



CREATE HOPE  
in the WORLD

## A Message From: DISTRICT GOVERNOR Samantha Maruzzelli



Dear Rotarians,

On February 24th Rotary International will be 119 years old. The theme this month is Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention/Resolution, a perfect theme during our anniversary month. If only the world were run by Rotarians, what a wonderful place it would be!

[PETS \(President Elect Training\)](#) will be held March 21st to 23rd in Whippany, NJ at the Hanover Marriott. This is a training event for President Elects and Assistant (Area) Governors. Get ready to be inspired and gain knowledge and ideas! DGE Bill Skinner is waiting for your registration! Let him know if you have any questions. I am excited to see you all there.

Our District Conference is only three months away. It will be held at the beautiful Skytop Lodge in the Poconos ([www.skytop.com](http://www.skytop.com)). Tim Genetti, our conference chair, is planning a great event. We are focusing on fellowship, self-care, mental health, and leadership. We will be taking a nature walk, playing some team building Olympic games (low impact), sharing some meals, and listening to some inspiring speakers. We will

have a Hospitality room, so all clubs can showcase their service projects and fundraisers. I hope you can come and spend the weekend with your Rotary family! [Registration is on the District website](#). Hotel reservations must be made by calling Skytop directly so you will receive the discounted price. 1-855-345-7759.

Grant training is right around the corner. There will be three sessions to accommodate the District. Remember, you must have your President Elects attend an in-person Grant training, and another member attend either in-person or online Grant training to be eligible to apply for a Grant. Our dates are March 2nd 13th, and 16th. [You can register on the District website](#). If you have any questions, please contact DRFC, PDG Mary Ellen Bentler, or Grants chair, Brian Lione.

Valentine's Day (month) is a great time to post reasons why you love Rotary!

1. The shared commitment to Service Above Self.
2. The passion for making a difference in one's community and throughout the world.
3. The Friendships forged with people I wouldn't otherwise know.
4. I can attend a Rotary meeting anywhere in the world and I will be welcomed.
5. <https://rotarydistrict6600.org/wpcontent/uploads/2021/02/ROTARY-NewsFEB21-PartB-Final.pdf>

The list is endless. Check out number 5 I found Online. Start on February 1st and post one reason a day. You will be surprised by the results you get! I always hear the statement "Rotary is the best kept secret." We need to let the secret out. We need more Rotarians and we can get them if we let people know what we do, where we do it, and how! Get out there and ask someone to join Rotary today!

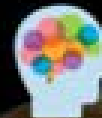
I wish you all a happy and healthy February filled with fun and Valentine's love! Eat the chocolate! Take the time to show love to your friends and family. Last but not least, remember to be a shoulder to lean on and an empathetic ear to listen. You never know when your kindness can change or save a life.

Yours in Rotary Service,  
Sam

FEBRUARY 2024



# DON'T BOTTLE IT UP



**Mental Health  
Initiatives**  
Rotary Action Group

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

Samantha Maruzzelli  
Tunkhannock Rotary Club  
District 7410 DG 2023-2024

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

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

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

**Don't suffer in silence.**  
*#dontbottleitup*



# Upcoming Events

## Calendar

February 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
SHINE Volunteer At South Elementary (Newfoundland)						
						Slate Belt Brewery Takeover - Beer Tasting
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
SHINE Volunteer At South Elementary (Newfoundland)						
		Bingo Night February 7th (Newfoundland)				
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
SHINE Volunteer At South Elementary (Newfoundland)						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
SHINE Volunteer At South Elementary (Newfoundland)						
						Purse Bingo (Mountaintop)
26	27	28	29	1	2	3
SHINE Volunteer At South Elementary (Newfoundland)						
					Grants Training Sand Springs Country Club	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
SHINE Volunteer At South Elementary (Newfoundland)						

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

[Slate Belt - Brewery Takeover](#)

[Newfoundland - Bingo Night](#)

# See You There!

Don't see your event on the calendar?

Email [jpoperotary@gmail.com](mailto:jpoperotary@gmail.com) for instructions on how to add it!

