

AUGUST 2024



A Message From:

DISTRICT GOVERNOR
Bill Skinner



Hello fellow Rotarians of District 7410. It is hard to believe that we have completed the first month of the Rotary Year. Summer is ending quickly, vacations will be ending, schools will be reopening, many of our service projects and fundraisers will be hitting high gear. Hopefully, all of you that are in new positions in your Cubs are becoming acclimated and are continuing to learn your role to help your Club grow.

August on the Rotary calendar is Membership and New Club Development Month. Now is the time to start planning to add members, make changes in your Clubs, and even develop new Clubs, which we should be doing all year round with the tactics you develop, testing and measuring the results. However, it is fitting to begin working on this early and continually, since at the end of the Rotary year on June 30th

we lost a lot of members worldwide for a variety of reasons and our District is no different. We are starting the year at the lowest point in a very long time. Now is the time to start to make The Magic of Rotary happen and reverse this trend.

We need to look seriously at building our Clubs not only by adding members, but by reviewing our projects and fundraisers, making our Clubs more vibrant and appealing for perspective members. We need to work on the first two priorities of the Action Plan to make that happen. Increase our Impact and Expand our Reach. I hope you have taken time to review the Action Plan in My Rotary.

Increase our Impact by doing a needs assessment of your community, learn and then perform service projects that the community needs. Then tell the world about them in every outlet so people learn what we do, and they will want to join and do service with us to help others. There are many individuals out there with the passion to serve and help others. Sometimes the best marketing is to educate people on what we do and what they do not know about Rotary, then show them the results. Ask friends, business colleagues, acquaintances, and neighbors. Keep your members involved so they will not want to leave.

Expand our Reach. If more people learn about Rotary and become members, we will have a greater impact in all we do. Look to engage new audiences, look to partner with other organizations, look for groups that fit into our 7 Areas of Focus and tell them how becoming a Rotarian can help further their passion for their cause with enhanced opportunities through Rotary. Those types of groups may also be good to start a Satellite Club within your Club, or even a new Club. No idea is off the table if it follows Rotary Guidelines. There are people with a passion to help and serve others. We just need to let them know about Rotary, and not exclude anyone with a passion for service!

Let us all put together strategies to Increase Our Impact and Expand Our Reach to get more Rotarians so we can do more good in our communities and in our world.

Enjoy the rest of the summer, be safe and see you all soon!

Yours in Rotary,
Bill

PS Check the website for upcoming events and make sure you post your events to create more awareness. Let Jessica know if you need help.

Membership Committee

In Search of the Cup

So, Weatherly Rotary Club won the semiannual District 7410 Traveling Membership Rotary on Sun. June 30 , 2024 at the District Banner Exchange Event . From 1/1/24 until 6/30/24 Weatherly Rotary Club inducted three new Rotary Members. This gave them the highest percentage of new net members in the district. Congratulations to the Weatherly Rotary Club.

Which District 7410 Rotary Club wants to win this trophy at the end of Dec.2024? Who wants to take this trophy from the Weatherly Club? Start working now to get new club members. Talk to your friends, neighbors, family members about Rotary. Take them to your service projects. Share your Rotary story with them. Some interested individuals just need to be asked if they want to learn more about Rotary to join. Rotary needs more members to do better in the world. Share the Magic of Rotary.

Welcome Charlie Lang as your new District Membership Chair.

Mary Tempest
AG

In the photo is Denise Stadnik, the President of the Weatherly Rotary Club on the left and Mary Tempest District Membership Chair on the right. Congratulations Denise and your club members , they have won the Rotary District 7410 Traveling Membership Trophy for 1/24 -6/24.



Rotary District 7410 Polio Plus 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 and select the Polio Fund, or through your Rotary Club and the Rotary International donor form. If made on-line, one can establish a recurring donation.

E-mail or mail the donation acknowledgement you receive from Rotary International and this form to me the District PolioPlus Society Coordinator at 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.

Aid for Ukraine

Hello Friends,

Our efforts to obtain the two (2) used ambulances from Pennsylvania Ambulance in Scranton are continuing, though delayed by supply chain challenges that we expect to have cleared-up shortly. Parts for the new ambulances, that will replace the two (2) ambulances which will be donated, are held somewhere along the production line.

In the meantime, District 7410's International Service Committee is busy organizing "Rotary Stands Up for Ukraine", a luncheon fundraiser scheduled for Sunday, September 29th from 2PM to 4PM at St. Vladimir Ukrainian Catholic Church, 430 N. 7th Avenue in Scranton (see flyer for further details).

This is truly an international service project. The District's International Service Committee is teaming-up with the Rotary Club of Heerlen in the Netherlands and the Scranton Rotary Club to support humanitarian relief efforts in Ukraine. In addition to shipping the ambulances over to Ukraine, our fundraising efforts are also to support the purchase of medical supplies that are in high demand, such as the HyFin Chest Seals that are saving thousands of lives on the battlefields (pictured below).

We have already received commitments of funds donated by the Rotary Club of Heerlen as well as private benefactors - including one for a matching grant of \$25,000.00 from an anonymous source!

