

Keepin' Up With The District



CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD

A Message From: DISTRICT GOVERNOR Samantha Maruzzelli



Dear Rotary Members,

As we reflect on the past year of dedicated service to our communities, it's essential to celebrate our achievements and the impact we've made together. Our collective efforts have brought about positive change, touched lives, and upheld Rotary's mission of service above self.

To commemorate our year of service and to honor the commitment of each member, we invite you all to join us at the upcoming district conference on May 3-5 at Skytop Lodge. This event will be a time for us to come together, share our experiences, and celebrate our successes. The district conference promises to be a gathering filled with inspiration, reflection, and camaraderie. It's an opportunity to connect with fellow Rotarians, hear inspiring stories, and gain new insights that will propel us forward in our mission.

We are focusing on fellowship and self-care. Learning that bringing peace and mental and physical wellbeing to ourselves is the best way we can be prepared to help others.

We look forward to seeing you all at the district conference as we celebrate our year of service and renew our dedication to Rotary's noble cause. You can [register to attend the district conference](#) on the District website and if you would like to stay overnight at Skytop you can call the hotel directly to make a reservation. See the flyer in this newsletter for more information. We are less than a month away, so please register now.

March was a busy month. PDG Mary Ellen Bentler and the entire Grants committee held three in person Grants training events across the District. All were well attended and fun. I trust we will have a record-breaking amount of Grant applications this year.

I attended a Rotary mixer with the Kingston Rotary Club in March. They had a successful event where members from the club spoke about how important Rotary is to them. Stories were told about inspiring projects that changed the lives of people in their communities. Many members brought along a potential new member. After hearing about the way Rotary touches lives, I am sure those people will join Rotary. This is a great idea for all clubs to try. We need to grow Rotary!

PETS was also held in March. Attending the President-Elect Training Seminar (PETS) is a crucial step for Rotary clubs and districts to prepare for the upcoming Rotary year. PETS provides incoming Rotary club presidents with essential training, resources, and networking opportunities to help them effectively lead their clubs. District 7410's participation in PETS demonstrates our commitment to ensuring our leaders are well-equipped to serve their communities and advance Rotary's mission. By attending PETS, the district's leaders have gained valuable insights, best practices, and support to successfully navigate the challenges and opportunities of the new Rotary year.

The participation of assistant governors in the President-Elect Training Seminar (PETS) is also crucial for the effective functioning of Rotary districts. Assistant governors play a vital role in supporting and guiding individual Rotary clubs within their assigned geographic areas. By attending PETS, assistant governors receive specialized training and resources that enable them to fulfill their responsibilities more effectively.

April being designated as Maternal and Child Health Month in Rotary is an important recognition of the organization's commitment to improving the well-being of mothers and children around the world. During this month, Rotary clubs and districts focus on raising awareness, organizing projects, and collaborating with partners to address critical issues affecting maternal and child health.

Rotary's efforts in maternal and child health encompass a wide range of initiatives, including but not limited to:

Providing access to prenatal care: Ensuring expectant mothers receive adequate healthcare during pregnancy is crucial for the wellbeing of both mother and child.

Immunization campaigns: Rotary supports initiatives to increase vaccination rates, thereby preventing diseases that can affect maternal and child health.

Nutrition programs: Rotary clubs often engage in projects aimed at improving access to nutritious food for pregnant women and children, combating malnutrition, and promoting healthy eating habits.

Access to clean water and sanitation: Access to clean water and proper sanitation facilities is essential for preventing waterborne diseases and improving overall health, especially for mothers and children.

Education and awareness: Rotary clubs conduct educational programs and awareness campaigns on topics such as family planning, maternal nutrition, safe childbirth practices, and child development.

APRIL 2024



By dedicating the month of April to Maternal and Child Health, Rotary emphasizes the importance of these issues and mobilizes its global network of volunteers and partners to make a meaningful impact in communities worldwide. What can your club do to support this theme?

We are beginning our fourth quarter of this Rotary year. Continue to “Create Hope in the World” and prioritize Mental Health and Well-being in your communities. “Do More Rotary” and get back to why you joined, service!

I hope you all have a wonderful April. I know we are all longing for warmer days and spring flowers. The conference at Skytop, the first week of May, should be beautiful!!

Yours in Rotary Service,
Sam



DON'T BOTTLE IT UP



**Mental Health
Initiatives**
Rotary Action Group

**“I’m not afraid to speak up –
Neither should you”**

Samantha Maruzzelli
Tunkhannock Rotary Club
District 7410 DG 2023-2024

Approximately 1 in 4 people
officially suffer with some form of
mental illness and due to Covid this
is rising.

In reality, almost everyone will
encounter a mental health issue
either directly or indirectly at some
point in their lives.

Even if you’re not in the 25%
directly affected, help break the
taboo of Mental Health.

Don't suffer in silence.
#dontbottleitup



Upcoming Events

Calendar

April 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
SHINE Volunteer At South Elementary (Newfoundland)						
		Bingo Night April 3rd (Newfoundland)				
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
SHINE Volunteer At South Elementary (Newfoundland)						
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
SHINE Volunteer At South Elementary (Newfoundland)						
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
SHINE Volunteer At South Elementary (Newfoundland)						
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
SHINE Volunteer At South Elementary (Newfoundland)						
				District Conference		
				District Conference 2024		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
SHINE Volunteer At South Elementary (Newfoundland)						

- Committee Meeting - Deadline - District Event - Fundraiser - General
 - Official DG Visit - Club Event

[Newfoundland- Bingo Night- April 3rd](#)

[Newfoundland- SHINE, Volunteer - Month of April](#)

[District Conference - May 5-7](#)

See You There!

