolioPlus Society pin will be presented to you at your club meeting or other appropriate meeting you might desire, to insure you are recognized for your commitment to eradicating polio from this earth.

# Polio Plus Society

The Wyoming Leggio's Restaurant in Dallas was the scene of a PolioPlus Society pin presentation on March 24, 2022. Frank Sobeck and Brian Zaborny are members of a growing society in the Rotary District 7410, now numbered at 34 PolioPlus Society members. This unique group are dedicated to the elimination of vaccine preventable diseases in the world, especially Polio.

David Palmer, PolioPlus Committee Chair of Rotary District 7410 presented the pins and welcomed the newest members to this society. He also spoke to the rest of the attending club about Rotary's 40 plus year effort to rid the world of the wild polio virus. Only two countries remain endemic with the wild polio virus in the world, because of this long-dedicated effort. The PolioPlus Society is a group of Rotary members and non-Rotary contributors who agree to donate at least \$100 to the Rotary Foundation's PolioPlus Fund each fiscal year.

If you would like to join this PolioPlus Society, contact [davesolopalmer@gmail.com](mailto:davesolopalmer@gmail.com) or call 570-498-6637.



*David Palmer, PolioPlus Chair,  
Brian Zaborny, Wyoming Rotary Club*



*David Palmer, PolioPlus Chair,  
Frank Sobeck, Wyoming Rotary Club*



The Woodlands Resort in Plains Township was the scene of the most recent PolioPlus Society pin presentation on April 6, 2022. PDG Paul Muczynski' is now a member of a growing society in the Rotary District 7410, now numbered at 34 PolioPlus Society members. This unique group are dedicated to the elimination of vaccine preventable diseases in the world, especially Polio.

David Palmer, PolioPlus Committee Chair of Rotary District 7410 and Girard Macedon, President of the Plains Rotary presented the pin and welcomed the newest member to this society. He also spoke to the rest of the attending club about Rotary's 40 plus year effort to rid the world of the wild polio virus. Only two countries remain endemic with the wild polio virus in the world, because of this long-dedicated effort. The PolioPlus Society is a group of Rotary members and non-Rotary contributors who agree to donate at least \$100 to the Rotary Foundation's PolioPlus Fund each fiscal year.

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## Rotary Moment for the Week of March 27, 2022

### WHAT IS THE ROTARY FOUNDATION'S "WORLD FUND"?

At the end of every contribution year, each Rotary district's contributions to the Annual Fund-SHARE are divided into two funds: 47.5% is credited to the World Fund (WF) and 47.5% is credited to the District Designated Fund (DDF). The remaining 5% covers operational expenses. The World Fund is used by The Rotary Foundation to pay for the worldwide programs available to all Rotary districts, such as Global Grants.

**It is this funding formula which truly makes  
The Rotary Foundation an integral part of Rotary International.**

**These are the latest fundraising figures for contributions to the Disaster  
Response Fund to provide relief to  
the Ukrainian crisis:**

Contributions	
Outright	\$2,351,843
District Designated Funds	\$1,484,062
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,835,905</b>



# Passport Club

Looking to offer a flexible, accessible and affordable format to individuals who want to be Rotarians but find that traditional Rotary Clubs don't fit their lifestyle, the newly reinvigorated District Passport Club is looking for your help!

## The unique elements of a Passport Club:

- Members are encouraged to participate in service projects organized by other Rotary clubs.
  - Rotarians are invited to visit other Clubs and participate in their Club activities regularly.
  - Relaxed attendance policy.
  - Fewer in-person meetings.
  - Innovative concept designed to give members a more flexible Club experience while supporting the mission of both local District Clubs and Rotary International.
- Our Club members, currently small in number, want to help support District service projects wherever possible either in person or virtually which in turn may help us to grow our membership.

Please contact Club president, Chip Jaeger, at [Rotary7410passportclub@gmail.com](mailto:Rotary7410passportclub@gmail.com) if you have an upcoming project or know of someone who may be interested in joining the Passport Club.

