



Newsletter / August 2022

Rotary  
District 7410

## Message from the District Governor Craig Devenport

During July I had the opportunity to visit eight clubs and meet a lot of really motivated Rotarians. My visit schedule for August and September is beginning to fill up as well. While I will be contacting unvisited clubs to set up an appointment to visit, if you have a special meeting you would like me attend please contact me either by text at 570-971-2455 or email [crd2864@ptd.net](mailto:crd2864@ptd.net).

Special congratulations go out to Mountain Top Rotary whose special train ride fund raiser to Jim Thorpe made international headlines in the July issue of ROTARY magazine. I know there are lots of other upcoming events and successful fund raisers in the works. Please do not hesitate to submit them to both our district newsletter and the RI magazine.



In June our district membership was purged of inactive members which brought our end of month count to 1074. This doesn't put us into panic mode, but rather into the "lets get back at it mode." Two clubs that I have visited have each inducted two Rotarians each, so the process is already underway so our end of July number will indeed be higher. As you recall the "magic" number is to keep our membership above 1100, so we are close. Our district membership committee has lots of ideas to share so feel free to contact them. They will also visit you clubs upon request.

We have more good news in the form of two new assistant governors. Mitchell Marcus (Mt. Pocono club) will oversee area 4. He is replacing Bill Skinner, who is now in the district governor line and will be the district governor in a couple of years. Bill Mushrush (Wellsboro Rotary) will be the new assistant governor for area 1. He is replacing Rob Spencer. Please welcome them as they begin their new duties.

August is "Membership and New Club Development" month. Do not wait to recruit new members. Every club has at least one member who is the type that will talk with anyone- just think of someone in your community that they can contact if you are reluctant to do so. Another idea that I ran across once someone is interested, is to have a face to face orientation about everything Rotary BEFORE they are inducted. This club claims they have had no one leave since that started doing this last fall. Let me know if you want more details.

# Welcome to our new Area 1 Assistant Governor Bill Mushrush

After earning a bachelor's degree in communications from Clarion University in 1984, I began my professional career in broadcast television in 1985 in Wilmington, NC, Charleston, WV, Charleston, SC and New Orleans, LA.

In 1990, I was hired as a junior writer/producer for Fox Broadcasting in Washington, DC. Also in Washington, I held senior management positions for the ABC affiliate and the NBC owned-and-operated station, WRC-TV. During my broadcasting career in Washington, DC, I was honored with three Emmy Awards and received several Emmy nominations in the On-Air Promotion category.

In 1999, NBC Entertainment in Los Angeles promoted me to Creative Director in the Affiliate Marketing Division. At NBC, I wrote and produced marketing campaigns and on-air promos for "Law and Order," "The West Wing," and the "The Today Show." Also, I served as Creative Services Director at NBC in Monterey, CA, and ABC in Providence, RI.

Today, I manage a full service video production company in the tourism, medical, manufacturing, educational, retail and the food and beverage industries.





# Rotary District 7410 PolioPlus Fundraiser! "Imagine Rotary"

Sunday, August 14th  
@ 1:05 pm

Tickets are \$13 for Bleacher  
seating or \$14 for Field  
Reserved

(A portion of every sale supports the  
fight to eradicate Polio)



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# 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.

# PolioPlus Society

As we begin a new Rotary Year, I would like you to consider renewing your membership in the Rotary District 7410 PolioPlus Society. Or, if you did not register in our inaugural year last year, you can join now.

Membership is amazingly simple and requires only a \$100 contribution to the Rotary Foundation for Polio. Chances are many of the 1,000 plus members in our district have already donated that \$100 but have not registered to join the society. Joining is simple.

Just fill out the form you see each month in the District Newsletter or on the District Website and send it to me along with a copy of the acknowledgement/receipt you receive from Rotary International after you make your on-line donation, or just send me the check made out to the Rotary Foundation, place "PolioPlus" in the memo section of the check, and I'll take care of the rest. AND I'll present you your PolioPlus Society pin at a Rotary event of your choice. I have plenty of pins- get one! And if I run out of pins, I'll get more. Come on- make me run out!

Last Rotary Year our District realized 34 memberships in the society. That 34 equaled \$4,300 to the Rotary Foundation. One of the charter 34 members gave me a check for \$1,000 and said, "don't bother me for ten years." This letter is not for you, my Rotary friend from the Wellsboro Club.