Don't see your event on the calendar?
Email jpopperotary@gmail.com for instructions on how to add it!

Submit to the Newsletter!

**Thank you to everyone who contributes to the
monthly Newsletter!**

Instructions to submit your articles and photos to the newsletter:

Please send submissions to the email box:

RotaryDistrict7410Newsletter@gmail.com

Please remember to keep your content:

- Simple & Brief, Limiting all articles to a total of 2 pages.
- Connecting to trending topics or events if possible

Also, please submit your newsletter articles in **one Word Document with photos attached separately, not in the body of separate emails or in the document.** This helps assure that all of your articles are included in the newsletter and nothing gets lost.

Rotary Convention



**SHARING
HOPE
WITH THE
WORLD**

SINGAPORE | 25-29 MAY 2024

#Rotary24



SHARING HOPE WITH THE WORLD SINGAPORE | 25-29 MAY 2024



REGISTRATION CATEGORY	27-31 MAY 2023	1 JUNE 2023 TO 15 DECEMBER 2023	16 DECEMBER 2023 TO 31 MARCH 2024	1 APRIL 2024 TO 29 MAY 2024
Club member, nonmember, or guest, age 31 or over	\$450	\$500	\$595	\$695
Club member, nonmember, or guest, age 30 or under	\$150	\$175	\$225	\$275
Guest age 5-18	\$20	\$20	\$30	\$40
Guest under age 5	Free	Free	Free	Free
Saturday, House of Friendship only	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$100

All amounts are in U.S. dollars.



Register today at convention.rotary.org
#Rotary24

District Conference

[CLICK HERE](#) to REGISTER NOW for the District Conference!

[CLICK HERE](#) to for the latest information on the District Conference and keep checking back to view the Featured Speakers, Itinerary, and more details.



Register Now!

2023-2024 District Conference

SKYTOP



Skytop, PA
May 3rd, 4th, & 5th





Rotary
District 7410



May 3rd, 4th, & 5th
2024
Skytop Lodge
Skytop, PA

Celebrating Service with Fellowship

Coming together to acknowledge the value of our service, while fostering and focusing on our camaraderie between our fellow Rotarians.



District Governor
Samantha Maruzzelli

JOHN H. HERSKER



Donna Labar



Curt Goldacker



District Conference Highlights Include:

FRIDAY - MAY 3RD

Golf: 10am
Rotary Service Project: 2pm
Conference Dinner and Fellowship

SATURDAY - MAY 4TH

Nature walk: 8:30am
Keynote speaker - John Hersker: 10am
Wellness is a Vibe: 11am
Lunch: 12pm
Keynote speaker - Captain Curt Goldacker: 1:30pm
Keynote speaker - Donna Labar: 2:30pm
Rotary Olympics: 3:30pm
Conference Dinner and Fellowship

SUNDAY - MAY 5TH

Breakfast with the Governor: 8am
Memorial Service: 10am

We look forward to seeing you!

Visit RotaryDistrict7410.org to Register!

Special Offer

Special Opportunity Offered to Rotary District 7410 Rotarians

The Scranton Wilkes-Barre Penguins Hockey is offering a special opportunity for our members , including those who attended hockey games earlier this season, should they be interested.

They are making a special offer for the CCA Ice Level Lounge in which folks can purchase directly, as they had a group drop Fan Appreciation Night coming on April 13th, one of the biggest nights of the year!

As a result, it was decided to open it up to individual purchases from attendees of this season.

The online order link is listed below, as well as a flier with info attached.

<https://fevo-enterpriseis.com/WBSPenguins0413CG>

23/24
GROUP
NIGHT OUT
W/ THE PENS!



Fan Appreciation Special Offer!

BEARS VS. PENGUINS

Saturday, April 13th, 2024 - 6:05 PM - Fan Appreciation Night

Join the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins as they take on the Hershey Bears for our Fan Appreciation Night offer! Special group pricing in our CCA Ice Level Lounge area is available to club & hospitality attendees from this season as a way to pay thanks!

\$49 - CCA Ice Level Lounge [Limited Availability]

<https://fevo-enterprise.com/WBSPenguins0413CG> **[Link to Order]**

Each group member receives WBS Penguins sunglasses & a McDonald's value meal voucher while supplies last!

If interested in bowl seating, or for general questions,
E-mail [Colby Gaugler](mailto:ColbyGaugler@wbspenguins.com) at CGaugler@wbspenguins.com or call **570-970-3605**

NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

OF TICKETS: _____ ZONE: _____

CREDIT CARD: _____ EXP: _____ DELIVERY: MAIL [\$1.00]

CHECK NUMBER: _____ [MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO WBS PENGUINS]



Public Image

Don't forget!

Visit the [Public Image page](#) to:

-Download a printable/fillable ["Connect With Us" business card](#) to pass out to prospective Rotary members.

-Find a link to take you directly to [Rotary Internationals Brand Center](#). Here you can create and download videos, images, brochures, logos, business cards, flyers and much more.

-Download a copy of the [District Directory](#).

-Download your [club logo](#).

Ukraine Relief

“At Rotary, we are deeply concerned by the ongoing loss of life and humanitarian hardship caused by the war in Ukraine. We are using our deep networks and decades of experience to take meaningful action in the region.”

Rotary Statement on Ukraine Crisis, March 6, 2024

In the summer of 2022, PDG Mary Ellen Bentler briefed the district concerning a Disaster Relief Fund grant that the district had collaborated on with Rotary District 2232 in Ukraine and included a District in Northeastern Pennsylvania, three New Jersey Districts (representing the entire State of New Jersey) and one in southern New York State. Past District Governor Mary Ellen Bentler and NJ Past District Governor Ray Freaney spearheaded the effort along with the support of the districts and their leadership.