Current estimates for shipment of the ambulances vary depending on the manner of shipment- air or maritime but tend to fall in the \$2-4 thousand dollar range each. At that price range, one can imagine we could also include a sizable amount of medical and humanitarian supplies.

So, I am encouraging all, including our Rotary District 7410 International Service Committee members to advocate for monetary donations from their communities and clubs.

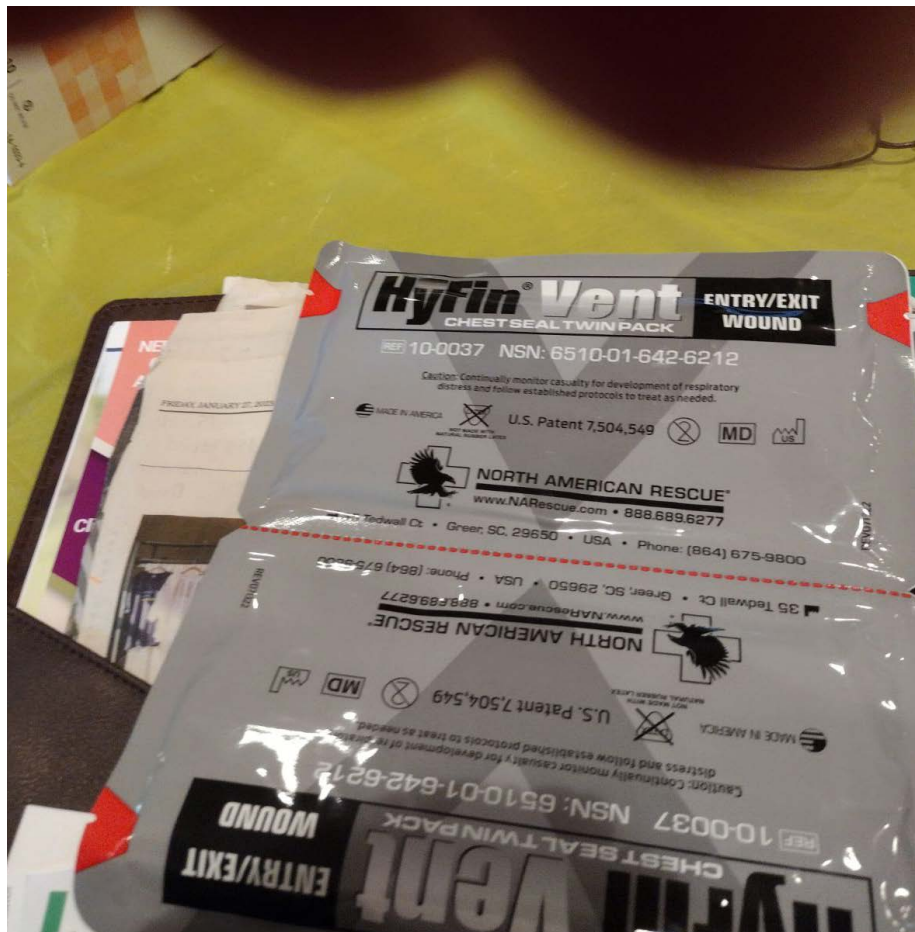
Donations can be sent to the address for the church noted on the attached flyer. Make the checks out to the Saint Vladimir Ukrainian Catholic Church and place "September 29th Fundraiser" in the memo section.

Let's match that \$25,000 matching grant!

And get your dinner tickets here: [Fundraiser for Ukraine in Clarks Summit, PA | Central Park Flowers](#)

Yours In Rotary,

David Palmer, Chair
Rotary District 7410, International Service Committee
<https://www.rotary.org/en/rotary-responds-ukraine-crisis>



SEPTEMBER 29,
2024

Rotary Stands - Up for Ukraine



FUNDRAISER FOR UKRAINE

2PM TO 4PM

St. Vladimir
Ukrainian Catholic Church
430 North 7th Avenue
Scranton, PA

Join us in this charity event, all
proceeds will benefit humanitarian
relief efforts in Ukraine

Special guests will include
Ukrainian soldiers

Entertainment

- Ukrainian music
- Live Ukrainian Dance performance
- Ukrainian Food
- Raffles

\$35 a ticket

take outs available
1-1:45

Purchase tickets at
www.centralparkflowers.com



International Service Committee

ROTARY DISTRICT 7410 INTERNATIONAL SERVICE INITIATIVES

One of the missions of the Rotary District 7410 International Service Committee (ISC) as well as all Rotary ISC is to publicize international service initiatives. Indeed, our Rotary District and many of its Clubs are busy in the international arena. This report is intended to publicize many of those to the District members.