Thank you in advance for your support!

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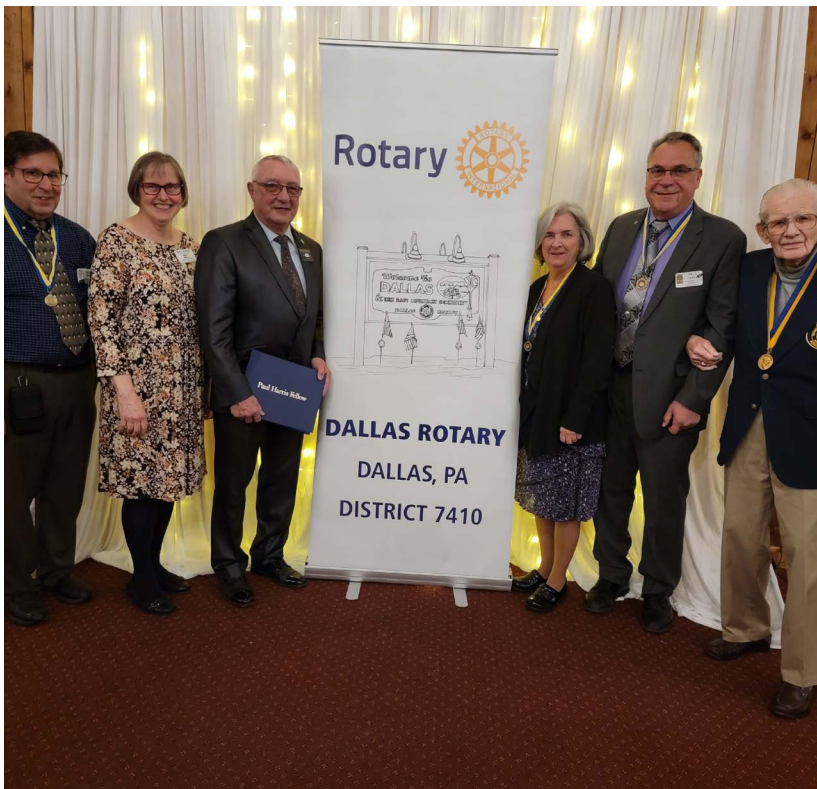


## Dallas Rotary honors one of their own

On March 24 the Rotary Club of Dallas celebrated its 95th anniversary of the year their charter was signed recognizing them as an official local club of Rotary International.

A special part of that celebration was their annual award to a member who exemplifies the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self." This year that honor was bestowed on Rotarian and Past President John Doerfler.

In remarks leading up to the presentation of his award, some of Doerfler's accomplishments were mentioned such as his dedication to Rotary, his community, his church, his Rotary family and, as a retired educator, our community's children. During his nine years as a member of the Rotary Club, he served one year as president of the club, has chaired several projects, and served on many committees to bring the message of service to our community.



*From left: Rotary President Fred DiMaria, Rotarian and John's wife, Maureen Doerfler, John Doerfler, and the three Rotarians who nominated him for this honor: Melissa Saxon, Paul Saxon and Bobby Baird.*



## Dallas Rotary supports local cancer foundation

At a recent meeting of the Rotary Club of Dallas, their guest speakers were Michelle and Doug Higgins from the CBH Ministry and Nonprofit Cancer Foundation which was founded by their family.

Their mission is to educate, encourage and support those struggling with the challenges that a cancer diagnosis can bring to the person and their family and loved ones. They donate “Gifts of Hope” to patients receiving chemotherapy in the form of baskets of needed items and gift cards for food and gasoline for traveling to appointments and treatments.

Michelle’s passionate delivery of their message was felt by all in attendance. After only two years in operation, they are currently serving more than 200 patients in our area, and have already delivered more than 400 “Gifts of Hope.” The club made a generous donation to help with their work in our community.