So that \$4,300 is one of the reasons we had a banner year at our District level raising funds for PolioPlus. Our total raised for the Rotary year 2021-2022 was \$34,907.52!

So, lets do that and MORE again this year. Unfortunately, the wild polio virus is still with us in Pakistan and Afghanistan, and a variety of the virus has occasionally shown its ugly head during surveillance in public sewer systems, most recently in London, England. As we like to say- "it is only an airplane ride away." So, it isn't over yet. The key to its eventual demise (like smallpox) is still vaccination of children. Vaccinations..... sound familiar?

One of my personal philosophy's has always been "NEVER GIVEUP." And neither should we! My three-year term as PolioPlus Chair for Rotary District 7410 ended June 30th, 2022, but I am not giving up. Join me as we continue this fight.

Yours In Rotary,  
David Palmer, PolioPlus Society Member  
Public Image Committee; RYLA Co-Chair  
Rotary District 7410



## THE WHOLE WORLD IS WAITING

From Pints for Polio to PolioPlus Societies , our Districts effort to “End Polio Now” is part of a global effort  
By David Palmer  
New Milford Area Rotary

An article in this month’s Rotary magazine caught my eye with an essay titled “The World is Watching” by an author who I listen to regularly on National Public Radio- Scott Simon.

His article spoke eloquently of how the American game of baseball has captured the attention of the world over time and has become very diversified in the player and audience ranks. Diversity in Rotary is something we can all identify with. This essay is not about diversity, but baseball (of sorts).

On August 14th of this month at 1:05 PM, we all have a chance to watch a baseball game in person at the Railriders baseball game at PNC Stadium on Montage Mountain. A portion of your ticket price that day will support the PolioPlus efforts of the Rotary Foundation. Polio has nearly been wiped from the face of the earth, but recently raised its ugly face in our own backyard- New York state. This incident reminded me of the numerous times I have heard fellow Rotarians lament the seemingly never-ending effort to end polio, and “we don’t have it here anymore. “

My reply many times has repeated a slogan I have heard that “it is only a plane ride away.” That plane has arrived. So, continue supporting the thirty-five plus year- long efforts to rid the world of polio. How? Come to the ball game on the 14th of August or join the district’s PolioPlus Society. That society is now up to 35 members! Looking ahead- stay alert on the interstate highways for our own End Polio Now vehicle wrap on the Road Scholar Transport eighteen-wheeler, and when you see it, beep your horn in affirmation. This vehicle recently hit the roads because of the artistic and graphic art efforts of fellow Rotarian Brian Vnuk of the Plymouth Rotary. It will garner support to the effort.

Brian and many other Rotarians get it- The World is Waiting.

Polio.

It's happened again, right here in the US.

The July announcement of a 20 year-old man from Rockland County, NY, paralyzed by the poliovirus, brings back memories of the fear, disability and death that came each summer with the polio epidemics. How can polio be happening here? We have had an injectable polio vaccine (IPV) that is 99% effective available to all children in the US since 2000. Vaccines can't do their job if people don't take them, and the young man from New York was not vaccinated. That's why polio is happening again.

Initial reports indicate that his paralysis was caused by a mutation of the oral Type 2 poliovirus vaccine (OPV), a mutation that occasionally causes the vaccine to result in paralysis. The oral polio vaccines have not been given in the US since 2000, suggesting that the chain of transmission of this contagious disease began abroad. The CDC and WHO have reported the virus that infected him is genetically related to the vaccine-derived poliovirus recently found in London and Israeli sewage (like the US, they are countries that have seen the eradication of polio). The paralyzed man must have come in close contact with someone who had received the oral Type 2 polio vaccine outside the US.

As polio survivors, this case in NY is horribly sad and deeply personal. Sad because the injectable polio vaccine, the only vaccine given in the US, is 99% effective in its protection against all three types of polio. If only he had been vaccinated, the man who was paralyzed never would have become ill at all. Even sadder is that he will have to live with a disability and chances are high that he will experience and become even more disabled as a result of Polio Syndrome (PPS) - the late effects of polio - as he ages.