MUSHROOM FARMING FOR NEPAL

The original project to develop thirty new mushroom farmers growing either Oyster or Button mushrooms was initiated by our District with a Global Grant number 2128532. Our District 7410 partnered with District 3292, host club, Maharanjung of Kathmandu, Nepal. Other Rotary partners in this effort included Kavre Valleu Club in District 3292, Districts 7255 and 7210 in New York, and the Chesterville Rotary of District 7040 in Ontario Canada. The participating clubs of District 7410 included: Hawley Club, Abingtons Club, Scranton Club, Wyalusing Club, Tunkhannock Club, New Milford Club, Pittston Club, Jim Thorpe Club, Wellsboro Club, Mountaintop Club, Hamlin Lake Ariel Club, and North Pocono Club. "The project is almost complete now. Some residual funds were approved for use for a dryer so the farmers can dry mushrooms for the 'dried mushroom' market that will extend their profitability and reduce loss through spoilage. The thirty farmers have been highly successful with crops beyond expectations that are saturating the local fresh market. So, the dried market will be the next place to go."

FARM TRACTOR FOR HAITI

"Despite the difficulties in Haiti, the Tunkhannock club has been a major supporter of a tractor purchase in northern Haiti thru Mango Farm. The new John Deere tractor was purchased and delivered last year and currently is plowing fields for fellow farmers near Cap Haitien to enable them to plant and grow more crops. It is a big game changer for the farmers around Lagosette."

MICROSCOPES FOR NIGERIA

"This global grant will supply much needed functional microscopes to the identified health centers, to aid effective and prompt diagnosis of malaria in patients. The microscopes are easy to use, run on batteries, and are easy to transport to villages." Interestingly this Global Grant was influenced by a proof-of-concept activity by conferees at our District RYLA in 2023. Our District is collaborating on this on-going effort with the Rotary Club of Port Harcourt Airport and five other Rotary Districts.

WARSAW CITY POLAND ROTARY ASSISTANCE FOR UKRAINE

This club to club effort began in December 2022 and continues in a steady state to support activities of the Warsaw City Poland Rotary Club in providing humanitarian assistance for Ukrainian refugees in Poland and displaced persons in Ukraine proper. To date individual Rotarians and non Rotarians in District 7410 have donated over \$15,000 to this effort through a funds transfer protocol established by the District and Treasurer.

Since the beginning of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, the Medical University of Warsaw (MUW) has been training Ukrainian medics. MUW has organized a training center at the emergency medical station in Ivano-Frankivsk, and equipped it with, among other, phantoms and disposable equipment, the purchase of which was made possible by the support of private sponsors. Specialists from the Department of Emergency Medical Sciences trained more than 1,000 Ukrainian doctors and feldshers in providing medical assistance

In Ukraine itself, the effort is focused on humanitarian aid provided to kindergartens in Ukraine in the city of Kryvyi Rih. "Thirty-four Kindergartens and nine children support centers have been provided with children's bedding sets, clothes, socks, toys, towels and oil filled radiators for heat."

The most recent initiative will start new sessions of integrating and oriented professional help for Ukrainian refugee women in Poland, many of which are now single parents.

GLOBAL GRANTS FOR UKRAINE

Rotary District 7410 has participated in two Rotary Global Grants for Ukraine since the start of the conflict in Ukraine in February 2022. The first was a Rotary Disaster Response Grant in collaboration with a number of other Rotary Districts and clubs, including those in Kyiv, Ukraine. This global grant provided aid for the sustainment of numerous hospitals, shelters, and other emergency facilities. The second global grant is providing "Pure Water for Ukraine. Seven industrial size municipal water filtration systems have been built and recently arrived at their destination in Zaporizhzhia Oblast Ukraine, following a year plus long manufacturing effort. Rotary District 7410 is a major player in this effort, along with numerous other Rotary Districts and Clubs. These include Rotarians in Italy, Germany, Poland, Ukraine, Canada, United Kingdom, and the United States. Five Rotary Clubs in our District contributed funds to this effort. They are Hazelton, Stroudsburg, Wyalusing, Dallas, and the New Milford Area. Quoting the Italian Club lead point of contact- "Just got confirmation that the equipment is have left Milano this morning; first destination Lublin in Poland, then forwarded from there to Ukraine. Pictures of the truck with the eight crates leaving is enclosed. The USA contribution to the project has been very significant!"

MEDICAL SUPPLIES FOR UKRAINE

The Scranton Rotary has been collaborating with Saint Vladimir Ukrainian Catholic Church (UCC) in Scranton since the beginning of the conflict in Ukraine. Through various fund- raising events, such as sailboat races, the club has monetarily supported with thousands pf dollars, the regular shipment of humanitarian and medical supplies to Ukraine. The current activity is planning for a fund- raising dinner on September 29, 2024, at UCC to raise funds for the purchase and shipment of such supplies, including two used ambulances. The ambulances will be donated by the Pennsylvania Ambulance Company here in Northeastern Pennsylvania and or via collaboration to purchase used ambulances in Europe with the Heerlen Rotary Club in The Netherlands. The goal for this dinner is to raise \$50,000, half of which has already been obtained with a matching grant of \$25,000 by an anonymous donor. More information on this effort is in this District Newsletter and ClubRunner.

