



Newsletter / January 2022

District 7410



Happy New Year!

Message from the District Governor Mary Ellen Bentler

I hope everyone had a Happy and Safe Holiday season. It is hard to believe that it is a new year and six month of the Rotary year is behind us. I continued to have club visits in December and have successfully visited every club but one. What a pleasure it was hearing about the great service projects that our clubs participate in. I am proud to hear about many projects the clubs are doing to help the less fortunate of their communities and most of them involved children. Unfortunately, many of these could not be done in person but the families that you and your club help certainly appreciated it.

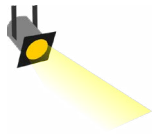
The district membership 1,148, unfortunately, as it does in December, we have dropped down to 1,129. This is a good time to evaluate your club and membership. Does your club have a new member orientation program, assign a mentor to new members, connect often with new members to answer questions and most important make meetings fun, energetic, and humorous without losing sight of Rotary's mission. If members leave due to time or relocation remember there is always the option of the Passport club. In the Rotarian for January RI President Shekhar congratulated every club that has engaged with the Each One, Bring One initiative which asks every member to introduce one person to Rotary.



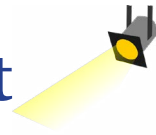
The months ahead are busy with events. The Penguins for Polio game will be on February 19, 2022 at 6:05 PM. This is a great event for your club to invite non-Rotarians and to share with Friends and Family. February is also the month that we start training for the President Elect with PETS being held in March. Keep your eyes opened from DE Craig for more information and be sure to update your officer information on the District Website. April 2, 2022 we will be holding Move and Groove with Rotary dance at Shadowbrook Resort from 6-9 PM. May 5, 6 & 7th is the District conference in Ithaca New York which is going to be a fund and informative event.

I will end with a final message that RI President Shekhar ended 2021 with. "This is the time to take a bigger, better, and bolder approach through both club and district projects that can impact more people. Reevaluate where you are with your goals. Create strategies that can sustain change over years, not months. Everyone deserves a long, healthy life. When you Serve to Change Lives, your actions today can help extend the lives of others."

I wish all of you a Happy and Healthy New Year.
In Service to Rotary,
Mary Ellen



New Member Spotlight



Blue Ridge School District Inducted as Rotary Corporate Member

The Blue Ridge School District was officially inducted into the New Milford Area Rotary as a Corporate Member on December 2, 2021, during a club meeting at St Mark's Parish Hall in New Milford. Matthew Button, Superintendent of the Blue Ridge School District represented the school district as the Primary Corporate Member. Matthew and his family reside in the Hallstead area. Matthew is also a member of the Pennsylvania Rural Schools Association. His profession in education will enhance the New Milford Area Rotary focus on education and literacy in the community.

New Milford Area Rotary President Thomas Kurosky officially pinned Matthew at the December 2, meeting, with club members witnessing and celebrating the event. Blue Ridge School District joins NBT Bank in New Milford, and Tall Pines Farm Stoves and Fireplaces as the newest Corporate Members of the New Milford Area Rotary.

The Club currently consists of 29 members actively serving the community and world and welcomes new membership.

Contact information can be found at www.facebook.com/newmilfordrotary. Or one can contact David Palmer, Membership Chair, at davesolopalmer@gmail.com.



New Member Spotlight

Tunkhannock Welcomes 2 New Members

At the Dec 9 Luncheon at Shadowbrook, President Mary Tempest inducted Alisha Myers into Rotary. She was sponsored and pinned by Mary Linden. Alisha is a Financial Officer and Administrative Assistant at HANDS of Wyoming County.

At the Dec 16 Rotary meeting, Membership Chair Ron Furman inducted Erica Rogler into Rotary. Erica was sponsored and pinned by Ann Way. Erica is the Executive Director of the Dietrich Theater, the premier venue for movies, film festivals, workshops and live events in Wyoming County.



*Mary Linden, Alisha Myers
and Pres. Mary Tempest*



*Ann Way, Erica Rogler, Membership Chair Ron
Furman and Pres. Mary Tempest*

Polio Plus Society

THIRTY-ONE DOWN 1,095 to go!