# Submit to the Newsletter!

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

**Instructions to submit your articles and photos to the newsletter:**

**Please send submissions to the email box:**

RotaryDistrict7410Newsletter@gmail.com

**Please remember to keep your content:**

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

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

## Meet our District Governor Nominee Designate

Andy Lane Chapman has officially been named our District Governor Nominee Designate.

Andy Lane Chapman is a lifelong resident of Wayne County. She's a graduate of Honesdale High School of Rittners School of Floral Design. She is a floral designer, focusing on weddings. Andy has been a two-time president of the Honesdale Rotary, and a past AG and Interact chair. She has also served on multiple committees within Rotary. She also volunteers with multiple other organizations within Wayne County.

In her spare time, Andy enjoys knitting, hiking, and watching Dodgers baseball. She resides in Lake Ariel with her husband, Brian with their two sons Alex and Jamie, dog Jack, and cat Skittles.



# Rotary Convention



**SHARING  
HOPE  
WITH THE  
WORLD**

SINGAPORE | 25-29 MAY 2024

#Rotary24



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



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

All amounts are in U.S. dollars.



Register today at [convention.rotary.org](https://convention.rotary.org)  
#Rotary24

# District Conference

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

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

Stay Tuned for a Featured Speakers Flyer and Itinerary being sent out via email.



## Register Now!

### 2023-2024 District Conference

SKYTOP



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





# Essay Contest

## Theme for 2024

*“Create Hope in the World: How Can Schools, Communities, Families, and or Friends support mental health with caring, giving, and compassion?”*

## Deadlines

*Club deadline - February 2nd, 2024*

*District deadline - March 1, 2024*

## Essay Length

*1,000 words*

## Other Student Guidelines

*Student name should only be printed on a title page which should include parent name(s), email and phone number.*

*The essay must be word processed, double spaced, saved as a PDF, and attached to an email to the Rotary Club Chairperson.*

*Google Docs may not be used.*

## Club submissions

*Each participating club may submit one top essay from each school district it represents.*

*The essay may not be embedded in an email, but should be attached to an email to*

*kfarrellkurosky@gmail.com with the subject line  
student essay/club name/chairperson name/student name*

# Polio Plus Society

## **ROTARY DISTRICT 7410 POLIOPLUS SOCIETY CONTINUES GROWING**

The new Rotary fiscal year continues to witness growth in the District 7410 PolioPlus Society. This growth points to a continued dedication to the elimination of this predominately childhood disease throughout the world. As of this date, 50 Rotarians have joined the PolioPlus Society sponsored by District 7410, since its inception in 2019. Several pinning's of new members are planned for late summer or early fall.

The PolioPlus Society is an opportunity for Rotarians and others to designate at least \$100 in donations each year to the Rotary Foundation, and specifically for the PolioPlus focus area. To date, \$5,900 in donations has been realized from this District initiative.

It is that simple! PolioPlus Society members earn the opportunity to wear a distinctive lapel pin, which is delivered to them in an appropriate club setting or other Rotary event.

Go ahead! Join us and manifest your dedication to ridding the entire world of this crippling and deadly child-hood disease. We are almost there! Only two countries, Pakistan and Afghanistan still have the wild polio virus endemic in their country. "Let's get to zero."

If you would like to join this society or renew your annual membership - fill out the application form on the district website and send it to the point-of-contact noted on the form.

David Palmer, PolioPlus Society  
Rotary District 7410

## **PolioPlus Society Membership and Renewals**

My records indicate of 50 members, I show only 14 are current with this Rotary fiscal years (FY) membership donation.

If you have donated at least \$100 to the RI PolioPlus fund, send me your acknowledgment from RI so I may update my records (I have yours Abington).

If you have not donated to the PolioPlus RI fund yet this FY, I encourage you to do so.

I just looked at the District PolioPlus donations site on My Rotary.org and our District is at \$9,857.63 YTD. Last FY at this time we were at \$19,672.34.

So, if we can catch up on our donations to the PolioPlus Society, we have the possibility of increasing that amount by at least \$3,600.

Meanwhile encourage others to join our PolioPlus Society in District 7410. I have plenty of pins and will be awarding pins soon at Hazelton, Dallas, and Honesdale Rotary Clubs, to name just a few.

Our current membership numbers stands out amongst other districts in Rotary Zone 32. Let's keep it up.