I want to thank the following individuals for contributing to this article:

Jodi Crimmel, Tunkhannock RC

PDG Marcia Loughman

PDG Mary Ellen Bentler

Joseph Riccardo, Scranton RC

James Baker, Scranton RC

Andrzej Ludek, PDG, Chair of RC Warszawa City Club Committee "Help for Ukraine"

Alena Shpak, member of the Committee, secretary of RC Warszawa City

Riccardo Di Bari, Milano North Italy, Rotary

Yours In Service,

DAVID PALMER, Chair

Rotary District 7410, International Service Committee

Upcoming Events

Calendar

August 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 Crestwood Farmer's Market (Mountaintop)	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6 August 7th Bingo At South Elementary (Newfoundland)	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Summer Picnic (Stroudsburgs, The)	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Stroudfest Aug 31, 2024 (Stroudsburgs, The)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

☐ - Committee Meeting

☐ - Deadline

☐ - District Event

☐ - Fundraiser

☐ - General

☐ - Official DG Visit

☐ - Club Event

[8/7 - Newfoundland - Bingo](#)

[8/18 - The Stroudsburgs - Summer Picnic](#)

[8/31 - The Stroudsburgs - Stroudfest](#)

See You There!

Don't see your event on the calendar?

Email jpooperotary@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:

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Please remember to keep your content:

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- 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.

Public Image Committee

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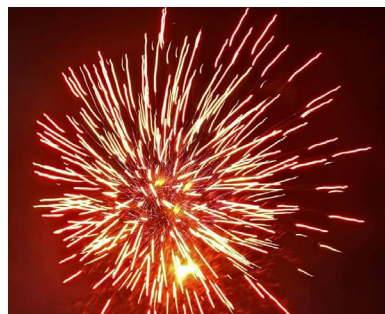
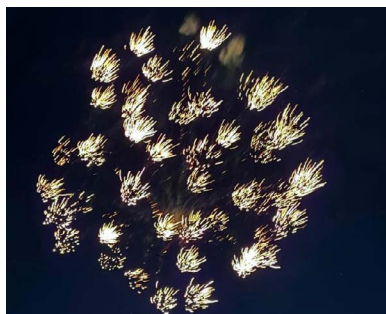
- Download a printable/fillable [“Connect With Us” business card](#) to pass out to prospective Rotary members.
- Find a link to take you directly to [Rotary International's Brand Center](#). Here you can create and download videos, images, brochures, logos, business cards, flyers and much more.
- Download a copy of the [District Directory](#).
- Download your [club logo](#).

CLUBS IN ACTION



Fireworks Recap

July 3 was a great evening of fun, food, fireworks, face painting and frivolity. As you can see, it took a village and one Congressman Matt Cartwright, Boy Scout Throop 160, Girl Scout Throop 1600. Abingtons Heights Football Team and Rotary's Interact from AHHS. Plans are underway for 2025!



Freeing Mind Chaos

Pittsburgh Artist Joseph Petry to Unveil Debut Exhibition at ArtWorks Gallery in Scranton, PA, Showcasing a Journey of Personal Growth Through Art

Scranton, PA

Pen and ink, graphite, and mixed media images represent an artist's journey from chaos to serenity in a new exhibit by Joseph Petry. "Freeing Mind Chaos" opens October 4 at the ArtWorks Gallery in Scranton, PA. The exhibit promises an intimate and introspective glimpse into Petry's artistic evolution and quest for inner tranquility.

Joseph Petry, an artist based in Pittsburgh, PA, desires to share his journey of achieving peace and quiet through the transformative power of art. His debut exhibition offers a raw and authentic portrayal of personal growth, inviting viewers to embark on a journey of self-discovery and introspection.

Petry's artistic odyssey began as a quest to find solace amidst life's chaos. Through experimentation with various mediums, he discovered the therapeutic benefits of Zentangles®, a practice aimed at cultivating mindfulness and tranquility. His transition from Zentangles® through various mediums, including photography and stippling, continues to evolve. This exploration reflects a profound evolution in his artistic journey as he tests the intricate interplay of light and shadow to convey a sense of serenity and harmony.

"Treasure Map" symbolizes Petry's search for inner harmony and purpose, inviting viewers to join him on a journey of self-exploration.

Driven to share his newfound sense of serenity with others, Petry delved deeper into the art world, seeking a form of expression that resonated with his innermost emotions. "Freeing Mind Chaos" is not just an exhibition but a testament to the transformative power of creativity in overcoming adversity and discovering tranquility.

As an emerging artist, Petry's debut marks the beginning of a new chapter in his artistic career, defined by authenticity, vulnerability, and a commitment to sharing his journey with others.

"I hope that my art serves as a source of inspiration and solace for those seeking peacefulness amidst life's uncertainties," says Joseph Petry. "Through my journey, I aim to demonstrate the healing power of art and the profound impact it can have on our lives."

The exhibition, a First Friday Scranton featured exhibit, will run from October 4 to October 25, 2024, at ArtWorks Gallery & Studio, located at 236 Penn Ave, Scranton, PA 18503. Art enthusiasts, collectors, and the general public are invited to attend and experience the intimate and introspective artworks of emerging artist Joseph Petry.

For more information about the exhibition or to inquire about gallery hours, please contact ArtWorks Gallery & Studio at 570-207-1815 or visit www.artworksnepa.com.