These five Rotary Districts in our region combined to send a Rotary International Disaster Relief Fund grant of \$125,000 to Ukraine. This Grant will be administered in partnership with Rotarians in Kyiv, Ukraine capital. It provides humanitarian assistance to a medical shelter by supplying beds, mattresses, blankets, linens and pillows and other necessary items.

Although the Rotary International Ukraine Response Fund is now closed, we can continue to offer support through District support and Global Grants.

In the fall of 2022 David Palmer was presenting a PolioPlus Society pin at the Plains Rotary Club, when he became aware of an effort by the Plains Rotary Club to directly support the Warsaw City Poland Rotary with a massive effort of aiding Ukrainian refugees in Poland and Ukrainian Displaced Persons in Ukraine proper. Having a past connection with Ukraine and as the new Rotary District 7410 International Service Chair, David went back to his New Milford Area Rotary with a mission. His club immediately sent \$ 3,920 to the Warsaw City Rotary Club to support this effort.

A briefing provided by the Warsaw City Rotary Club (an updated version is currently on the District 7410 website) was presented at the District Conference in November 2022 and the district wide effort to raise funds was off and running, since then the district has raised over \$13,700 in donations to send to the Warsaw City Poland Rotary Club through a protocol approved by the District Governor and Treasurer. This includes the most recent effort with the annual District Hockey Fundraiser collaboration with the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Penguins in raising another \$1,500 plus for this effort.

Another spin off, of this briefing at the 2022 District Conference was a Global Grant in collaboration with Rotary Districts and Clubs in Italy, Germany, Poland, Canada, Australia, Germany, United Kingdom, and the United States. Rotary District 7410 and five of its clubs contributed \$28,100 toward this total \$183,000 effort in the summer of 2023. These five clubs are Dallas, Stroudsburg, Hazelton, Wyalusing, and New Milford Area. An update on the progress of this effort is on the district website.

Since September 2023, the funds assigned have been credited on the dedicated Rotary International Global Grant account. The manufacture and purchase of the seven water purification units started shortly after that. The units are currently being manufactured in Italy and should be ready soon to be shipped to Warsaw first and then to their destination of Zaporizhzhia in Ukraine, where they are expected to improve the quality of life of many suffering people.

Ukrainians, (including Rotarians like us) continue to suffer in Ukraine. This suffering is an existential threat to peace and stability of the entire world, and we as Rotarians must press on with our efforts, much as we have with PolioPlus for the past thirty plus years.

Our recent efforts include providing ambulances and critical lifesaving medical supplies to Ukraine in collaboration with the Saint Vladimir Ukrainian Catholic Church in Scranton. This effort is led by the Scranton Rotary Club and sister Rotary Club in the Netherlands. It will involve transporting some donated used ambulances from the United States. The ambulances are free but getting them to Ukraine may cost some money. Additionally, it is envisioned that the ambulances will be loaded with or accompanied by medical supplies to the largest extent possible. These supplies will mimic those being requested by Rotary District 2232 in Ukraine, which is currently articulated on the myrotary.org website.

In addition to the continued steady state efforts at fundraising, the Scranton Rotary and the District 7410 International Service Committee are planning a fund-raising dinner at Saint Vladimirs Ukrainian Catholic Church in Scranton on September 29, 2024. This dinner will feature ethnic Ukrainian foods that will provide a spiritual connection to our neighbors in Ukraine, and attendance by a number of Ukrainian military members receiving medical and rehabilitation care in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Mark your calendar. September 29th, 2024, Saint Vladimirs Ukrainian Catholic Church! More to follow.

Yours In Rotary,
DAVID PALMER, Chair, Rotary District 7410, International Service Committee

CLUBS IN ACTION



Frank T. Dolbear Memorial Fund

Retired Abington School District Superintendent Dr. "Joe" LaCoe, a longtime member of the Rotary Club of the Abingtons addressed fellow members Thursday March 7th about the Frank T. Dolbear Memorial Fund.

The fund was established following Dolbear's death in August 1968. He too had served as a Superintendent of the Abington School District. It is a private fund designated to enrich teachers and students in the Abington Heights School District.



Visit from Marsha Loughman

Past District Governor Marsha Loughman visited the Rotary Cub of the Abingtons March 14th at their weekly meeting held at Camelot on Thursdays.

Rotary's core values include fellowship, integrity, diversity, service and leadership. True to these values Marsha outlined Rotary's Code of Conduct for their ongoing commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion.

Pictured here is Marsha handing out relevant materials.





E Club of International Innovators

Join the E Club!

Do you know someone that lives out of the area that could be a great Rotarian? Or someone who travels a lot for work or pleasure? A virtual E-club may provide them the flexibility they need! Please inform them about our upcoming Meet & Greets.

Here is the zoom link for our meet & greets: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82325464200?pwd=b0libFRCVHJX-TW82SUtXSIIl0tOUT09>



E-CLUB OF INTERNATIONAL INNOVATORS

MEET AND GREET

JOIN US ON:

WEDNESDAY APRIL 17TH 7:30 PM
SUNDAY APRIL 21ST 2:00 PM

WHO ARE WE?

WE ARE AN INTERNATIONAL ROTARY E-CLUB COMPRISED OF MEMBERS OF ALL AGE GROUPS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY (AND EVEN SOME INTERNATIONAL MEMBERS!)