Why is one case of polio deeply personal? Because lack of vaccination has added one more preventable case of polio paralysis to the WHO estimated 20 million polio survivors, 75%+ of whom will develop PPS. Survivors of this disease will always remember:

- Those who died.
- The terror that came with being so sick.
- Lonely months and years of hospitalization, surgeries and painful rehabilitation all while separated from parents and siblings.
- The frightening reality of an iron lung.
- The sorrow that came with discovering wheelchairs, leg braces and crutches were ours for life.
- The loneliness that came as we returned home, and were forced to accept that everyone around us knew that it was the home of a "cripple", and parents kept their children away.
- The shock that has come with the reality of the long-haul effects of polio (PPS), when those of us who thought we escaped or recovered from paralysis find ourselves with new weakness, fatigue and pain as we age.

("In Our Own Words" is a page on our website that features brief stories and videos of the realities of this terrible disease.)

Yes, the story of this young man's suffering is sad and deeply personal. Even one unvaccinated person with polio is one too many. His pain is completely unnecessary. The miracle of the polio vaccines came too late for us and for the millions of others who are living with polio's effects.

We celebrate Rotary International's focus on disease prevention and the Global Polio Eradication Initiative for their determined efforts to rid the world of polio and educate parents about the gift of modern vaccines. In spite of these determined eradication efforts overseas, polio is happening in the US. Please choose to vaccinate. No one needs to suffer from the effects of polio, ever again.

The foreign origin of the poliovirus that paralyzed the unvaccinated man in New York is a painful reminder that polio (and many vaccine preventable diseases) are only a plane ride away.

Carol Ferguson

Founder, PA Polio Survivors Network - [www.papolionetwork.org](http://www.papolionetwork.org)

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# Public Image Committee

## Highlighting Our Newest Awareness Truck on the Road to Stop Polio Now

Road Scholar Transport's newest awareness truck hit the road earlier this month with a mission to End Polio Now.

We recently spoke to David J Palmer, PolioPlus Chair, Rotary District 7410, who gave insight into the disease as well as creation of this awareness truck:

The idea came to mind when on a road trip to Texas in 2019 with my father for his Vietnam War unit reunion. I saw some similar motifs on a commercial tractor trailer and thought why not in our Rotary District? The design idea was partially developed from a similar truck I found online from a Rotary District in California and the children are from a Rotary International media source and/or the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) [<https://polioeradication.org/>, <https://www.rotary.org/en>]. The children are taken directly from these sources.

Polio is a vaccine preventable disease that is predominately a childhood disease. Until the mid-1950s, it was very common in the United States and paralyzed thousands of children every year. Many of those children survived and today suffer long term health issues as a result of Polio. The last major outbreak of Polio occurred in about 1977 in Lancaster County Pennsylvania, so it is somewhat appropriate that this effort by Road Scholar's firm is taking place in PA. Since the late 1980s, Rotary International has been pursuing a world-wide effort (it began in the Philippines) to eradicate Polio from the face of the earth. When accomplished, it will be only the second such disease eradicated from the face of the earth; the first such effort being smallpox.

To date, there are only two nations on the earth where the wild polio virus still exists (endemic)- Afghanistan and Pakistan. One can imagine the challenges faced with eliminating it in these two nations, but the effort does continue with some success. To date, one case of the wild polio virus has been reported in each country in 2022. Once a nation has zero (0) cases for three consecutive years it is considered eradicated. Two years ago, this eradication occurred on the African continent, with the last nation (Nigeria) riding itself of the wild Polio virus!

We like to emphasize that Polio is only a plane ride away and indeed, it periodically shows up in urban sewer systems (Brazil, Israel, etc.), when surveillance teams do their periodic inspections of public sewage. When that happens the GPEI kicks in with aggressive interdiction actions. The GPEI includes Rotary International, The World Health Organization (WHO), The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and numerous other public and private government and non-governmental organizations (NGO).

Finally, I am THRILLED that Road Scholar Transport is interested in helping us (Rotary) pursue this effort. Road Scholar's effort is unprecedented in NEPA to my knowledge. We have another trucking company in the Weatherly area that has expressed an interest in doing something similar, according to the Weatherly Rotary Club. It would be personally satisfying to see such trucks traveling all over the country.

For more info. visit [Endpolio.org](https://endpolio.org) and stay tuned for what awareness truck will be joining our fleet next!