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ArtWorks Gallery & Studio

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For media inquiries, interview requests, or additional information, please contact Nadyne Gabello at

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Guest Speaker

The Abington Rotary welcomed Joshua Berry as the guest speaker. Joshua is a school psychologist at Abington Heights High School and third son of member Gina Cochran. Pictured (l to r): Joshua and club president Steve Selige.



The History of Rotary

Join Rotary and learn history from one of our members! Chris Loftus and Diane Calabro offered photos and a bit of history to the members. Their photos produced many memories and lively conversation.





Dallas Rotary Installs New Officers and Board Members

On June 27, the Rotary Club of Dallas held their annual dinner at the Appletree Terrace in Dallas to install their newly elected officers and board members.

Eleven members will occupy the following positions: First row from left: Treasurer Jerry Reisch, Vice President Joann Prohaska, President Jason Moran, Past President Fred Hunt, President Elect Heather Fritz, Secretary Art Peoples. Second row (board members) Barbara Rinker, Ken Chapple, Jason Jolley, Sandy Peoples. Board Member (absent) Ted Horn.

The Dallas Rotary is an all volunteer group of Back Mountain area residents who live their motto of Service Above Self. Their many programs and projects provide activities for many of our children and senior citizens, and they enrich their lives with Christmas gifts, book scholarships, food, and much more. They host a wine and brewfest in June and a golf tournament in September to raise funds to make their benevolent activities possible. They meet on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at the Appletree Terrace in Dallas.



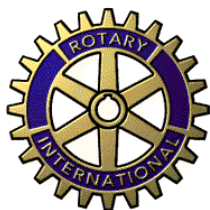
Dallas Rotary Donates Equipment to Shavertown Volunteer Fire Dept

Six members of the Shavertown Volunteer Fire Department recently attended a meeting of the Dallas Rotary to accept their donation of a FAST rescue board for use by the department. Chief Gary Beisel explained that the board is primarily used for rapid intervention in firefighter rescues, but can also be used for confined space extractions, handling hazardous materials, active shooter responses and more. The reduced size and single hook up device make it quicker and easier to remove a person in danger. The unit costs \$2,400, but it is priceless when it comes to protecting our many brave firefighters and our area residents.

The Shavertown Fire Department is an all-volunteer fire house and it also lends support and back up to many fire departments in our surrounding area.

In photo from left: Department Chief Ryan Moss, Lt. E.J. Yonchik, Firefighter Kyle Borland, Dallas Rotary President Jason Moran, Shavertown Fire Department Chief Gary Beisel, Dallas Rotary Past President and project chairperson Art Peoples, Firefighter Logan DeLeur, Captain Nate Albrecht.





42nd Annual Dallas Rotary Fall Golf Classic - Steak and Clambake

IREM TEMPLE COUNTRY CLUB – Captain & Crew Format

MONDAY

SEPTEMBER 16, 2024

12:30 SHOTGUN

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to 32 teams

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DAY OF GOLF AND
FUN!**

**PLEASE SEND IN PLAYER FORM
EARLY
FIELD LIMITED TO FIRST 32 TEAMS**

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BACK MOUNTAIN FOOD PANTRY

Hole Sponsorship \$ 100.00

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Indicate how you would like your sign imprinted and **return by September 9, 2024** to allow
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Player Entry \$ 130.00 Per Player

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED AND PAID BY SEPTEMBER 9, 2024

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MotorWorld	Open



Operation Pollination

This year, our Rotary Club proudly participated in Operation Pollination. Operation Pollination is an international collaborative effort that emphasizes the importance of restoring and maintaining pollinator habitats on both public and private lands.

Through collaboration and outreach, Operation Pollination is developing an interconnected mosaic of pollinator habitats. These efforts are crucial to stabilizing and increasing the populations of vital pollinator species.

Here's how they're making a difference:

- Increasing and improving pollinator habitats on public and private lands.
- Developing strategic public-private partnerships to create and improve these habitats while providing educational opportunities.
- Encouraging voluntary, collaborative, and locally-led conservation efforts to maintain and enhance working landscapes.

One of our key initiatives was the Library Preschool Program. Children aged 3 to 5 engaged in weekly read-aloud sessions and STEAM activities, learning about Monarch butterflies. Each child received materials to build their own pollinator garden at home.

Rotary Club members transformed the library's garden by laying down cardboard, spreading soil, and planting seeds to create a vibrant pollinator-friendly space. We owe a special thanks to Kelloggs Garden Center, who donated a triaxle of topsoil to help offset the cost of this project.

Looking ahead, we aim to expand our pollinator gardens to Julia Ribaudos and The Hideout, further spreading the benefits of these habitats.



Go Joe 27

Hamlin Lake Ariel Rotary was THRILLED to assist our friends at Hamlin Community Library welcome Newswatch 16's Morning Meteorologist, Joe Snedeker as he rolled into town with "Go Joe 27" - an effort to raise much-needed funds for St. Joseph's Center, Scranton.

In its 27th year, Go Joe is excited to celebrate the "Year of the Inflatables!"