WHEN DO WE MEET?

WE MEET EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING AT 7:30PM VIA ZOOM

WHAT HAVE WE DONE?

◆ BEING AN E-CLUB WE WORK ON MANY DIFFERENT PROJECTS AND CAUSES AND ENCOURAGE OUR MEMBERS TO BE ACTIVE WITH CLUBS IN THEIR LOCAL AREAS AS WELL. SOME PROJECTS WE HAVE WORKED ON IN THE PAST INCLUDE: A WALK A THON, SUPERBOWL RAFFLE FUNDRAISER, KINDNESS DAY PROJECTS, CARDS FOR NICU BABIES, HOLIDAY DRIVES AND MORE.

SEE YOU ON ZOOM!

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Paul Harris Award

PRESENTATION PAUL HARRIS AWARDS; TO NIKKI KOKIKO & MARK WHITMER ROTARY CLUB OF FREELAND, PA.

ATTENDING ARE PICTURED FROM LEFT:

NIKKI KOKIKO, JOHN MASO PRESIDENT ROTARY CLUB OF FREELAND, MARK WHITMER, SAMANTHA MARUZZELLI D.G., TIM GENETTI D.G. DESIGNATE AND PAT WARD D.G. ASSISTANT.





Rotary Club of Freeland

Bob Judd

Memorial Golf Tournament

What: **24th Annual Golf Outing**
 Tee Time: **10:00 AM Saturday July 27th 2024**
 Where: **Sugarloaf Golf Course**

Cost: **\$90.00 per golfer**
 Format: **Captain & Crew List All 4 Golfers Emails**

Golfer 1 _____ Golfer 2 _____
 Golfer 3 _____ Golfer 4 _____
Total _____ Golfers x \$90.00 = _____

\$100.00 Tee sponsor -- \$250.00 Greens Sponsor -- \$500.00 Event Sponsorship

Make check payable to: *FREELAND ROTARY CLUB P.O. BOX 32 FREELAND, PA 18224*

Hole Sponsor: (Wording on sign) _____

Name: _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____

Cash Donation _____ Gift Certificate _____

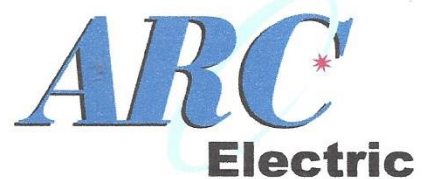
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Pick up at _____

Call or email for drop off location

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Blood Drive

March 12th was the Hamlin Lake Ariel Rotary Club's 3rd Annual Blood Drive honoring the memory of Larry Ditty. The club goal was to obtain 35 pints of blood and this goal was exceeded. It was reported that 42 pints of blood were donated.

Third Annual Larry Ditty Memorial Blood Drive



THANK YOU!

Sponsored by: Hamlin Lake Ariel
Rotary Club

Larry was a servant to our community since 1982. He was a member of the Ledgesdale Volunteer Fire Company for 38 years and a Charter Member of the Hamlin Lake Ariel Rotary Club (2012). He was Rotarian of the Year for 2017-2018 and a proud Paul Harris Fellow. Larry also served on the Salem Twp. Planning Commission for over 30 years. He is sorely missed by all who knew him.



Essay Contest

The Hamlin Lake Ariel Rotary Club announced their 3 winners of the District 7410 Essay Contest for 2023/2024.

1st Place: MaKennah Holbert

2nd Place: Taylor Maiocco

3rd Place: Isis Christian

Their essays beautifully demonstrated how communities, schools, families, and friends can foster mental health through caring, giving, and compassion.



A graphic with a dark blue background and a white circular path. At the top, it says "Hamlin Lake Ariel Rotary Club" with the Rotary logo. Below that, "Essay Contest Winners" is written in large, bold, orange and white letters. A list of winners is shown on white brushstroke-like backgrounds: "1. MaKennah Holbert", "2. Taylor Maiocco", and "3. Isis Christian". To the right is a large, shiny gold trophy. At the bottom, it says "Congratulations to our winners and thank you to all of the participants!" and "www.hamlinrotary.com".

Hamlin Lake Ariel
Rotary Club

Essay Contest Winners

1. MaKennah Holbert
2. Taylor Maiocco
3. Isis Christian

Congratulations to our winners and thank you to all of the participants!

www.hamlinrotary.com

Scholarship Applications

Scholarship applications are now being accepted for high school seniors within the Western Wayne School District graduating in the spring/summer of 2024 by the Hamlin Lake Ariel Rotary Club. \$1000 will be awarded to a student attending a post-secondary school and \$1000 will be awarded to an individual attending a trade school. For complete information & a copy of the application – visit www.hamlinrotary.com



A graphic with a dark blue background and a white circular path. At the top, it says "2024 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE" in large, bold, white and blue letters. Below that, it says "Hamlin Lake Ariel Rotary Club" with the Rotary logo. To the right is a large, shiny gold trophy. At the bottom, it says "Criteria:" and "More Information & Application Info:" with contact information. The background features a stack of US dollar bills and a graduation cap with the word "SCHOLARSHIP" written on it.

2024 MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIPS
AVAILABLE

Hamlin Lake Ariel
Rotary Club

CRITERIA:

- ✓ Candidates must be a graduating senior in the Spring/Summer of 2024 from a public or private school within the geographic boundaries of the Western Wayne School District.
- ✓ Candidates must be in good academic standing with a minimum 2.0 GPA.
- ✓ Candidates should demonstrate a commitment to community services.