The PolioPlus Society for Rotary District 7410 debut at the District Conference in Wellsboro on 12 June 2021. The PolioPlus Society is an opportunity for Rotarians and others to designate at least \$100 in donations each year to PolioPlus. 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 Rotary event.

At the end of the District Conference, we had 18 charter members of the society. By the end of July, we had 28 members of the society and were still growing. As of today, 31 Rotarians have joined the society, contributing a total of \$4,000 to the PolioPlus Foundation. When the Gates Foundation match is factored in, that equates to \$12,000!

Seventeen clubs in the district are represented in this Society, including the following: Wyoming, Newfoundland, Plains, Wyalusing, Dallas, Passport, New Milford, Tunkhannock, Sayre, Wellsboro, Stroudsburg, North Scranton, Hamlin, North Pocono, Mountain Top, Hawley, and the Abington's. TWENTY-FIVE Clubs to go! Our Rotary PolioPlus cheer likes to say we are "99% there." Only two countries, Pakistan and Afghanistan still have the wild polio virus endemic in their country.

I would like to see 99% of our District clubs,(and membership for that matter) enrolled in this club. Many District members are already contributing the minimum \$100 a year to PolioPlus. Why not fill out the application, document your donation, and join the society?

If you would like to join this society and manifest your passion for this child focused humanitarian effort, fill out the application form on the district website or the form in this newsletter and send to the contact noted on the form.

"Let's get to zero."

Polio Plus Society

Vaccine Hesitancy: Answering Rotary's Call

When passion and raw determination are added to the miracle of modern vaccines, remarkable things happen. Over the last 30 years, Rotary and its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative have seen the reduction of polio cases worldwide, by 99.9 percent. The entire world celebrated in 2020, when the continent of Africa was declared free of the wild poliovirus. As we begin a new year, the children of two countries where the wild poliovirus still circulates (Afghanistan and Pakistan) are still vulnerable to this terrible disease. If it still circulates anywhere in the world, children in the US are still vulnerable and must continue to be vaccinated.

Over the last 2 years, the world has seen unsurpassed death and illness from yet another virus. In reading the Rotary International and [The Rotary Foundation Position Statement on COVID-19 Vaccination](#), we are reminded that we have even more work to do. Here we are today, with more than 800,000 American deaths because of COVID-19. As Rotary members and one a polio survivor, we are particularly aware of the vital role vaccines play in halting the spread of disease. With that in mind, we must continue to support polio immunization efforts around the world, just as we continue to support the effort to mitigate COVID-19.

We are sharing fact-based vaccination information - as Rotarians throughout our state and our Network support our PA Immunization Coalition <https://www.immunizepa.org/>, two of which reside in Rotary District 7410's geography. We are [speaking out](#) about the realities of life after experiencing the effects of a vaccine preventable disease; about giving blood where it's needed and distributing packets of vaccine information and resources to day-care centers, pediatricians and hospitals that encourage vaccine acceptance. We still have a lot to do.

Engage with your Rotary Club to learn more about how you can get involved as a partner supporting these efforts in your community. Contact David Palmer at davesolopalmer@gmail.com or 570-498-6637, if you would like to serve as a Liaison to the PA Immunization Coalition in our Rotary District; or as a member of the Rotary District 7410 Polio Plus Committee. We are doing this not only for ourselves, but for future generations.

We have witnessed the truth firsthand. Vaccines Work!

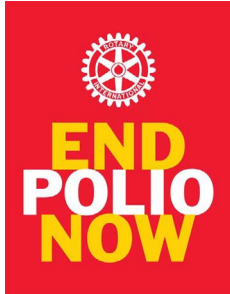
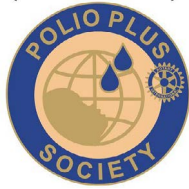
Carol Ferguson

Founder, PA Polio Survivors Network
Rotary District 7430
Member of Bucks County Immunization Coalition

Dave Palmer

Polio Plus Chair
Public Image Committee Member
Rotary District 7410

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 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 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.

Passport Club

Looking to offer a flexible, accessible and affordable format to individuals who want to be Rotarians but find that traditional Rotary Clubs don't fit their lifestyle, the newly reinvigorated District Passport Club is looking for your help!