Safe Kids Fair

We're excited to announce that the annual FREE Safe Kids Fair is coming up on September 14th from 10am-1pm!

Join us for a fun-filled day focused on safety awareness and education at the Evergreen Elementary School.

Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details on activities and special guests.

See you there!

Hamlin Lake Ariel
Rotary
Club



8TH ANNUAL WAYNE COUNTY SAFETY FAIR FOR KIDS!

FREE

Saturday, September 14th 2024

10am to 1pm

EverGreen Elementary

FIRE SAFETY • TOY SAFETY • FOOD SAFETY • BUS SAFETY • SUN SAFETY • AND MORE!



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ICE CREAM,
AND POPCORN
PROVIDED!***

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For more information, please contact Mary Ellen Bentler [mebrotary@echoes.net], Terri Ditty [terriditty21@gmail.com], or Leann Wash [lwash@waynecounty.pa.gov].



Hazleton Rotary Club Installs 104th President

The Presidents' Party returned to the Valley Country Club and welcomed Alan Whitaker as the 104th President of Hazleton Rotary and honored Michele Kushmeder who served as 2023-2024 President.

Ms. Kushmeder remarked on her presidency and thanked the membership for collaborating with her to keep Hazleton Rotary moving along in achieving its goals in 2023-24. She presented gifts to the officers and Board in appreciation for their hard work throughout the year. She also thanked Pat Korb for her continuous efforts with club publicity.

2024-25 Board Officers and new President Alan Whitaker were installed by Mr. Dryfoos. It was noted that Alan's presidency represents a family legacy as both his father and grandfather served as Hazleton Rotary presidents. Alan is also the first club member to serve a second term as club president.



Past President Michele Kushmeder turns the President's gavel over to 2024-25 Hazleton Rotary President Alan Whitaker who was installed as President by Lew Dryfoos.



Atty. Stephen Seach, Mark Ondishin and Neal DeAngelo III were installed as the new Board members. New Officers installed were Patrick J. Owens, Jr.-Treasurer, Lani Drobnock-Secretary, Pat Ward-Sergeant at Arms, Paul Oswald-Vice President and Joan Buffington-President-Elect. Additional Board members are Nina Bonus, Joe Cammisa, Anne Frey, Rossanna Gabriel and Katherine Silfa.

HAZLETON ROTARY **WINE** & **BEER** FESTIVAL

RAIN OR SHINE
SATURDAY
AUG. 24TH
Noon-6pm



LOUIS SCHIAVO CITY VIEW PARK
700 S. Poplar Street
Hazleton, PA

SAMPLE OVER 50 LOCAL WINES & CRAFT BEERS
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Hazleton
Rotary



Entertainment & Music by

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children 12 and under

All children
under 18 must be
accompanied
by an adult

Must be 21 to drink

\$20 in advance

\$25 at the door

\$5 Designated Driver
& Age 13 to 20
(only available at the gate)

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FESTIVAL DE **VINOS** *y* **CERVEZAS**

DEL CLUB ROTARIO DE HAZLETON

LLUEVA O HAGA SOL

SÁBADO
AGOSTO 24TH

12:00 PM - 6:00 PM

LUGAR: LOUIS SCHIAVO CITY VIEW PARK

700 S. Poplar Street
Hazleton, PA

**MUESTRAS DE MÁS DE 50 VINOS Y CERVEZAS
LOCALES Y ARTESANALES**

**VENEDORES LOCALES DE
COMIDAS Y MANUALIDADES**

Hazleton
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Música y Entretenimiento

KARTUNE

Ostrich Hat

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Entrada gratis para
niños hasta 12 años
todo niño menor de
18 años debe estar
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Debes tener 21 años para tomar.

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JIM THORPE ROTARY CLUB CELEBRATES 100 YEARS OF SERVICE

The Jim Thorpe Club celebrated its 100 years at a dinner held on June 20th at Café Arielle in Jim Thorpe. The Jim Thorpe Rotary Club was officially chartered by Rotary International on May 15, 1924. Rotary President, April Brugan, emceed the event, and the primary speaker was attorney Anthony Roberti, a long-time member of the Club who reviewed his decade's long membership.

During the past decades, the Club has financed and overseen the construction of a gazebo at the Josiah White Park in downtown Jim Thorpe, provided an eight week Summer Program for children for 28 years, operated historical "ghost walks" as a fund raiser, sponsored international study and school exchanges, and provided high school students with college scholarships and Rotary Leadership Camp experience. The club has supported local, national and international causes, including contributing to the eradication of polio.

The club regularly supplies financial support for 25 local charities and organizations. Recently, the club played an important role in the opening of a Jim Thorpe Preschool and Child Care Center at the St. Joseph's Regional Academy by the Lehigh Valley Children's Center. The catalyst behind the child care project were the Rotary members. The club conducted a community needs assessment to establish the need for quality and affordable preschool and child care for working families. The result was many people wanted to work but could not find a quality, safe and affordable place for their children. The fall of 2024, it came to fruition with the opening of the St. Josephs Regional Academy. Rotary members along with the Interact Club located in the Carbon Career and Technical School continue to be engaged in the project. Currently, the Jim Thorpe Rotary Club is looking for ways to support a local homeless shelter for families and single women. Two of our members are on the Carbon County Homeless Task Force.