Yours In Rotary,

DAVID PALMER, Coordinator  
Rotary District 7410, PolioPlus Society

# 23/24 GROUP NIGHT OUT W/ THE PENS!



## Rotary District 7410 Fundraiser Night!

ROCKETS VS. PENGUINS

*Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – 6:05 PM*

Join the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins as they take on the Laval Rockets! Special group pricing and perks are offered Rotary attendees & guests! \$4 from every ticket purchased will go back to Rotary District 7410!

### Pricing:

\$75 CCA Lounge; \$24 Red Zone; \$22 Gold Zone; \$19 Blue Zone

\$4 from each ticket purchased will go back to the continuing effort by Rotary District 7410 clubs and the Warsaw City Poland Rotary Club in supporting Ukrainian disaster relief efforts.

E-mail Colby Gaugler at [cgaugler@wbspenguins.com](mailto:cgaugler@wbspenguins.com) or call 570-970-3605

Or go to: <https://fevo-enterprise.com/Rotarydistrict7410>

\$25 from this link towards Fundraiser <https://fevo-enterprise.com/RotaryCCA>

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

# OF TICKETS: \_\_\_\_\_ ZONE: \_\_\_\_\_

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

CHECK NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ [MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO WBS PENGUINS]





Time to start working on RYLA 2024! This will be the 12th year Rotary District 7410 will host this impactful leadership program for our area youth.

RYLA 2024 will be held Sunday June 23 through Thursday June 27, 2024 at Keystone College in LaPlume, Pennsylvania. For budgeting purposes, the cost per student remains at \$375, which is an incredible value for all this 5-day/4-night program offers. RYLA is a leadership training program for area young people, full of activities that engage students physically, mentally, and emotionally to strengthen their relationship skills, build their self-confidence, and give them the tools to be leaders.

Again this year the application is available on-line. Applications are open and the link can be found on the website: [bit.ly/RYLAD74102024App](https://bit.ly/RYLAD74102024App)

Click on the "What We Do" tab on the District 7410 Homepage to find the application and two RYLA information documents (also attached in this message) for RYLA 2024. Applications are open to high school sophomores going into their junior year.

District RYLA 2024 committee members continue to work to running this years RYLA conference of young adults. This year David Palmer of the New Milford Area Rotary Club is serving as Chair, with Mary Tempest of the Tunkhannock Rotary Club serving as Co-Chair.

PDG Mary Ellen Bentler is serving on the RYLA 2024 Committee along with Amy Leiser of the Rotary Club of the Stroudsburgs. Maureen Beilman of the Honesdale Rotary Club and PDG Karen DeMatteo serve as the RYLA 2024 Registrar Committee.

Rotarians are always welcomed to volunteer to assist at this premier Rotary event and as a critical part of insuring continuity in leadership roles to execute future RYLAs. If you are interested in doing so, reach out to me through e-mail or a phone call.

I have personally witnessed the testimony by RYLA alumni, and participated in on-site leadership rolls now for two RYLAs. RYLA is a life changing event for these youth.

Thank you for supporting RYLA and encouraging our youth to be the best citizen they can be!

Yours In Rotary,

DAVID PALMER, Chair  
Rotary District 7410 RYLA 2024  
Rotary District 7410, International Service Committee Chair  
Rotary District 7410 PolioPlus Society Coordinator  
New Milford Area Rotary, Membership Chair  
570-498-6637 (cell)

# CLUBS IN ACTION

Rotary



Club of The Abingtons

## Rotary Club of the Abingtons presents check to the Salvation Army

Pictured here are the Rotary bell ringers who volunteered between Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve as they presented a check to Major Neil Childs for \$8000.

Members Joe LaCoe, Char Short, Diane Calabro, Ginny Johnson club President, Childs, Noreen Thomas, Steve Selige, Phyllis Ruzbarsky, Dale Collins, Gwyn Williams and Roger Mattes.



## Atty Ann O'Donnell Farias

Installed as a new member in the Rotary Club of the Abingtons. At their weekly luncheon meeting at Camelot in Waverly Ann was welcomed by president Ginny Johnson and Past District Governor Roger Mattes.