MORE INFORMATION & APPLICATION INFO:

✉ hamlinlakearielrotary@gmail.com

🌐 www.hamlinrotary.com



Hazleton Rotary Celebrates Mr. Rogers

Photo Caption: Rotarian Lani Drobnock thanks Alvita Kulsa, Hazleton City Police Department, for being her neighbor by giving her a Hershey bar and a note of thanks. Part of the Hazleton Rotary meeting on Wednesday, March 20 was a celebration of Mr. Rogers, an all-time favorite of youngsters for years, and his birthday. Mr. Rogers was big on kindness towards others.

To celebrate his birthday and to introduce the face of Rotary to our neighbors, President Michele Kushmeder developed a “sweet little project”. Candy bars with a pre-written message for a Rotarian to deliver to whomever they choose –just a little, but meaningful way to say “Thank you for Being My Neighbor” in your workplace, school or home.





Visits from Stephen Moulton and Andy Chapman

The Milford-Matamoras Rotary Club received a friendly visit from Stephen Moulton and Andy Chapman from the Hawley/Honesdale Rotary Club. Stephen spoke about this year's Rotary District Conference which will be held at the Skytop Lodge on May 3rd through May 5th. The theme for this conference will be Celebrating Service with Fellowship. He also mentioned that May 18th is Rotary's Day of Service.

Milford-Matamoras Rotary Club day of service will be the Ridley Run. Andy introduced herself and advised the club that she will be our 2026-2027 District Governor. Pictured left to right Stephen Moulton, Andy Chapman and Shaun Burger, President. The Milford-Matamoras Rotary Club meets every Wednesday at 12:15PM at the Dimmick Inn. Anyone interested in becoming a member, contact Shaun at 570-517-6654 or come to a meeting anytime.



Essay Winners

In December 2023 the Rotary District 7410 Essay Contest was opened to all students who are high juniors and seniors. The goal of the contest is to gain visibility for the Milford-Matamoras Rotary Club and to foster student creativity and positive outlook.

This year's theme is "Create Hope in the World. How can Communities, Schools, Families and or Friends support mental health with caring, giving and compassion. Milford-Matamoras Rotary Club received 23 essays from DV High School for review. We had three top winners and number one winner essay will move on to District finals. Milford- Matamoras Rotary Club presented our three top winners with a cash prize.

Pictured left to right back row Leslie Lordi, English and Journalism Teacher, Jackie West, English Department Chairperson and Nicole Cosentino, Assistant to the Superintendent for Academic Leadership and Culture, back right Peyton LaRocco, 3rd place winner of \$100, Ava Kraszewski, 2nd place winner of \$200 and Marissa Gates, 1st place winner of \$300.

Our club was very proud of all students that participated in the essay contest, they all did an outstanding job. The Milford-Matamoras Rotary Club meets every Wednesday at 12:15PM at the Dimmick Inn in Milford. Anyone interested in becoming a member, contact Shaun at 570-517-6654 or come to a meeting.



New Members Get Pins!

Our newest members got their Rotary pins in March! Pictured in photo are new members, left to right: Kyle Mowry, Kristine Homer, Kathryn Murphy, club president, and Joe Corner.



Coffee Inclusive Celebrity Baristas

Coffee Inclusive in Pittston had special events throughout March. One of them was having celebrity baristas serving coffee and other drinks. Our club's Michelle Reilly, was a barista. Thank you Michelle for representing Rotary at this special event! See photos showing the fun that Michelle brought there!







GUEST BARISTA

MICHELLE REILLY

JOIN MICHELLE REILLY, THE PAST PRESIDENT AND CURRENT MEMBER OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF MOUNTAIN TOP, REALTOR, AND ROCKSTAR, AS SHE SPENDS HER AFTERNOON AS A GUEST BARISTA AT COFFEE INCLUSIVE!

DAY: MARCH 16, 2024
TIME: 12:30-2:00



P.E.T.S. is the B.E.S.T.

Member (and Secretary) Joe Aquilina attended P.E.T.S. in March. Rotary certainly knows how to have an informative and fun conference! Photo, left to right: John McCarthy, Wyoming Club, Joe Aquilina, Mountain Top, and Brian Vnuk, AG, Plymouth club.





A FIRST BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION IN AMERICA

Larysa Bobyr of New Milford Pennsylvania recently celebrated a first birthday of sorts at her home, and with a birthday luncheon with friends and family at Green Gables Restaurant in New Milford. Desert was a chocolate cake decorated with a sunflower, the national flower of her native Ukraine.

Larysa arrived in the United States from Chernihiv Ukraine with her family on May 23, 2023, under the auspices of the United Four Ukraine (U4U) Humanitarian Parole Program of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS). Larysa and her family escaped the war-torn nation of Ukraine and arrived at Newark International Airport after a combined 28-hour bus and airplane ride.

Larysa and her family are sponsored by David and Annie Palmer Hop Bottom, Susquehanna County, with "Supporting Agency" support of the New Milford Area Rotary Club.

Larysa loves that they are "Now at Peace" and is looking forward to vegetable gardening at her new home in New Milford Borough this spring.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY LARYSA!



NEW MILFORD AREA ROTARIAN JOINS THE POLIOPLUS SOCIETY

Green Gables Restaurant in New Milford was the scene of a PolioPlus Society pin presentation on March 7, 2024, during the New Milford Area Rotary meeting. Stephen Spero of Brackney becomes a member of a growing society in the Rotary District 7410, now numbered fifty PolioPlus Society members.

This unique group is dedicated to the elimination of vaccine preventable diseases in the world, especially Polio.