*From left: Doug Higgins, Michelle Higgins, Rotary Club Secretary Heidi Manning, and Abby Curtis, whose parents, Dave and Kim Landmesser, are volunteers with the foundation.*



## Rotary Interact Fundraiser Raises Thousands for Ukraine



Close to 200 people packed the Wallenpaupack Brewing Company in Hawley on Monday, April 4th and helped raise \$12,000 for Ukrainian refugees. Many of them also sang! The event, organized by [Honesdale High School's Interact Club](#), was billed as a karaoke contest with all proceeds going to the Rotary International Disaster Response Fund for Ukraine.

"I can't say enough about the response, it was just overwhelmingly positive," said Brian Fulp, an adviser to the Interact club and a co-organizer. "Everyone really wants to help the Ukraine people in some way, in any way they can. This evening was one way – and it was fun!" Fulp noted that the Skier Family Foundation matched a generous amount of the funds raised. "The Skiers couldn't be here in person, but they were here in spirit," said Fulp, adding, "And now they have about 200 more friends!"

For \$10 per person, attendees got a seat, snacks and a chance to belt out their favorite song for an audience. Among those who sang was a young Ukrainian woman, who received more than one round of applause for her rousing Ukrainian tune.

Members of Honesdale's Interact club, a junior Rotary club of more than 40 high school students, were on hand to man the snack and ticket stations.

Since the Russian army, under President Vladimir Putin, invaded Ukraine on February 24, more than 10 million Ukrainians have been driven from their home. Six million have been displaced within the country and four million have fled Ukraine for neighboring Poland, Romania, Hungary, Moldova and Slovakia. Many left with only the clothes on their backs. Aid groups are trying to resettle them with food and clothing and new papers for citizenship.

The Rotary Fund to date has received more than \$7.3 million in contributions and distributed more than \$1 million in grants to help those displaced by the war. To donate or find out how the money is being distributed, visit [Rotary responds to Ukraine crisis | Rotary International](#).











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## NEW MILFORD AREA ROTARY FINDING SUCCESS WITH CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP RECRUITING

In early 2020 the New Milford Area Rotary Club decided to pursue a Corporate Membership category for its membership drive efforts, and then since March 2021 taking advantage of the District's "new membership dues waiver initiative". This waiver carries through June 30th of this year.

Despite being interrupted to some degree by the onset of the COVID pandemic, the club has steadily realized success with this effort. Since March 2020, the club has realized ten (10) new members through this Corporate Membership initiative, and thirteen (13) new individual memberships, although one (1) of those individual members transferred to Rotary in Wisconsin conducive with an employment change. With that, our current membership as of this newsletter stands at 35 active members and 11 Honorary members. Currently four (4) more new Corporate Memberships and four (4) plus individual memberships are under discussion.

In addition to increasing membership and thus our club's ability to conduct service activities in the community, we envision this effort will eventually help us in the establishment of a Rotary Satellite Club in Montrose, Susquehanna County. The Montrose Club unfortunately turned in its charter in 2016 after 100 years.

Starting in 2019, the New Milford Area Rotary began an effort to re-introduce and return Rotary to Montrose. This started with a District Grant that collaborated with many Montrose area businesses to start the United Way's Real Men Read Mentoring Program in the Kindergarten classes of Montrose Area School District. Additional service activities in the Montrose area include dictionary distribution to third graders, Leopold Chocolate Rotary Wheel fundraising sales, Christmas Season bell ringing on behalf of the Salvation Army, solicitation of business donations for the District On-Line Virtual Auction, Volunteer Ambassador with the American Red Cross Blood Drives, District Youth Essay Contest, and volunteering at the food bank distribution at Endless Mountains Health Systems, Montrose- once each month.

Corporate Membership in Rotary WORKS! For more information contact David Palmer, Membership Chair, New Milford Area Rotary at [davesolopalmer@gmail.com](mailto:davesolopalmer@gmail.com) or 570-498-6637.