The unique elements of a Passport Club:

- Members are encouraged to participate in service projects organized by other Rotary clubs.

- Rotarians are invited to visit other Clubs and participate in their Club activities regularly.

- Relaxed attendance policy.

- Fewer in-person meetings.

- Innovative concept designed to give members a more flexible Club experience while supporting the mission of both local District Clubs and Rotary International.

Our Club members, currently small in number, want to help support District service projects wherever possible either in person or virtually which in turn may help us to grow our membership.

Please contact Club president, Chip Jaeger, at Rotary7410passportclub@gmail.com if you have an upcoming project or know of someone who may be interested in joining the Passport Club.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Events!

Rotary 
District 7410

**New Rotary Club
Start Up
In Montrose!**

January 21st 2022
Montrose VFW, 6pm-8pm
Lite fare • cash bar • door prizes
Informational Meet & Greet

Please contact Samantha Maruzzelli
with any questions and to RSVP
570.885.1810

For more information on
Rotary International, please visit:
rotary.org

**TOGETHER, WE
CONNECT**

Rotary unites problem solvers around the globe behind one goal: to do more good. Our members are driven to bring communities together to create lasting change. Connecting to make things better – that's what people of action do. Learn more at rotary.org/action.

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CELEBRATE OUR FOUNDATION!

Rotary 
Zones 28 & 32

\$120 USD / Ticket
(Includes \$100 Donation to TRF)



VIRTUAL GALA & FUNDRAISER
February 23 @ 8pm ET

For Details & Tickets
<https://go.rotaryzones28and32gives.org/rotary-zone-gala>
(or Use QR Code with your mobile)



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2021-2022 District Conference

Please [click here](#)
for information on the upcoming District Conference and a
message from our District Conference Chair!



Save the Date

2021-2022 District Conference

SERVE TO CHANGE CHILDREN'S LIVES

Ithaca, NY

May 5th, 6th, and 7th

event information to follow



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obsessed WITH facebook.

AS OF 2011, THERE ARE 500,000,000 ACTIVE FACEBOOK USERS. APROX. 1 IN EVERY 13 PEOPLE ON EARTH. HALF OF THEM ARE LOGGED IN ON ANY GIVEN DAY.

48% OF 18 TO 34 YEAR OLDS CHECK FACEBOOK RIGHT WHEN THEY WAKE UP...



ABOUT 28% CHECK THEIR FACEBOOK ON THEIR SMART PHONES BEFORE GETTING OUT OF BED.



THE 35+ DEMOGRAPHIC NOW REPRESENTS MORE THAN 30% OF THE ENTIRE USERBASE.



THE 18-24 (COLLEGE) DEMOGRAPHIC GREW THE FASTEST AT 74% IN ONE YEAR.

LIKING "DRUGS" IS UP 1131.9% THIS YEAR.

THERE ARE 206.2 MILLION INTERNET USERS IN THE U.S. THAT MEANS 71.2% OF THE U.S. WEB AUDIENCE IS ON FACEBOOK.

ABOUT 70% OF THE FACEBOOK USERBASE RESIDES OUTSIDE THE U.S.A

FACEBOOK WAS THE MOST-SEARCHED TERM IN 2010 FOR THE SECOND YEAR RUNNING. ACCOUNTING FOR 2.11% OF U.S. SEARCHES.



"FACEBOOK LOGIN" AND "FACEBOOK.COM" WERE THE SECOND AND FIFTH MOST POPULAR U.S. SEARCH TERMS IN 2010, RESPECTIVELY.



COMBINED, FACEBOOK-RELATED SEARCHES ACCOUNTED FOR 3.48 PERCENT OF THE TOP 50 SEARCHES OF 2010. A 207 PERCENT JUMP FROM 2009.