## Inducted into the Polio Plus Society

For service above self and generous donations district chairman of Rotary District 7410's International Service Committee Dave Palmer (honored Beth Caucci (left) and Char Short (right) at the January 19th meeting of the Rotary Club of the Abingtons on January 19th.



## Food Pantry Donations Needed

The free 24/7 Open Door Pantry at **The Gathering Place** - Clarks Summit has nearly bare shelves again. If you are able, please bring a bag or two of non-perishable non-breakable items. Please take the time to place donations on the shelves. Needs are but not limited to: tuna - pasta - sauce - pet food - hygiene items & full-sz toiletries - cereal. Please open any multi-item boxes such as granola bars so more folks may benefit. Thank you.



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Clark's Summit Councilwoman and Mrs Flintstone Gerri Carey, Jurassic Raptor 570 Ranger Eric and his Giant Dino Puppets, Congressman Matt Cartwright. Gerri and Matt were volunteers from the Rotary Club of the Abingtons for the Ice Festival.



Diane Calabro, one Dino and Billy Angel, volunteer Rotarians.



The volunteers from the Rotary Club of the Abingtons...Gwyn Williams, Phyllis Ruzbarsky, Gerri Carey, Matt Cartwright, Ranger Eric and one Dino, Beth Caucci and Char Short.





# SUPER BOWL RAFFLE FUNDRAISER



Proceeds benefit DOGGIEPADDLE.ORG with their mission to raise funds and awareness for veterans in need of service dogs in addition to our club projects & scholarships.

**\$25 / SQUARE**  
**OR**  
**3 FOR \$70**

**PAYPAL:**  
paypal.me/RotaryEClubofII  
"super bowl box"

**VENMO:**  
@E-Clubof-InternationalInnovato

Please add a note with:  
Your Name- Email - cell number



**venmo**

Each purchase will get you 1 square on the board. Squares will be assigned at random. Prizes will be drawn after each quarter for the winning scores.

## PRIZES

ENDING SCORE Q1: \$125  
ENDING SCORE HALFTIME: \$250  
ENDING SCORE Q3: \$125  
FINAL SCORE: \$750



**REACH OUT TO KAREN OR A CLUB MEMBER FOR MORE INFO & TO ENTER!**

**KARENANDROTARY@GMAIL.COM**

**\*\*MUST BE 18 OR OLDER TO PARTICIPATE\*\***

LIMITED ENTRIES AVAILABLE! YOUR ENTRY IS NOT CONFIRMED UNTIL PAYMENT IS RECEIVED. LAST DAY TO ENTER IS FEBRUARY 5TH!



## Chili Cook Off Recap

The Hamlin Lake Ariel Rotary Club's annual Chili Cook Off on January 14th was a great success! This year the cook off supported the club's scholarship fund, and there were 14 entries into the contest. Additional funds were raised with a basket raffle & 50/50. A great time was had by all and plans are already underway for next year's competition!



Hamlin Lake Ariel  
**Rotary**  
Club



# Chili

## COOK OFF



**Thank you for your support!**

## Chili Cook Off Recap

The 3rd Annual Blood Drive in memory of Larry Ditty is scheduled for March 12th at the Ledgedale Fire Company from 1pm-6pm. There is an urgent need for blood so please don't wait – donate! Larry was a servant to our community since 1982. He was a member of the Ledgedale Volunteer Fire Company for 38 years and a Charter Member of the Hamlin Lake Ariel Rotary Club (2012). He was Rotarian of the Year for 2017-2018 and a proud Paul Harris Fellow. Larry also served on the Salem Twp. Planning Commission for over 30 years. He is sorely missed by all who knew him.

For an appointment, visit: [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and use sponsor code LEDGEDALE.

### Donate Blood in memory of Larry Ditty

Sponsored by: Hamlin Lake Ariel  
**Rotary**  
Club 



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

**TUESDAY**  
**3-12-2024**

**FROM**  
**1PM-6PM**

**LEDGEDALE**  
**FIRE DEPT.**  
589 GOOSE POND RD  
LAKE ARIEL

**Don't Wait. DONATE!**

**National Blood Shortage. Donors needed now!**

For an appointment, visit:  
 [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)

Sponsor Code:  
**Ledgedale**



## Hazleton Rotary Celebrates With Annual Holiday Party

Hazleton Rotary celebrated Christmas 2023 and welcomed the New Year 2024 at their annual holiday party held at The Pines Eatery and Spirits, Hazleton.