*Ashley Weidow Induction- Left to Right:  
Ashley Weidow, Tom Kurosky,  
New Milford Area Rotary President*



*Brandi Taylor Induction- Left to Right:  
Brandi Taylor, Tom Kurosky,  
New Milford Area Rotary President*



*Kimberly Smith Induction- Left to right: Kim-  
berly Smith; Tom  
Kurosky, New Milford Area Rotary President*



*NBT Bank, New Milford Induction-  
Left to right Marissa Greene,  
Branch Manager;  
Tom Kurosky, New Milford area Rotary President*



*Blue Ridge School District Induction- Left to Right:  
Matthew Button,  
Superintendent of Schools, Blue Ridge School District,  
Tom Kurosky,  
NewMilford Area Rotary President*



*Karen Voigt Induction- Left to Right:  
Karen Voigt, Grant Palmer,  
New Milford Area Rotary Immediate  
Past President*

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## Dictionary Project

The New Milford Area Rotary has actively participated in the The Dictionary Project by providing dictionaries to third grade students in Susquehanna County school districts for the past twenty-two years. Barbara Hill coordinated the program for twenty years. She has turned over the reins to Karen Voigt, club secretary, now in her second year. Rotary is serving students in Mountain View SD, Susquehanna SD, Montrose SD, Blue Ridge SD and Faith Mountain Christian Academy. This year, 267 dictionaries have been distributed. Last year, due to COVID, dictionaries were delivered to the schools, where the teachers presented the dictionaries on Rotary's behalf. We are glad to be back in the schools this year.



*First Row: Macie Conklin, Reagan Bronson, Dillon Reid  
Second Row: Karen Voigt, Rotarian; Tanner Ball, Savannah Phelps, Matthew Slocum,  
Ms. Lizbet Nauroth, third grade teacher*



*New Milford Area Rotary Club presents dictionaries to Mrs. Button's third grade class at Blue Ridge Elementary School.*

*Front Row: Cameron Bentler, Wyatt Herbert, Jayden Smith, Jameson Allen, Alexandra Armondi  
Middle Row: Jemma Cook, Rosalyna Paguay, Damian Scheuch, Mason Hogle,  
Aaliyah Miller, Jayne Allard*

*Back Row: Archer Lane, LynnLee Phillips, Colton Stone, Keanah Rivera  
Rotarian: Karen Voigt*



## Plains Rotary Supports Ukraine Refugee Relief Effort

Plains Rotary members donated \$1,100 to the Warsaw City Rotary, Warsaw Poland to help Ukraine refugees.

Poland has already received 1.9 million refugees in just the last 20 days. The Warsaw City Rotary is helping people inside Ukraine with essential goods such as dry food, medicines, personal hygiene items and clothing. Trucks are getting thru to the people that need it most, partly thanks to their long-established connections with partner Rotary clubs inside Ukraine.

Warsaw City Rotary is helping by providing housing some of the refugees in and around Warsaw. They are also helping to feed some of the refugees who have been temporarily located near railway stations upon arrival as well as in slightly modified enclosed sports facilities which have water and toilet facilities.





## Plains Rotary Host Essay Contest Winners

The Plains Rotary hosted their 2022 Essay Contest winners and their families at their 6 April meeting in the Woodlands Inn.

The three students are juniors at Wilkes Barre Area high school. The theme of this year's essay was "Serves to Change Lives". Each student was presented with a certificate of excellence and a cash prize.

Joseph Meager took first place, Mia Manganello-Czapla and Jyanna Mendola tied for second.

Joseph Meager's essay was entered into the Rotary District 7410's essay contest where it will be just against essays from high schools in ten counties of northeast PA.