*Cutline: Supporters of the polio eradication project include, from left: Mary Ellen Bentler, Rotary District 7410 District Governor 2021-2022; Karen DeMatteo, Rotary District 7410 District Governor 2019-2020; Frank Soto, Road Scholar Transport Safety Manager; and Dave Palmer, Rotary District 7410 PolioPlus Committee Chair, 2019-2022. Absent from photo are: Carol Goodman, Charles Lang, Joe Loughman, Jessica Pope, Kin Roberts, Stacy Rodriguez, all of Rotary District 7410; and Brian Vnuk, Brand Graphic Solutions.*

**A HUGE Thank You to Dave Palmer for  
spearheading the coordination of this major effort!**



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## HARFORD FAIR AUGUST 15-20, 2022



Once again, this year, the district has paid for a booth for the entire District membership to utilize to spread the word about Rotary, show the flag, raise money for PolioPlus and invite new members. So, next is to line up volunteers to work the booth. Historically, Area (formerly known as Cluster) Two has provided most of the volunteers. This year we would once again like to gather volunteers from throughout the entire District 7410. We already have volunteers from the Trail Club, Abington Club, North Scranton, Wellsboro, and New Milford.

Each day at the fair starts at 10:00 AM and goes till 10 PM, except for Friday and Saturday which end at 11 PM. The Rotary Booth gets 18 free passes, which works out to each free pass working a four (4) hour stint at the booth (5 hrs. for the last shift on Friday and Saturday), so three (3) a day for 6 days. Two per shift would be nice for company and ease of effort, but only one per shift is required.

We also get two (2) commercial parking passes, which allow for easier access in the case of moving heavy stuff into the booth or moving it out on the last day. Any one above the 18 passes/volunteers, will have to acquire their own ticket to get in the fair. Advance sale discount tickets are also available. Contact Dave Palmer (see below) if you would like some of those tickets. Parking is free for all.

If you want like to volunteer, e-mail me directly or call me. I will set the booth up the week prior, so all one needs to do is bring yourself, a comfortable chair and "your stuff".

Here is a chance for us to start the new Rotary year off with an event that allows us to invite others to "Imagine Rotary" and carry forward the theme provided us by Rotary International President Elect Jennifer Jones. AGs- please help spread the word to your clubs.

Yours In Rotary,  
Dave Palmer, PolioPlus Committee Chair  
Public Image Committee  
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## Rotary Club of the Abingtons father, Army Ranger

At a recent weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of the Abingtons member Matt Keisling introduced the program presenters Andy and Bridget Chompko.

Andy is a husband, father, Army Ranger, funeral director and Fight4Vets co-founder. The Fight4Vets.com organization offers free disability case evaluation.

*Pictured (l to r):*

*Bridget Chompko, Andy Chompko, Matt Keisling.*





## Dallas Rotary donates to Community Care Cabinet

At a recent meeting of the Rotary Club of Dallas, their guest speakers were two representatives from the Shavertown United Methodist Church Community Care Cabinet. Sisters Sue Holdredge and Sandy Michalisin are two dedicated members of their Mission/Outreach Committee.

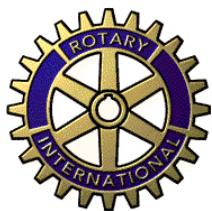
The idea for the Community Care Cabinet originated four years ago with Rotarian Nan Boswell's son Carter. He looked at the Back Mountain Food Pantry as a wonderful project to help people in need with food for their families. But no one at that time focused on the need for wellness products such as personal care products, paper products and home cleaning items. And so, the care cabinet was born, and it has taken off because of this additional unfulfilled need in our community.

Because of COVID, the delivery system is a drive through at the church to help keep everyone safe. They now have a client base of 100 families. Their speakers left that evening with a table full of product donations and some monetary donations from Rotarians who heard the call to help out.



*From left: Rotarian Nan Boswell, Sue Holdredge, Sandy Michalisin, Rotary Vice President Ted Horn.*





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## Rotary on the Lake!

The Hamlin Lake Ariel Rotary Club took some time for a little relaxation and fellowship and held their meeting on July 26th on beautiful Lake Wallenpaupack!