A special touch to the evening was the awarding of a Paul Harris Fellow pin to member Steve Seach, Esquire. The special event was coordinated by the President Elect Mary Pat Stroia and took place on Friday, January 12, 2024.





## CALLING ALL DELAWARE VALLEY ELEMENTARY STUDENTS GRADES K-5



Come and join the fun on March 2nd at the Annual Milford-Matamoras Rotary Club Basketball Hoop Shoot! The event will be held at all three DV Elementary Schools starting at 10 AM & Hoop Shoot envelopes will be distributed to students in early February. All student participants will receive a T-Shirt and additional prizes and trophies will be given to the top fundraisers. Please follow the Milford-Matamoras Rotary Club Facebook page for more prize details & information. The club is still looking for businesses interested in being a sponsor for this event, please contact Shaun Burger at 570-517-6654 and inquire about a sponsorship form. Many, many thanks from our Rotary Club, we look

forward to another great year and raising funds for DV Senior Scholarships! \*Snow date March 9th



# NEW MILFORD AREA ROTARY COLLABORATES WITH ENDLESS MOUNTAINS HEALTH SYSTEMS, MONTROSE

New Milford Area Rotary conducted its open to the public meeting on January 17, 2024, at the Endless Mountains Health Systems (EMHS) facility, Montrose. Following a brief introduction to Rotary and the New Milford Area Rotary, the food service department at EMHS catered a lovely meal to the public and membership. An audience of approximately twenty were then presented with an informative presentation by Loren Stone, Chief Executive Officer of EMHS with an overview of rural health care services provided by EMHS, and the challenges facing rural health care delivery in Pennsylvania today. A suicide prevention display was also on site, serviced by Diane Hawley-Wurth, as provided by the Susquehanna County Commissioners and the Lackawanna-Susquehanna Behavioral Health Intellectual Disabilities Early Intervention (BHIDEI). The Endless Mountains Health Systems, Montrose, is a corporate member of the New Milford Area Rotary, along with fifteen other corporate members in Susquehanna County.

To find more information on how you can support New Milford Area Rotary in Susquehanna County, contact [newmilfordparotary@gmail.com](mailto:newmilfordparotary@gmail.com) or call 570-498-6637.



## New Milford Area Rotary Prepares Dictionaries for Distribution

The regular meeting of the New Milford Area Rotary consisted of preparing three hundred and ninety (390) dictionaries for distribution to third graders in Susquehanna County. An annual event each year, this year's distribution will include the elementary schools in Susquehanna, Blue Ridge, Mountain View, Montrose, and Elk Lake School Districts. This year the distribution will include Faith Mountain Academy, Pratt Memorial Library, and all the Susquehanna County Library locations.

The New Milford Area Rotary has conducted this annual event since 1991 and has reached 5,160 third grade students. For some of these students, this may be the first book that they have owned.

The Club currently consists of forty members actively serving the community and world and welcomes new membership. Contact information can be found at [NewMilfordPaRotary@gmail.com](mailto:NewMilfordPaRotary@gmail.com) or contact David Palmer, Membership Chair at [davesolopalmer@gmail.com](mailto:davesolopalmer@gmail.com).





# The Winter Event of the Poconos

## The 12th Annual Beer Tasting

Friday, March 1st, 2024  
Starting at 6:30pm  
at The Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort  
For Advance Tickets Scan the QR Code  
or go to

[www.facebook.com/rotaryclubofthesmithfields/](https://www.facebook.com/rotaryclubofthesmithfields/)  
or Call (570) 350-9246  
Advance tickets \$30 at the Door \$35



The Rotary Club  
of the Smithfields







## Candle Making

Stroudsburgs Rotary has a fundraiser coming up on Friday, February 9, 2024 at Silverback Distillery from 6-8pm. Let's support our local Rotarian business and make your own soy candle with a special scent. Have some fun with friends playing some candle trivia with a chance to win a door prize. Cash Bar. See flyer attached