Fellow Rotarian Andrew Kelemen presented the pin and welcomed the newest member to this society. Only two countries remain endemic to the wild polio virus in the world, because of this long thirty plus year 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 Rotary District 7410 PolioPlus Society, contact newmilfordparotary@gmail.com





Bingo

There were a lot of people that said it couldn't be done but the Rotary Club of Newfoundland PA has been running a successful monthly bingo since November. If all goes well our net profit for the year will be over \$6,000 which goes a long way toward community needs.

The best part of this is that the members are all working together to make this work. People that you may only see once a year are coming every first Wednesday of the month to help out. Members that were afraid to volunteer for other events are taking charge, feeling appreciated and having a great time.

What a great bunch of Rotarians! What a great club!



Annual Charter Night

The Newfoundland Rotary Club recently held their 74th Annual Charter Night on March 25th at Overboards Restaurant in Greentown.

As part of the celebration and special evening, the club honored Rotarians and members of the community. Craig Lukatch received the Newfoundland Rotary Rotarian of the Year Award from Diana Lang for his work with the club as Treasurer. Brittany and Kelly Cumiskey, Newfoundland Rotarians receiving the Newfoundland Rotary Business of the Year award from Max Feldman, President, for their tireless efforts in creating and running Wallenpaupack Creek Farm.

George and Attorney Tammy Clause receiving the Newfoundland Rotary Humanitarian of the Year award from Kerry Nix, Past District Governor for all the work they do in reviving downtown Newfoundland.





JOIN US FOR A WINE TASTING

Featuring Maiolatesi's Wine

Sponsored by:



Sunday May 19th, 2024 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
@ Sidel's Restaurant
1202 N Main Ave Scranton

Ticket Includes: Wine Tastings, Two Glasses of Wine, Appetizers, and a Chance to Win the Door Prize.

Chances to win basket Raffles will be available for a donation.

A Portion of proceeds will benefit the North Scranton Rotary's Annual Dictionary Project.

\$35 In Advance \$40 At the Door

Buy your tickets at Sidel's Restaurant or Visit the Link on our Facebook Page (North Scranton Rotary Club)



March Special Guest

A very special thank you to Greater Pittston Chamber President Michelle Mikitish for being our guest speaker at tonight's meeting. Michelle was able to inform us on some great networking opportunities and information on Chamber!

For more information on the Greater Pittston Chamber please go to <http://www.pittstonchamber.org/>.



Pittston St. Patrick's Day Parade

Always a great time at the Pittston St. Patrick's Day Parade! Special thank you to Elvis from the Rotary Club of Plymouth for joining us this year!



Jared Box Project

The Rotary of Pittston will be extending their Jared Box Project Donations to April 15th. Any other clubs that are participating as well please contact Carmen Ciampi at carmenciampi316@gmail.com or 570-239-7534 for coordinating drop off.

Putting a smile on the faces of children in the hospitals



Age Groups

Infant (0-12 months)

Toddler (1-3)

Preschool (3-5)

Elementary (5-8)

Tweens & Teens (8 and up)



The Rotary Club of Pittston will be collecting donations (please refer to list on back or website) to fill Jared Box's to be donated to a local children's hospital. The club is collecting items until April 1st and to be donated to a local hospital the first week of April. If interested or would like more information please contact Pittston President Carmen Ciampi at 570-239-7534 or carmenciampi316@gmail.com.



Link to
suggested toy list

Scan to find out more!

Rotary
of Pittston



Jared Box Project
website at thejaredbox.org

Jared Box Project Suggested Toy List

Infant (0 to 12 months)

Softcover books, cardboard books, rattles, bibs, stacking blocks, farm animal sets, clip-on toys for strollers or cribs, crib mirrors, bath toys, stuffed animals, balls, busy boxes, light-up toys, musical toys, Oball toys. Lamaze®, Bright Starts®, and Sassy® brand toys are great.

Other toys that are labeled as suggested for infants.

Be aware of choking hazards.

Toddler (1 to 3)

Softcover books, cardboard books, stacking blocks, farm animal sets, small toys that clip on strollers, bath toys, stuffed animals, balls, busy boxes, musical toys, colorful pillowcases, fun socks, chunky crayons, coloring books, flashcards, plastic cars, puppets, soft dolls.

Other toys that are labeled as suggested for children under 3.

Be aware of choking hazards.

Preschool (3 to 5)

Crayons, coloring books, grab-n-go activity kits, reading books, stickers, sticker workbooks, activity books, matchbox cars, NERF or rubber balls, stuffed animals, flashcards, fun socks, small action figures, small dolls, travel size games, Silly Putty, simple puzzles, card games (Go Fish, Old Maid, Memory), colorful pillowcases, dress up items, farm animal sets, dinosaurs.

Other toys that are labeled as suggested for Preschoolers.

Elementary (5 to 8)

Crayons, markers, colored pencils, pens, coloring books, word searches, activity books, reading books, joke books, matchbox cars, NERF balls, stuffed animals, stickers, Silly Putty, LEGO kits, craft kits, Slinky, travel games (Sorry, Connect 4), hand lotion, colorful pillowcases, reusable water bottle, fun socks, action figures, puzzles, deck of cards, UNO card game.

Other toys that are labeled as suggested for school-aged children.

Tweens & Teens (8 and up)

Crayons, markers, colored pencils, pens, coloring books, word searches, doodle pads, writing journals, Silly Putty, stuffed animals, card games, LEGO kits, puzzles, brain games, books, magazines, Chapstick®, hand lotion, fun socks, colorful pillowcases, jewelry making kits, craft kits, paint sets, reusable water bottle.

Other items that are labeled as suggested for teens.