Hamlin Lake Ariel  
**Rotary**  
Club



Our meeting on  
Lake Wallenpaupack!  
7-26-2022





## Installation Dinner

It was a wonderful night of celebration and fellowship. On Tuesday, July 5th – the Rotary Club of Hamlin Lake Ariel held their Installation Dinner to recognize the incoming club officers for the 2022-2023 Rotary Year.

The club officers are as follows:

Presidents: Tyler Ujvari & Jennifer Wargo

President Elect: Terri Ditty

Secretary: Jacky Gillette

Treasurer: Mary Ellen Bentler

Immediate Past President: Tatiana Black

Directors: Eileen Culley, Herb Black, Jennifer Smaridge

Sargent at Arms: Ted Silver

Additionally, two of the members were recognized as the 2021-2022 Rotarians of the Year. Congratulations to Eileen Culley & Jacky Gillette and thank you for everything you do for Rotary and for the community!

To end the night, Tyler Ujvari & Jennifer Wargo were recognized as Paul Harris Fellows.





# Congratulations!

TO OUR NEWEST  
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Marisa Romano

Hamlin Lake Ariel

Rotary  
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## Hazleton Wine & Beer Festival

Entertainment and music will come to the Hazleton Wine and Beer Festival, Saturday, August 27 via two local bands, Ostrich Hat and Guilty Pleasure, both of whom will bring a genre of popular music from the classics to modern top ten and everything in between.

From the Finger Lakes of New York to The Atlantic City New Jersey Boardwalk and back home in the Pocono Mountains, Ostrich Hat has been entertaining crowds for a decade! They play everything 100% live using absolutely no prerecorded backing tracks. This allows them to be so very versatile for every occasion.

Ostrich Hat has been a Hazleton Rotary Wine and Beerfest headliner since 2013. Band members are Adam Arlotto, lead vocals; Jeff Bonomo, drums, vocals; Mario Tombasco, guitar, keyboards, lead vocals; Jeff Tomassacci, bass guitar, vocals and Mike Bobrowski, guitar, and vocals.

Hazleton Rotary will be welcoming a new band, Guilty Pleasure. to the festival mikes On August 27th. Guilty Pleasure is a high energy party and show band playing a wide variety of music. This is a perfect group for all venues including weddings, corporate functions, fairs, bazaar, festivals and of course, night club and bars. Guilty Pleasure is sure to keep the house rocking, playing songs from the fifty's right through today's top hits!

The band is composed of Dani Wiley-Lead Vocal, Rick LeRoy-Lead Vocal, Anthony Lettieri-Bass guitar and lead vocals, Mike Padden-lead guitar and lead vocals and Dave Darden on drums. They hail from Mountain Top and White Haven and have been together for about 8 years, and they are former members of Stand Back and Radio Rehab.

The Hazleton Rotary Wine and Beer Festival will take place at Louis Schiavo City View Park, 700 South Poplar Street, Hazleton, 12Noon-6PM.

Profits from the Festival are used for community services and projects.





## Hazleton Wine & Beer Festival Sponsors

Event Gold Sponsors are Avellino Enterprises, H&K Group, Inc., Moore & Associates, PC and The Beer Stop.

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*Celebrating the upcoming Hazleton Rotary Wine & Beer Festival are Neal DeAngelo III, Neal A. DeAngelo & The Pines Eatery & Spirits, Main Festival Sponsor; Lisa Marie Halecky, fundraiser co-chair; Terrence Purcell, President, LVHN Northwest Region, President, LVH-Hazleton, Main Stage Sponsor and Jason Brenner, fundraiser co-chair. Not available for photo was fundraiser co-chair Michele Kushmeder.*

## Hazleton Rotary Supports Salvation Army

Hazleton Rotary Club partners with Lehigh Valley Hospital-Hazleton to provide healthy meals for the clients of the Salvation Army on a monthly basis. This project began this July.





## Pizza, Pins and Pop

Hazleton Rotary Enjoys “Pizza, Pins and Pop” at the July 27th social at St. Michaels Lanes, Freeland.







## Rotary Club of Plymouth End of the Summer Soiree



August 25th, 2022, Grotto Pizza, Harvey's Lake

This year we will be taking the time to celebrate the life of Joseph Paglianite. Joe was a member of the Rotary Club of Plymouth since 1957. He lived his life by the motto of "Service Above Self"

Boat rides at 4:00, compliments of the Rotary Club of Wyoming

Cocktails at 6pm and dinner "on your own" at 7:00PM. Each club will have their own check with the dinner selections and drinks.