# MAKE A CANDLE

- ◆ FRI FEB 9th FROM 6-8PM
- ◆ SILVERBACK DISTILLERY  
132 Airstrip Road  
E. Stroudsburg PA 18301

Make and take your very own premium 9oz soy wax candle  
Enjoy time with friends, play candle trivia for door prizes  
Choose from various scents or create your own  
Enjoy Cocktails (not included in price) from Silverback Distillery

SEATING IS LIMITED - please scan QR Code to reserve your spot in advance!



wickitcandlebar

*\*A portion of the proceeds will benefit*



## Valentine's Day Cards for Meals on Wheels

Just in time for Valentine's Day, Rotarians made 66 Valentine's Day cards for Meals on Wheels recipients to let them know someone is thinking about them and that they are loved. The Satellite club will be making more this week.



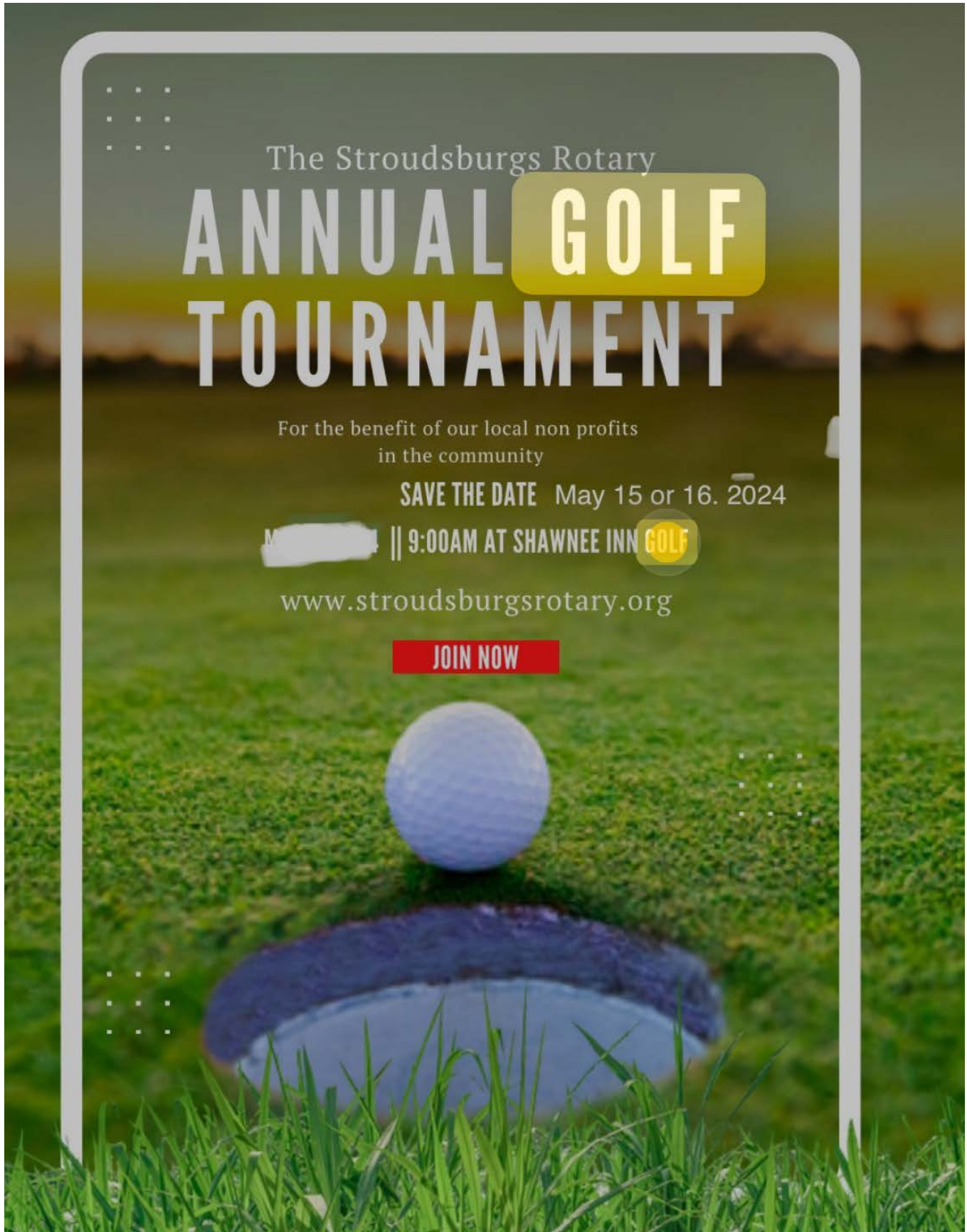
## Gertrude Hawk Chocolate Fundraiser

Stroudsburgs HS Interact Club is selling candy again this year. Please use the link below by 2/12/24 if you are interested in ordering some delicious GH chocolates, yum! This is where we get most of our end of the year donation money from. Thanks for your support.

[https://fundraising.gertrudehawkchocolates.com/fundraisingproducts/index/index/organization\\_id/721159/seller\\_id/119](https://fundraising.gertrudehawkchocolates.com/fundraisingproducts/index/index/organization_id/721159/seller_id/119)

## Golf Fundraiser

In May - Stroudsburgs Rotary is bringing back our golf fundraiser. Start the season playing golf for a worthy cause. Consider playing in a foursome and / or sponsoring a hole, a golf cart or more..be a tournament sponsor. Contact Don Hannig at [stroudsburgsrotary5404@gmail.com](mailto:stroudsburgsrotary5404@gmail.com)



The Stroudsburgs Rotary

# ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

For the benefit of our local non profits  
in the community

SAVE THE DATE May 15 or 16. 2024

MAY 15 || 9:00AM AT SHAWNEE INN GOLF

[www.stroudsburgsrotary.org](http://www.stroudsburgsrotary.org)

**JOIN NOW**



## Tunkhannock Rotary Supports Seaside Rotary Kicks4Kids Program

At the Jan 4 Rotary Meeting, the guest speaker was Rotarian Judy Walburn, who is a member of the Rotary Club of Playa del Carmen Seaside in Mexico with the audio-visual assistance of her husband, Tunkhannock Rotarian Scott Walburn. Since the Walburns spend some time each year in Mexico at Playa del Carmen, a beach town on the Yucatan Peninsula, an hour south of Cancun, Judy joined the Mexican Club, while Scott joined the Tunkhannock Club.