57% OF PEOPLE TALK TO PEOPLE MORE ONLINE

THAN THEY DO IN REAL LIFE

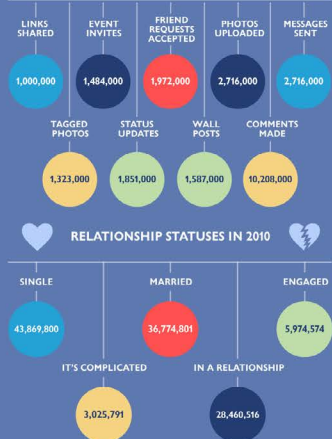
48% OF YOUNG AMERICANS SAID THEY FIND OUT ABOUT NEWS THROUGH FACEBOOK.



A RECORD-BREAKING 750 MILLION PHOTOS WERE UPLOADED TO FACEBOOK OVER NEW YEAR'S WEEKEND.



20 MINUTES ON FACEBOOK



THE END

District Directory

We have been working hard on revising a new District Directory and are happy to share that it is up on our website for all to print and view!

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



2021-2022
District Directory



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Serving 11 Counties in Northeastern Pennsylvania, USA

Rotary International President

Sherkhar Mehta

Rotary Club of Calcutta-Mahanagar
West Bengal, India

District Governor

Mary Ellen Bentler

Rotary Club of Hamlin/Lake Ariel



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Rotary District 7410 PolioPlus Fundraiser Night!

Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins vs. Springfield Thunderbirds

Saturday, February 19th, 2022 @ 6:05 pm

Support Rotary District 7410 with group seating and recognition! The Penguins will also be celebrating our annual Military Appreciation Night!

(Limited space) CCA Ice Level Lounge: \$50 (Ticket includes buffet of chicken tenders, hot dogs, and beverages)

Bowl Seating Prices: Red Zone: \$23.75; Gold Zone: \$21.75; Blue Zone: \$18.75

All PAID tickets come with a Penguin Beanie and McDonald's Value Meal Voucher!

For Each ticket purchased \$4 goes back to the Rotary Foundation to end Polio!

Or Visit <https://fevo.me/rotaryfundraiser0219>

Please return orders to:

WBS Penguins | Colby Gaugler | 40 Coal St | Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702
or call Colby Gaugler at (570) 970-3605 or e-mail cgaugler@wbspenguins.com

NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

OF TICKETS: _____ ZONE: _____ TOTAL \$ _____

CREDIT CARD: _____ EXP: _____ DELIVERY: WILL CALL (NO FEE) OR MAIL (\$1.00)

CHECK NUMBER: _____ (MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO WBS PENGUINS)

Come join us at the CCA Ice Level Lounge and enjoy a great night of hockey, food and drink!

\$5 of the \$50 ticket for the CCA Ice Level Lounge comes back to the Rotary District.

Or you can buy tickets in the stands and the Rotary District gets \$4 per ticket.

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District sponsored Global Grant #2128532

Economic Development: Nepal Mushroom Farming development

The District Sponsored Global Grant Application to fund an Economic Development Project with the Rotary Club of Maharajgunj in Kathmandu, Nepal. The Grant supports the development of new mushroom farms and the creation of a model farm for three types of mushrooms in three separate communities. When complete, there will be a model development and training plan to expand the reach of Mushroom farming in local communities in Nepal.

The proposal is almost ready to submit to The Rotary Foundation! The Host sponsors are working on their input and we are working here to edit and support.

One of the last items is funding the budget. The budget for the Grant is \$63,500....we have raised \$57,850 from 3 Districts; 1 Club in Chesterville, Canada; 2 Clubs in Nepal; 1 club in Queens; New York'; and 9 Clubs from District 7410 (Abingtons, Scranton, New Milford, Wyalusing, Tunkhannock, Pittston, Mountaintop, Wellsboro, and Jim Thorpe)!! If I missed any Club please let me know ASAP!

There is still a little time left to update the document, in fact we are looking for the final \$5650. To meet the budget. Any Club that wants to jump in can by writing a letter of commitment to the Foundation citing the Grant Number and forwarding it to me to upload to the Grant documents. Help in \$250. increments are very welcome and get a Club into supporting an International Project.

A Club that supports a Global Grant does earn Paul Harris Points for their donation. So, if you can and do support the Grant #2128532 with money, for every \$1,000, you will have points enough to name a Paul Harris Fellow.

We are all Clubs of Rotary International - so we do local and international projects... 80/20%. With the District as the sponsor, even a small club can add an international project to it's activities. Thus this grant and Polio eradication efforts and funding make us a well rounded District and group of Clubs.

