

Keepin' Up With The District

AUGUST 2025



Greetings from our 2025-2026

DISTRICT GOVERNOR
Tim Genetti



Making Your Rotary Meetings More Fun

To liven up your Rotary club meetings, consider incorporating some of these engaging ideas:

Short, Interactive Segments:

- **"What You Didn't Know About Me"**

Members share a fun or interesting fact about themselves that others may not know.

- **Question of the Week**

A weekly question that encourages members to share their thoughts and perspectives. (No politics)

- **Guessing Game**

A member gives clues about another member's identity for others to guess.

- **Toast to an International Club**

Members research and share information about another Rotary club, proposing a toast.

Themed Meetings and Activities:

- **Themed Meetings:** Encourage members to dress up or decorate the meeting space based on a theme like sports teams, strange shirts, or crazy hats.
- **Speed Networking:** Invite professionals from the community for a speed networking event to connect with members.
- **Social Events:** Organize social events like a theater visit, a group outing to a sporting event, or a special dinner.
- **Rotary Trivia:** Create a fun trivia game based on Rotary knowledge.
- **Community Service Projects:** Incorporate a service project into a meeting, like a cleanup day or a visit to a local charity.

Other Fun Ideas:

- **Welcome Back Alumni:** Invite back former Youth Exchange students, RYLA participants, or Interact students to share their experiences.
- **Show and Tell:** Members bring a special item and share its significance.
- **Celebrate Anniversaries:** Hold special celebrations for the club's anniversary, the president's birthday, or World Polio Day.
- **Membership Competitions:** Encourage friendly competition among members to attract new members.
- **Flexible Meeting Schedule:** Consider offering different meeting formats, such as social or service-oriented meetings, in addition to traditional business meetings.

The key is to try new, creative ways to make your Rotary meetings more interactive and enjoyable for members. Remember, "Don't be afraid to try something new. It might be the best thing you ever do."

Rotary Leadership Institute

District 7410 is excited to invite you to enhance your understanding of Rotary and its impactful work by attending the upcoming Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) on November 1, 2025. This is a fantastic opportunity for all Rotarians looking to deepen their knowledge and leadership skills within our community.

RLI is designed to inspire, educate, and equip you with the tools to make a difference in your club. The cost for this experience is only \$75.00.

I encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to connect with your fellow Rotarians, share ideas, and explore how we can collectively strengthen our commitment to service.

Please see the attached flyer for additional information and mark your calendar. I look forward to seeing you there!

Timothy Genetti
7410 District Governor

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Learn about Rotary with

ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

RLI is a leadership development program specifically tailored to those in Rotary. Learn more about Rotary and leadership in levels I, II, III, and graduate courses



saturday
november 1st



check in 7:30-8:30
program 8:30-3:30

REGISTER TODAY

rotarydistrict7410.org
JK Karavis (570)574-4246
jkkaravis@comcast.net

Cost - \$75 pp

Lunch included

Holiday Inn East Mountain

600 Wildflower Drive

Wilkes Barre PA

overnight accomodations
available

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2024-2025 Club Excellence Winners

It is with great pleasure that we announce District 7410 has 5 Clubs that will be receiving the Rotary Club Excellence Award, formally the Rotary Citation, for the year 2024-2025.

It acknowledges clubs that work to strengthen Rotary by engaging members, increasing their impact, staying relevant in their communities, and operating efficiently. Clubs earn the award by achieving goals in areas like membership growth, service project participation, giving to The Rotary Foundation, and promoting Rotary within their communities. Clubs set and achieve goals related to these areas, reporting their progress in Rotary Club Central.

To be eligible Clubs must be in good standing (financially and otherwise) and achieve at least half of the available goals. Progress and goal achievements are reported in Rotary Club Central by a specific deadline, typically June 30th. The benefit of earning the award helps clubs engage members, increase their impact, and stay relevant in their communities.

How to earn the award:

1. Review goals: Clubs should review the available goals in Rotary Club Central.
2. Set goals: Select and set at least half of the available goals.
3. Achieve goals: Work to achieve the selected goals throughout the Rotary year.
4. Report achievements: Report goal achievements in Rotary Club Central by the deadline.
5. Maintain good standing: Ensure the club remains in good financial standing by paying invoices on time.



Our 5 Winners for Rotary year 2024-2025 are:

E Club of International Innovators
Mountaintop
New Milford Area
The Stroudsburgs
Wyalusing.



Congratulations!

Congratulations to these Clubs for attaining this honor and continued success. We thank them for all they do for their communities, our District, and for Rotary.

How many more Clubs can we have in 2025-2026?

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.

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.