The Seaside Rotary has 25 members from Canada, the United States, Europe, and Mexico. Judy described some of the club's programs.

Their "Feeding the Future" Program provides a healthy and well-balanced meal three days a week for 95-100 children who attend the "Fundacion Contando con un Amigo" school in the Village of Torres de la Paz. For some children, this may be their only meal of the day.

Their Kicks4Kids Program gives sneakers to the kids in the area, since most of the children only have access to flip-flops, which are no protection against the local snakes. So far, they have distributed 770 pairs of sneakers with 160 kids getting their sneakers last year. They are trying to provide another 500 kids with sneakers in two areas, Cristo Rey and Torres de la Paz. Judy has advertised for donations on Facebook along with the other residents/guests at the resort where they stay. They try to do as many fundraisers as possible in the area, but they are a very small club.



After Judy's presentation, President Elaine Walker (left) presented a check for \$1,200 to Judy and Scott for the Seaside Rotary "Feeding the Future" Program.

## Rotary Supports Tunkhannock Public Library and Dietrich Theater

At the Jan 11 and 25 Rotary Meetings, President Elaine Walker presented donations to support the Tunkhannock Public Library (TPL) and the Dietrich Theater. These donations were made possible by the profits from the Oct 2023 Harvest & Wine Festival.

Both Executive Directors, Dellana Diovisalvo and Erica Rogler, gave brief presentations on how the annual donations from Rotary have been utilized by their organizations in 2023 and their future plans for 2024.



TPL Executive Director Dellana Diovisalvo (right) accepted the \$4,000 to support Library programs and Dietrich Executive Director Erica Rogler (left) accepted the \$3,000 check for the Theater.

## Tunkhannock Jan. Social

On Friday evening, Jan 26, Rotarians and their partners/guests gathered at the Nimble Hill Tasting Rooms for an evening of fellowship, tasty appetizers and drinks.