All items must be new. No food items. No tiny items due to choking hazards.

No snow globes or glass items that can break. No pencil sharpeners.

No bubbles. No holiday items.

Keep in mind, toys need to fit into a plastic shoe box.

April Special Guest

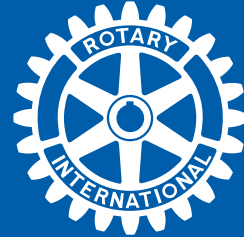
Special thank you to, 25 year member of the Irem Shrine, Cataldo Saitta for being our guest speaker this evening. Cataldo was able to educate us on the difference the Shriners do at their children's hospitals. With 22 hospitals across the country, the shriners are able to help children with medical care for FREE!

Please go to <https://www.shrinerschildrens.org> for more information. Also, please share to spread the word for those children and families that may be in need.





ROTARY OF THE POCONO MOUNTAINS
**NIGHT AT THE
RACES**



**SUNDAY
APRIL 14TH** | **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!



NEW
**BEST DERBY
HAT CONTEST!**

- 50/50 TICKETS
- LOTTERY TICKET TREE RAFFLE
- BASKET OF CHEER RAFFLE

For more info on sponsoring a race or buying a horse contact

Annie Messina (570) 590.6494 or email us at
info@rotarypoconos.com

Save The Date & Buy Your Tickets Now!
27th Annual Rotary Community Aviation Day
& Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast

<p style="color: red; font-size: small;">Presented by Rotary Club of Mt. Pocono & Rotary Foundation of Mt. Pocono</p>	<p style="text-align: right; font-size: x-small;">No. 00001</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">Rotary Club Of Mt. Pocono</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: large; color: green;">\$100,000</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small; color: red;">MEGA 50/50 RAFFLE</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">Saturday, May 25th, 2024 @ 7PM</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">\$20 Per Ticket</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">Must be 18 or older to participate Winner must be present to win SGOCLicense #2981 Special Permit #191</p> <p style="text-align: center; border-top: 1px dashed black; font-size: x-small;">No. 00001</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> NAME: _____ FULL ADDRESS: _____ EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____ </p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">MEGA 50/50 Raffle</p>
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Pocono Mountains Tradition Continues! Mark your calendar, buy your tickets, and tell your family and your friends to join you on **Saturday, May 25, 2024** for our **27th Annual Rotary Community Aviation Day & Fly-In Drive-In Breakfast**. This year’s event will be bigger and better than ever with door prizes, bouncy houses, a car show, carnival games, **BINGO** with cash prizes, vehicle displays, children’s games, live performances, music and & dancing, and, as always, **FREE airplane rides for children and youth.**¹

Pancake Breakfast starts at 8AM and ends at 12PM The **International Food Trucks & Beer Trailer** will be available from 1PM to 7PM. To top things off, the drawing for our **\$100,000 50/50 Mega Raffle**² will be held at 7:00 PM. To purchase your tickets to the Community Aviation Day & Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast and/or buy your **50/50 Mega Raffle** ticket(s) **SCAN QR CODE BELOW** or visit www.RotaryClubOfMtPocono.Org.

Early Bird BONUS! **FREE** Collector’s Platter (\$10 value) for tickets purchased before March 1st, 2024.³

The Growing List Of Event Sponsors Includes Those Listed Below:	↓ Scan For Tickets ↓
Rotary Foundation Of Mt. Pocono	
The Levy Law Firm	
Pocono Services For Children & Family	
Gotta Go Potties, Inc.	
Rise Above Productions	
The Kids Film, LLC	

¹ Free Airplane rides to children aged 8 to 17 with purchase a child breakfast.

² Must be 18 years to purchase raffle ticket(s). **Winner need not be present to win.** SGOCLic. #2981 Special Permit #191. Drawing will be 7PM on Saturday, May 25, 2024 at The Mountain Center: 354 Memorial Blvd., Tobyhanna, PA 18466. For details visit www.Rotaryclubofmtpocono.org

³ One (1) Free Collector’s Platter will be given to first fifty (50) “Early Bird” ticket purchasers at event on Saturday, May 25, 2024.



SAYRE-ATHENS ROTARY MERGER PR – MARCH 2024

Over the past several years, many non-profit service organizations have noticed a drastic decline in membership. Even though Rotary is the world's oldest service organization, it is not exempt from this decline.

In 2020, due to a significant member decrease, the Athens Rotary Club reached out to Sayre Rotary asking if they could start attending their meetings. They had found, with only a handful of members, that finding a location and presenters for a meeting difficult.

Athens Rotary was hopeful that they could increase their membership and begin having their own meetings, which is a key part of Rotary; to keep in touch with the communities and beyond, and to discover new possibilities for service projects. Unfortunately, the membership numbers for Athens did not increase, so discussions started on a possible merger of the two clubs.

The Sayre & Athens Rotary Clubs are happy to announce that the merger is now complete, and we will be known as the Rotary Club of Sayre-Athens. Meetings take place at The Grille at the Station, 718 North Lehigh Avenue, Sayre every Tuesday at 12:10 pm. If you are interested in being more involved with your community, please feel free to join us to experience what Rotary can offer you. We look forward to continuing our mission of "Service Above Self" to the Athens & Sayre communities.

To learn more, Like Us on Facebook or go to www.rotary.org.



Rotary



Club of Tunkhannock

Tunkhannock Rotary Supports Wyoming County Drug Take Back

Tunkhannock Rotary, who has been providing Service Above Self to Tunkhannock for almost 99 years, in collaboration with the Wyoming County District Attorney's (DA) Office, has been actively involved in community outreach and advertising for the semi-annual Drug Take Back Program since 2014.