Once we have all sections of the grant application complete to our satisfaction, the application will be submitted.... hopefully before February 1st. Then we respond to any review questions and satisfy the Grant officer. When the Grant Officer is satisfied, our Grant will move forward to the TRF Grant approval committee of the Board. With their approval, funds will be moved into accounts and the Grant will start to be implemented.

Join the other 9 Clubs in the District, fund the project and/ or contact me about joining in on future communication on this project. I will also present the project to your club if you would like a Club presentation.

Sincerely,
PDG Marcia Loughman, DRFC
replies to: madio@epix.net
570-780-2103

RYLA 2022 - the time to get involved is NOW!

RYLA Conference is planned for June 19th through 23rd but could be canceled due to lack of volunteers

- Do you have a passion for working with our area youth?
- Can you spare some time in the summer to engage with young leaders?
- Would you help the next generation develop leadership skills while having fun and making connections?

What is RYLA?

Held at Keystone College in LaPlume, PA, the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is a 5-day conference training program that brings together young adults to develop their character and enrich their leadership skills. Throughout the week, RYLA conferees learn about Rotary and how to embrace the 4-way test while working on group assignments, participating in service projects, and listening to motivational speakers. Numerous activities teach the participants how to respect other's opinions, work in teams, and develop their confidence and self-worth.

Rotary members of District 7410 have supported this important experience for northeastern and central Pennsylvania area youth. The RYLA program provides an opportunity for these teenagers to flourish and to unlock their leadership potential, all while having fun!

But, the RYLA program is in danger of being canceled.

Since 2011, Rotarians Karen DeMatteo and Amy Leiser have developed and continued this crucial outreach opportunity to Rotary District 7410. Due to the pandemic, both the 2020 and 2021 RYLA were canceled, and many student and staff members cannot return in 2022. In addition to the loss of student staff, Karen DeMatteo has put her house on the market and plans to relocate out of the area.

They can't do it without you! Rotary District 7410 is looking for new Rotarians to bring fresh ideas and continue the positive energy and growth opportunities RYLA provides to our youth.

If you would like additional information about RYLA 2022 or how you can get involved with this worthwhile and meaningful event, please contact Chairs Karen DeMatteo at karenandrotary@gmail.com or Amy Leiser at director@monroehistorical.org.

Benefit for 60 North Scranton Head Start Students

The members of the Rotary Club of the Abingtons and the members of the Rotary's Interact Club at the Abington Heights High School met to gather gifts donated by all the members for the 60 students of the North Scranton Head Start. Pictured are both groups.



Chris Calvey, Ned Connell, Howard Hyde, Gus Vlassis, Trip Crowley, Jamie Kresge, Interact members Kaitlin Wilbur, President; Caroline Pease, VP; Farina Khan, Secretary; Eleanor Saunders, PR Coordinator, Ms. Valentine, Bruce Valentine, Dale Collins, Noreen Thomas, Billy Angel, Virginia Johnson, Diane Calabro, Chris Selige, President; Leah Rudolph, Beth Caucci, Dave Griffin, Sandie LaManna, Joe LaCoe, Carol Walters, Head Start teacher; Warren Watkins, Jessica Davailud, Head Start teacher; Veronica Dende, Gail Cicerini, Janice Bevacqua, Kevin St. Martin, Roger Mattes and John Hambrose, Project Coordinator.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Ringling the bell are Chris Selige, President of the Rotary Club of the Abingtons and Billy Angel, Rotarian (as Santa).





Hazleton Rotary Club Continues it's Christmas Community Service Activities

Hazleton Rotarians (1) Alex Van Hoeklen and (2) Cal Herring and Pat Ward were among a number of he Rotarians manning the kettles at Walmart's on Saturday, December 18. The club has actively participated in this activity since 1956 and neither rain nor snow has stopped their participation!

Project Chair this year was Mike Cammisa.

Thanks go to all the Rotarians who took the time away from busy holiday activities to help the Greater Hazelton Salvation Army.