Upcoming Events

Calendar

August 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
					Blueberry Festival, Susquehanna County	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Hazleton Rotary Wine & Beer Festival						
Summer Picnic Aug 3, 2025 (Stroudsburgs, The)						
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
			Railriders Baseball Game (Newfoundland)			
			Monthly Meeting (Blakeslee)			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
						Stroudfest Aug 30, 2025 (Stroudsburgs, The)
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
						ONE SUMMIT

- ☐ - Board Meeting Event (Club)
- ☐ - Club Event (Club)
- ☐ - Club Meeting (Club)
- ☐ - Committee Meeting (Club)
- ☐ - Deadline (Club)
- ☐ - District Event (Club)
- ☐ - Fundraiser (Club)
- ☐ - General (Club)
- ☐ - Official DG Visit (Club)

[8/13/2025 - Newfoundland - Railriders Baseball Game](#)

[8/13/2025 - Blakeslee - Monthly Meeting](#)

[8/23/2025 - Hazleton - Wine & Beer Festival](#)

[8/30/2025 - The Stroudsburgs - Stroudfest](#)

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District Directory

**The 2024-2025 District Directory is available
to view on our website**

[Please click here to view a copy](#)

*The District Directory is housed under the
District Info drop down menu on our
website homepage.*



District Directory **2024-2025**

Serving 11 Counties in Northeastern Pennsylvania, USA

2025-2026 Directory Coming Soon

Public Image Committee

Don't forget!

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

- Download a printable/fillable [“Connect With Us” business card](#) to pass 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



3rd Annual Honesdale Rotary Beer & Wine Fest

3rd Annual Honesdale Rotary Beer & Wine Fest, Saturday, September 27th, 1pm – 5pm at the Wayne County Fairgrounds. Live music, food and vendors. Join us!





WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER ANNE DUPONT!

Pictured from left:
Sharon Alexander, Co-President
Jeanne Miller, Co-President
Tim Genetti, District Governor
Anne Dupont, Member

Our thanks to the Carbon Career &
Technical Institute for the use of their dining
room



2025-2026 DISTRICT GOVERNOR AND OFFICERS

Pictured from left:
Tim Genetti, District Governor
Joe Mastriani, Treasurer
Carol Etheridge, Secretary
Sharon Alexander, Co-President
Bill Skinner, Past District Governor
Jeanne Miller, Co-President
Peg Kalogerakis, Vice-President





New Member

On July 9th, the Milford Matamoras Rotary Club inducted community member John Marino as new member to the club.

John is a retired Project Manager and Software Engineer and will bring all his expertise to the club along with his passion to help people.

Pictured left to right are, Arlene Quirk, Member, John Marino, New Member and Jamie Dykstra, Rotary President. Milford-Matamoras Rotary Club meets every Wednesday at 12:15PM at the Dimmick Inn.

Anyone interested in becoming a member, contact Jamie at 201-388-7107 or come visit us at a meeting.



RYLA Recap

Every year Milford Matamoras Rotary Club sponsors a Delaware Valley sophomore to attend Rotary's Youth Leadership Award which was held in Keystone College in LaPlume, PA. This conference is a week long summer program for a student who exhibits leadership potential in their school.

This year's attendee was Rhyanne Rettinger. On July 9th, Rhyanne attended our meeting and presented a wonderful power point presentation on her experience at the conference. Rhyanne had a truly amazing time, made new friends and most of all had fun. She thanked our club for the opportunity to attend.

Pictured left to right are Jamie Dykstra, President and Rhyanne. Milford-Matamoras Rotary Club meets every Wednesday at 12:15PM at the Dimmick Inn.

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NEW MILFORD AREA ROTARIAN INNOVATIVE USE OF 3-D PRINTING

Brian Palmer recently decided to help with local humanitarian fund raising efforts for Ukraine while also having fun with his 3-D printer. Joined by his 8- and 10-year-old sons- Waylon and Declan, they are producing stylish earrings for wear and offering them for any donation the purchaser offers. To date, they have raised approximately \$200 in this effort, including recent efforts at flea markets and yard sales.

If you would like to acquire some of these pieces of unique innovative jewelry, contact the New Milford Area Rotary at newmilfordparotary@gmail.com



New Milford Area Rotary Recognizes RYLA 2025 Alumni and Student Awardees

The Pavilion at Green Gables Restaurant in New Milford welcomed over sixty-five attendees on July 24, 2025, as the New Milford Area Rotary held its annual recognition meeting for the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards 2025 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 2025 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-seven members from throughout Susquehanna County, actively serving the community and world and welcomes new membership. Contact information can be found at NewMilfordPaRotary@gmail.com





Rotary Installs new Presidents

The Rotary Clubs of Wyoming, Kingston and Plymouth installed new officers and Presidents at a meeting held on July 10, 2025 at Keeley's Ale House, Pringle. Officers and Presidents were installed by District Governor Tim Genetti.

Pictured from left are Governor Tim, Wyoming President Nick Sobeck, Kingston President Michael Marchetti and Plymouth President JK Karavis



Congratulations Shelly Karavis!

The Rotary Club of Plymouth recognized the efforts of Shelly Karavis. Shelly served as President of the Rotary Club of Plymouth from 2023-2025. Major accomplishments during her term was an increase in membership and presentation of the club's first District Grant. Pictured are Shelly Karavis, Past President and JK Karavis, current President.





New Leadership

A changing of the guard. On June 30th we held our rotary installation dinner where we acknowledged the outgoing leadership and welcomed incoming directors. We cannot thank Ann Way enough for her leadership as President over this past year. Our club welcomes Laura Charles, as this year's president and looks forward to an innovative year under her leadership.



Fireworks Committee

On July 3rd, the Tunkhannock Rotary Club was proud to once again present the Annual Fireworks at the Tunkhannock Athletic Field. It was a close call but Mother Nature cooperated and our President Laura Charles made the right decision in not postponing. It truly was a magical night enjoyed by thousands in the community.