The DTB Program has been undertaken by the DA's office since 2010 to get unused and expired drugs out of people's medicine cabinets since 80% of new drug abusers got their first drugs from a home medicine cabinet or a friend's. In addition, 80% of American home medicine cabinets contain at least 1 dangerous prescription drug and "One pill can kill".

As seen below, the DTB program has resulted in over 2 tons of drugs being removed from circulation in Wyoming County and has potentially saved lives in the process. The next Drug Take Back event in Wyoming County will take place on Sat. Apr 27 from 10 AM to 2 PM at local pharmacies.

Drug Take Back Poundage for Wyoming County, PA

	Spring	Fall	Total	
2010-2012			209	
2013	119	78	197	
2014	131	162.5	293.5	Rotary got involved in Spring 2014
2015	300	134.45	434.45	
2016	347	288	635	
2017	273	157	430	
2018	297	238	535	
2019	263	158	421	
2020	0	293.6	293.6	Apr 25, 2020 canceled due to Covid-19
2021	219	122.6	341.6	
2022	135	118	253	
2023	191.4	166	357.4	
			Grand Total	4,400.55

Tunkhannock Rotary Essay Contest Winner

The guest speaker at the Mar 21 Tunkhannock Rotary Meeting was Zoe Powers, who is a Junior at Tunkhannock Area High School. Zoe is the winner of the Tunkhannock Rotary Essay Contest for 2024 a club level.

The essay theme for this Rotary year was "Create Hope in the World: How can Communities, Schools, I and/or Friends support mental health with caring, giving, and compassion?" Zoe read her outstanding essay for the club, where she talked about the importance of discourse, sharing and understanding for students in school as well as in the outside world.

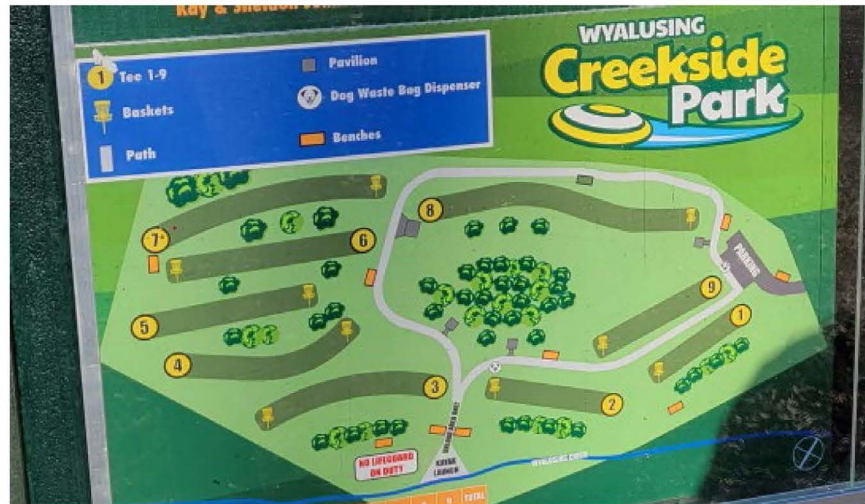
Zoe was a Rotary exchange student to Spain last year and her experiences during her exchange have opened her up to new things. In the future, she plans to study Communications and Public Relations. Her essay has been entered into the Rotary District 7410 Essay Contest, where the winning entry will be announced in May and the winner will receive a \$1,000 prize. In addition to the top award, there will be a second prize of \$500 and a third prize of \$250



Zoe Powers received her essay prize from Rotary Past President Mike Markovitz



Wyalusing Area Rotary 
Wing it for Water



Join us at the Wyalusing Creekside Park
for a disc golf tournament to test your skill with the discs
and your knowledge of WASH.
Enjoy the game, have some food, and win some great prizes.

Where: Creekside Park RT 6 Wyalusing, PA

When: June 8 2024 Registration Starts at 8 AM

Senior Division (M/F) (18+) Shotgun Start 9 AM **36 players maximum**

Junior Division (M/F) (<18) Shotgun Start 1 PM **36 players maximum**

Entrance Fee: \$15/person

Prizes: 1st and 2nd Place in each Division (M 18+, F 18+, M <18, F <18)

Raising awareness of water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) in our community,
nation and around the world, while raising funds to support the
Portable Toilet at the Creekside Park

Wyoming ROTARY
33rd Annual Golf Tournament

Rotary



Thursday – June 6, 2024

11:00AM Registration – 12 Noon Shotgun Start!

IREM Country Club

\$100.00 per person (if paid by June 1) includes

Food, Raffle and Prizes !!!.

After Golf On the Deck @ *Grotto Pizza*

Harveys Lake

Hole Sponsorships SILVER \$50 or GOLD \$100 or PLATINUM \$150
PLEASE Donate Gifts or Gift Certificates to be used as Prizes
Contact: John Piszak 570-313-8586

The Rotary Club of Wyoming's Golf Tournament for Charity		<p>Make Checks Payable To: Wyoming Rotary PO Box 4002 Wyoming, PA 18644 570-313-8586 Captain & Crew (\$400) Silver Sponsor (\$50) Gold Sponsor (\$100) Platinum (\$150)</p>
Captain	_____	
Address	_____	
City	_____ State _____ Zip _____	
Phone	_____	
Crew Members:	_____	
Name on Sponsor Sign: _____		<p>Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____</p>
<p>***\$110.00 per/person, \$440.00 per/foursome if paid after June 1st***</p>		
<p>Join us for just Food & Refreshments & Raffle @ the Grotto \$35.00.</p>		