Patrick Ward, Assistant District Governor and Tim Genetti, District Governor Nominee for 7410 attended the celebration. Citations were presented by a representative of Congressman Susan Wild, state Representative Doyle Heffley and County Commissioner Michael Sofranko. The Jim Thorpe Rotary has 29 members and meets virtually the first Tuesday and the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at noon for lunch at the Jim Thorpe School District. Membership is open to all individuals regardless of sex, race, or creed. More information is available at "jimthorperotary.org." At the conclusion of the celebration, Attorney Roberti was presented a plaque commemorating his 50 years of service to Rotary.

Pictured above is the 50 year celebration of the Jim Thorpe Rotary Club and the 100 year celebration held on June 20, 2024(photographed by William Schwartz)



FRONT ROW: Elwood Diehl, Carl Fetterhoff, Joseph Paluck, Reuel Dubs, Charles Neast, George Smith, Lawrence Morris
 SECOND ROW: Leonard Marzen Jr., Harry Hintz, Franklin Andreas, Roy Mosser, Vincent McFadden, Ranny Barclay, Vernon Barlieb, Thomas McWilliams, R. Newton Davenport, Darr Beisel, Michael Sivka
 INSERT: Daniel Carulli, Roger Nanovic, Charles Heisler



(Jim Thorpe Rotary members include, back row from left, Kim Roberti, Heather Mullen, Peggy Kalogerakis, and Dr. Clem McGinley. Third row, from left, are Robert Furman, Tony Roberti, Bill Allison, and Mary Mulligan. Second row, from left, are Dr. Barbara Conway, Dr. Jake Boyer, Robert Stevenson, Sharon Alexander, Rick Tweed, and Sophie McGinley. Front row, from left, are Jean Engler, Carol Etheridge, Jeanne Miller, April Brugan, and Carol Allison.)



New Member

On Wednesday July 24th the Milford-Matamoras Rotary Club inducted Joseph Koloski as a new member to its club. Joseph is the USDA Forest Service Grey Towers National Historic Site Director. Joseph has been a forest service employee for 15 years and has served in senior/executive level leadership positions. Joseph will bring great talent, experience and new ideas as we continue to grow and better serve our community. Pictured left to right is Rotary member Eva Warner, New member Joseph Koloski and Shaun Burger Rotary President. 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 visit us at a meeting.





July 4th Parade in Mountain Top Rotarians, Family Members & Interact Club!

So proud of member Joe Corner! Joe put together a plan to enable an American flag to fly over the parade route!

Photos of club members, family members, and Interact students from Crestwood High School.....decorating our vehicle, riding in the parade, and just enjoying this traditional day in America!



Mountain Top Rotary

FARMERS

MARKET

Every Sunday

9am-1pm June - Oct.

Crestwood High School
Parking Lot



When? **Saturday October 12, 2024**
Gates open at 11am until 5pm

Where? American Legion Post 781
1550 Henry Drive
Mountain Top, PA 18707

What? Enjoy local food and wine samples.
Live entertainment.
Local food trucks, breweries and more.

PRE TICKET SALES

\$20 NOW until September 1st

\$25 AFTER September 1st

\$30 AT THE DOOR



Scan the QR code to stay up to date with the latest festival details.



New Milford Area Rotary Recognizes RYLA 2024 Alumni and Student Awardees

The Pavilion at Green Gables Restaurant in New Milford welcomed over sixty-five attendees on July 25, 2024, as the New Milford Area Rotary held its annual recognition meeting for the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards 2024 graduates and other student awardees from the six Susquehanna County high schools sponsored by the Rotary club. Students, family, club members, and collaborating sponsorship organizations for RYLA were all represented. This included the Roia Fund Trust; The Community Foundation of the Endless Mountains; Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5642, Montrose; Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8488, Lenox; American Legion Post 357, Hallstead; and American Legion Post 357 Auxiliary, Hallstead. These sponsorship organizations funded the seven RYLA 2024 attendees. Other student awardees represented academic quarterly award winners and Rotary District 7410 essay contest winners.

The New Milford Area Rotary currently consists of thirty-nine members from throughout Susquehanna County, actively serving the community and world and welcomes new membership. Contact information can be found at NewMilfordPaRotary@gmail.com or contact David Palmer, Membership Chair at davesolopalmer@gmail.com.

Names of Student Recognition photo: Left to right: Erin Klock; Alexandria Hall; Ashley Nauroth; Hannah Rebello; Luke Zipperich

Names of 2024 RYLA New Milford Area Rotary photo: Left to right: Addison Welch, Kiley Barbour, Reagan Welch, Cohen Orlandini, Magan Bills, Abilene Pearson, (absent Skye Fitch)

Essay winner: Alexis Kozlowski







June Pittston Art Walk

The Pittston Club participated in the Pittston City Second Friday Art Walk on June 14th. The club was distributing Rotary information, spreading information on upcoming projects, and giving away yummy treats!