Rotary Club of Plymouth

PDG Paul "Budd" O'Malia Memorial Golf Tournament

Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Wilkes-Barre Municipal Golf Course

Registration 7:00AM with shotgun start at 8:00AM; Capt and Crew Format

\$90 includes breakfast, golf, prizes and beverages on the course

Dinner to follow at Keeley's Ale House, Pringle. Dinner only \$30

Make All Checks payable to Rotary Club of Plymouth, PO Box 122 Plymouth, Pa. 18651

NAME

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**Hole Sponsors Available.**    \$50 silver \$100 gold    (circle)

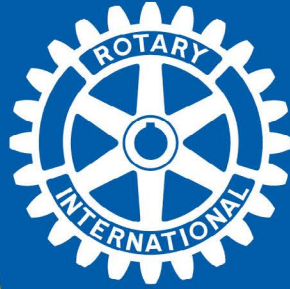
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Call JK Karavis at 570-574-4246 or Thomas Hogan at 570-592-4118 with any questions. Proceeds to benefit the Alzheimer's Foundation, WVW Scholarship Fund and Kids @ Kristmas Shopping Extravaganza



ROTARY OF THE POCONO MOUNTAINS

# NIGHT AT THE RACES



**SUNDAY  
APRIL 10TH** | **HOSTED @  
THE POURHOUSE**  
ROUTE 390 | MOUNTAINHOME

**EVENT OPENS 4PM | POST TIME 5:30PM**

**Everyone is invited!**

Enjoy a fun and exciting night of horse racing and raffles. Come out and play!

It's easy... no experience needed!

**\$5**  
**SUGGESTED  
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For more info on sponsoring a race or buying a horse contact

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## Wellsboro Rotary ShelterBox Project

The Wellsboro Club wanted to provide support for the people of Ukraine, especially the millions of refugees who streamed across the Polish border as their country was attacked by Russian forces.

The Subcarpathian Voivodeship is in southeastern Poland, adjoining the Ukraine border, and has absorbed many of the refugees. Jim Tutak suggested to the club that it sponsor a ShelterBox for use in the area. Most Rotarians are familiar with this international project which was started twenty years ago by a group of Rotarians in England.

Jim was familiar with the area, having relatives living there, and having visited it a few years ago. He suggested that the club raise funds to sponsor a ShelterBox to be used in the area for refugee support.

An initial donation of \$250 was made and it was hoped that the necessary \$1,000 for a box would be raised. Rotarians were asked to donate and an article was published in the local paper. The response from the public was far beyond expectations and as of March 28, \$4,000 has been raised and will be sent to ShelterBox USA, designated for Ukrainian refugee relief.

Aside from ShelterBoxes, Rotary International has established funds to assist in the relief of the plight of the Ukrainian refugees, which is immediate and urgent.

[Click Here for more information on The ShelterBox Project](#)



## #570Day Is Back... With Something New!

Northeast Pennsylvania packs a whole lot into one corner of the state. Last year's inaugural #570Day was proof as residents, businesses and organizations spent the day flooding social media with photos and videos of some of the best people and places in the region.



#570Day is back again this year! On Saturday, May 7, 2022, we're encouraging everyone across Northeast PA to celebrate local pride by using #570Day on social media to share what they love about the 570 area. Highlight your favorite park, shout out your Friday night pizza spot, thank a special teacher or show off a local product. #570Day, held yearly on May 7th (5/7/year...see what we did there), is a chance to let the good in our area shine.

Plus, in honor of the 2nd annual #570Day, we're taking it to the next level and going beyond the post. That means while everyone is sharing on social media, we're also asking businesses, organization and individuals to put the 570 love into action.

Here are some examples of how:

- Offer a #570Day deal or special offer to promote your business
- Organize a #570Day community cleanup
- Hop on a trail for a #570Day hike
- Grab dinner at your favorite 570 eatery
- Put a spin on your specialty... create #570Day treats, host a #570Day yoga class or sponsor a #570Day dinner.

The idea is to not only share what we love about the area, but to also get out and experience it.

#570Day started in 2021 as a campaign born through the combined, creative efforts of The Wilkes- Barre Rotary Club, The Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce and Visit Luzerne County. The day aims to spread positivity, local pride and celebrate the people and places within the 570 area code. With so much in Northeastern PA and so many stories to tell, we hope this movement will continue to grow as it's celebrated yearly on May 7th.

Follow us at [Facebook.com/570Day](https://Facebook.com/570Day) for updates as the day gets closer and on May 7th watch #570Day on social media to see all the great things in Northeast Pennsylvania!





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