Hosted by Plymouth President Thomas Hogan

Please make reservations with JK Karavis at 570-574-4246 by August 18th, 2022.



## Annual Installation

**The Rotary Clubs of Plymouth, Wyoming and Kingston held their annual installation exercises on July 7th, 2022 at Keeley's Ale House in Pringle.**

**District Governor Craig handled the installation of new officers for each club and we also welcomed Shane Lince as a new member of the Kingston Club. New Presidents for each club for 2022-2023 are Thomas Hogan, Plymouth, Eva Bates, Kingston and Chris Casale from Wyoming.**







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## ROTARY OF THE POCONO MOUNTAINS

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## Installation Dinner

The Rotary Clubs of Sayre and Athens, PA and Waverly, NY recently met at the Grille at the Station for a joint installation of new officers for the 2022-2023 year.

Guests included Craig Devenport, District Governor Elect from District 7410 in PA and Rocky Martinez, District Governor Elect from District 7170 in NY. Each District Governor Elect handled the formal installation of officers for their respective clubs. The new Presidents of each club are Joseph Blood, Athens Rotary, Elizabeth Johnson, Sayre Rotary and Eric "Chip" Roberts, Waverly Rotary.

During the presentations, a surprise honor was given to Athens Rotarian, Mary Costic when she was named a Paul Harris Fellow. This is one of the highest honors given by Rotary. This honor was richly deserved by Mary who is an example of Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self".

We all look forward to another great Rotary year under the new leadership for our clubs and districts. Anyone interested in learning more about Rotary should visit [www.Rotary.org](http://www.Rotary.org) or speak with any of the many Rotarians in our Valley and beyond. Better yet, come to a meeting and check us out in person: Sayre and Athens Rotary meet at the Grille at the Station in Sayre, PA every Tuesday at 12:10 pm, and Waverly Rotary meets at the Broad Street Banquet Hall in Waverly, NY on Thursdays at noon.



*Mary Costic, Athens Rotarian (left) is given the honor of being named a Paul Harris Fellow by Joseph Blood, President of Athens Rotary.*



## Stroudsburg Happenings



*PDG Karen DeMattro and  
Foundation Chair presenting Peter Andrews  
with a Paul Harris +1*



*Making sure we deliver a 30 year member  
award to Dick Ludwig whom has been on 99%  
of the zoom meetings since Covid happened*



*James Thomas and our  
"Be Our Guest" initiative*



*2022-23 New Board members*





*PDG's Karen DeMatteo, MaryEllen Bentler and Dave Palmer with the truck wrap.*



*Past President Don Hannig presenting Pat Sayler with the Buzz Bensinger award for her lifetime achievement in giving back*



*Wayne Duerkes with sponsor Past President Don Hannig & TJ Price with sponsor PDG Karen DeMatteo.*



*Some fellowship at Shawnee Inn's axe throwing*



*Rotarians volunteering with United Way handing out backpacks*



*Eric Keber (middle) with sponsor John Dennis to the left and President Dave Yarosh*



## Tunkhanock Happenings

### Spring Roadside Cleanup

Since 1997, the Tunkhannock Club has participated in the Adopt a Highway Program, adopting a 2 mile stretch of Route 6 in Tunkhannock. Twice a year, in the Spring and Fall, Rotarians clean-up both sides of the roadside from the Fireplace Restaurant to beyond Route 87 towards Meshoppen.

On Sat May 14, Rotarians and family members gathered to begin the Spring cleanup.



### Rotary Scholarships Awarded

At Tunkhannock Area High School's May Senior night, Rotarian Jodi Crimmel (center) presented 2022 Rotary Academic Scholarships for \$1,000 each to Brady Lukasavage (left) and Michael Sickler (right). Our club is looking forward to great things from these outstanding gentlemen!





### **Tunkhannock Founder's Day**

Saturday, Jun 25 was Founder's Day in downtown Tunkhannock. As usual, Rotary had a booth at the event to promote our upcoming July 3rd Fireworks, the Oct Harvest & Wine Festival and to provide information about the Club and Rotary.