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2024 Back to School Item Drive

We have the backpacks, now we need:
Writing utensils/sharpeners, glue sticks,
notebooks, crayons, and more!



Please no scissors, pencil boxes,
or larger items.



Donations due by August 6th



For more information please reach out to us at:



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rotaryclubofpittston@gmail.com, or
Carmen Ciampi at 570-239-7534

July Pittston Art Walk

The Pittston Club participated in the Pittston City Second Friday Art Walk on July 12th, which was Tiki Night! The club was distributing Rotary information, collecting items for their Keystone Mission Item Drive, promoting future activities, and giving out goodies!



Keystone Mission Item Drive

Special thank you to everyone who donated to our Spring Keystone Mission Item Drive! With the support from the community, we were able to donate over 1,500 items to the Keystone Mission Wilkes-Barre Innovation Center. These items included travel toiletries, cleaning supplies, and clothes.

Left to right:

Mark Bugelholl, Club Secretary; Carmen Ciampi, Club President; Kathie Regan, Keystone Mission Operations Director; and Jim Lewis, Club Treasurer



School Backpack Contest

The Pittston Club is holding a drawing/coloring contest for youth K-6th grade. Theme being service above self. Submissions are due by August 16th.



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SCHOOL BACKPACK CONTEST K - 6th

The motto of Rotary is: *"Service Above Self"*

It reminds us of how we can help others in our community and throughout the world

Contest Goal:

Show us in a drawing or picture/pictures how **you** have placed "Service Above Self"

Reward:

First Prize: School Backpack and supplies
Valued at \$100.00

Second Prize: School Backpack and supplies
Valued at \$50.00

Third Prize: School Backpack and supplies
Valued at \$25.00

Submission:

Submit your drawing either mail, email, or give to a Rotarian by Friday, August 16th.

Address: PO Box 934, Pittston PA 18640

Email: RotaryClubOfPittston@gmail.com

See reverse side for details



PO Box 934, Pittston PA 18540

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Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

Place artwork in designated area below

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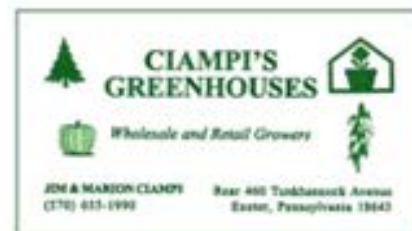
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or Carmen Ciampi at 570-239-7534

Proceeds benefit future community service projects!



New Members

The Rotary Club of Weatherly installed three new members at a June meeting. Beth, second from left, and Matt Eroh and Georgia Handwerk were installed by Rotary District 7410 Assistant Governor Pat Ward, left. Denise Stadnik is the club president. Anyone interested in joining the Weatherly Rotary can contact Stadnik at: denisestadnik@gmail.com.





Wyalusing Rotarians “Wing It for Water”

The Rotary Disc Golf Tournament at Wyalusing Creekside Park earlier on Saturday, June 8, drew raves from participants. The numbers were few, but we expect the word to get out in the disc golf community and the tourney— Wing It for Water—will draw disc golfers near and far as an annual event.

Sponsored by the Wyalusing Area Rotary Club, it’s all for a good cause— raising awareness of water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) in your community, as well as nationwide and globally. There are still millions of people— some of them closer than you may imagine— who do not have access to clean healthful water in their homes. Then there are issues of sewage disposal and its impact on our health.

The Wyalusing course, consisting of nine holes (baskets) is nestled along the Wyalusing Creek at the recently opened Creekside Park, which is adjacent to the old North Branch Canal (circa 1850) that followed the North Branch of the Susquehanna River. The tourney itself consisted of two sessions— adults (18-and-older) in the morning and the younger set (adolescents and children). It is fun competition for all family members.

It doesn’t cost much to enter and if you’ve ever tossed a Frisbee around— even if you haven’t— bring your friends or family and have a great time next summer. There’s plenty of time to practice. It’s a family adventure for adults and children alike.

Gift certificates donated by Wyalusing area businesses went to Our thanks to this year’s participants, fellow district Rotarians and all who will help us spread the word when we start promoting next year’s fund-raising event. Stay tuned.



The first flight at the Wyalusing Rotary's Wing it for Water disc golf tourney held at Wyalusing's Creekside Park included: left to right, Colton Schools of Wyalusing, third place male division (33 throws), Anna Bankus, of Hunlock Creek first place female division (26 throws), Troy Bankus, Exeter, first place male division (25 throws), and Lauren Hill Bloomsburg, second place female division (27 throws.)



Leona Muzyka zeros in on the goal in the foreground as a competitor in the under-18 group at Wyalusing's Creekside Park last month.



Joint Installation

The Rotary Clubs of Wyoming, Plymouth and Kingston recently conducted their joint installation at Keeley's Ale House, Pringle. Past District Governor Mary Ellen Bentler was installing officer.

PDG Mary Ellen inducts Officers and Directors from the Wyoming, Plymouth and Kingston Clubs



John McCarthy(Wyoming), Shelly Karavis (Plymouth) and Joseph Mitchneck(Kingston) take their oath as President of their respective clubs