L to R: Frank Oliver, Pres. Mary Tempest and Dave Wilson



### **Tunkhannock Supports Equines for Freedom**

At the Jun 23 Rotary Luncheon at Shadowbrook, President Mary Tempest (right) presented a check for \$500 to Philip Hawthorne, an Equines for Freedom Board Member and program graduate. Rotary has been an annual supporter of this charitable organization and this donation was made possible by the profits from the October Harvest & Wine Festival.





## **2022 End of Year Awards and Officer Installations**

A Tunkhannock Rotary Year End Celebration and 2022-2023 Officer Installation was held at Shadowbrook Inn & Resort on June 30 with music provided by the Jim Welch Trio. President Mary Tempest began the after-dinner program with the announcement of a variety of awards to Rotarians, who have made outstanding contributions to the Club and the Community.

Among the awards presented was: a Thank You Award to Marta Kovacs-Ruiz for co mentoring the TAHS Interact Club students for 19 yrs, the Distinguished Service Award to Ron Furman for his 9 yrs. of outstanding service as Chair of the Rotary Harvest and Wine Festival, an Executive Award to Elaine Walker for her dedication and commitment as Club Treasurer for several yrs., Service above Self Awards to Sandy Lane and Ann Way for their support and dedication in the Co- Secretary roles over the last year. Club Designated Paul Harris Fellows were awarded to Jill and Jeff Tague for their continued commitment to Tunkhannock Rotary. President's Awards went to Immediate Past-President Terri Detrick and President-Elect Mike Markovitz for their weekly dedication, dependability and technical support to the Club.

Finally, the Rotarian of the Year Award was presented to Laura Charles, who volunteered to be Chair of the Club's COVID-19 Immunization Support Campaign 2021, Co-Mentor of the TAHS Interact Club for 2022, Chair of the Club's Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Committee 2022 and incoming Treasurer for 2022-2023.

Rotary District 7410 Governor (DG) Mary Ellen Bentler then swore in Mike Markovitz as the 2022-2023 President of Tunkhannock Rotary. DG Mary Ellen also inducted all the other Club Officers and Directors including Immediate Past President Mary Tempest, President Elect Elaine Walker, Vice President Samantha Maruzzelli, Treasurer Laura Charles, Co-Secretary Sandy Lane and Ann Way plus Directors: Terri Detrick, Ron Furman, Francine Kanyok, Norm Kelly, Tom Kukuchka, Matt Pompey (absent) and John Proctor.

The membership was also reminded that Samantha Maruzzelli has been inducted as 2022-2023 District 7410 Governor Elect (DG for 2023-2024) and that Mary Tempest will take over Samantha's role as District 7410 Membership Chair.

Outgoing President Mary then provided the highlights of her year as President including some of the challenges, new projects and accomplishments for 2021-2022.

The evening ended with President Mike presenting his goals and aspirations for the club during the next year. This is Mike's second time as President and as he said: "One of the coolest things I get to do this year is lead our club under the international direction of the very first woman Rotary International President – Jennifer E. Jones."

DG Mary Ellen Bentler (left), Pres. Mike Markovitz and DGE Samantha Maruzzelli



### **July 3rd Fireworks**

The annual Rotary July 3rd Fireworks Display took place at the Tunkhannock High School Athletic Field. Rotary is grateful for everyone who turned out for the Fireworks display. Thanks also to PopStar Drive for the great music, the American Legion Honor Guard and the Senior Class, who manned the concession stand and sold glow wands. The Club also acknowledges the support from the School's Security and Maintenance Staff, from the Tunkhannock Ambulance and Triton organizations and from all the Rotarian volunteers, family and friends.



### **District Governor Craig Davenport Visits Tunkhannock Club**

The guest speaker at the Club's July 14 luncheon at Shadowbrook was 2022-2023 District 7410 Governor Craig Davenport from the Wellsboro Rotary. He spoke about his plans for the District during the next year and reminded members about a variety of programs and projects open to all Rotarians and their families, as well as, some new initiatives and training programs that will be implemented during the next year.

DG Craig Davenport presented Pres. Mike Markovitz (left) with the official 2022-2023 Rotary Theme Banner "Imagine Rotary" and with his Paul Harris +6 pin.