Hazleton Rotary gives with Shopping Spree's for Children

"Since 2012 Hazleton Rotary has undertaken a Holiday Shopping Spree which helps children in our area who might not have a Christmas/Holiday otherwise. I am very proud, as a Hazleton Rotarian, to be a part of this project! With the help of Boscov's Department Store, we have been able to help thirty children, per year, in our community." says project chairperson Kathie Oh.

"As in 2020, things were a little different this year." she continues, "Normally, Rotarians met the children at Boscov's and took them shopping. However, for the past few years, due to Covid, we thought it was best for the children to give us their "wish list" and Rotary members did the shopping "for them," instead of "with them".

Kathie explains, "I have to say, we did miss the children and their enthusiasm while shopping. It just made the Holiday Season so much brighter to see the look on their faces when they found the gift they were looking for or wanted to buy for their Mom or Dad or a sibling. For now, however, we felt it was best to tread lightly and continue the policy of shopping for them." A huge holiday cheer to the following Rotarians and their guests, who took the time on December 11th to fulfill the holiday wishes of so many area youngsters: David and Mary Ann Haupt, Jason Brenner, Kathie Oh, Michele Holzman and Eileen Wah, Lex Slood, Beth & Marylynne Spear, Michele Kushmeder and Sharon, and Marty & Marlene Gallagher.

Also, Kim from Boscov's Department Store and all their employees and Pat Ward from United Way of Greater Hazleton, as well as, Catholic Social Services, Commission on Economic Opportunity, United Charities and the Hazleton City Policer Blue Santa program.





Wreaths Across America Project

The Rotary Club of Mountain Top recently participated in the annual “Wreaths Across America”. Through this event, wreaths are placed at graves of Veterans. Our Club placed wreaths at the Albert Cemetery in Mountain Top.

Shown in photo are Rotary members who helped coordinate the event.



*Martine Columbo, (American Legion);
Sue Ellen Engelman (AdoptVets), and Rich Engelman.*



Annual Christmas Present Wrapping Project

The Rotary Club of Plymouth conducted their annual Christmas present wrapping project at Newberry Estates, Dallas. This event replaces the original Rotary Club of Plymouth Annual Kids @ Kristmas shopping spree held annually at Kmart in Edwardsville. Kids@Kristmas started in 1996 by PDG Paul "Budd" Omalia. PDG Budd was a mentor, friend and confidant to many Rotarians in our District. His agenda focused on kids and those less fortunate. PDG Budd passed in January of 2021. The Club continues to carry on the giving tradition in PDG Budd's memory.



Kneeling: Mary Jo Charney

Left to right Renee Bomboy, Debbie Seitz, Joan Lesnoski, Luzerne County Head Start Edwardsville, Carol O'Malia, Joanne Hite, Luzerne County Head Start Edwardsville, Jan Klecha, Shelly Karavis, Lorree Levulils, Janet Franchella, Suzanne Pickering, Sheree Hampton.

Rotary Club of Plymouth's Tip Off Classic

The girls from Dallas High School won the Rotary Club of Plymouth's 2021 Wyoming Valley West Mike Duda Tip Off Classic held On December 11 and 14 at Wyoming Valley West High School, Plymouth. Dallas beat the Lady Hornets of Honesdale in the Championship game. The host school, Wyoming Valley West, defeated West Scranton in the consolation game.



Rotarian JK Karavis, tournament committee member, the Dallas High School Girst Varsity and Junior Varsity girls team and Michael Duda Jr., son of Rotary Club of Plymouth Charter Member Michael Duda.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

The Rotary Club of Plymouth conducted their annual Salvation Army Bell ringing at Hometown Market, Plymouth. Pictured are Rotarian JK Karavis and son Sam filling the bucket. As you can see, bell ringing took it's toll on Sam!!!!



Annual Dinner for Dan Flood Towers Residents

The Rotary Club of Plymouth conducted their annual dinner for the residents of Dan Flood Towers, Plymouth. The residents were treated to turkey, ham, kielbasa, and all the trimmings including dessert. The food was prepared and donated by the Hogan family, who has been sponsor of the project for many years.



Christy Delaney, Cory Delaney and Keeley Delaney drop off dinners for a resident of Dan Flood Towers



Rotarians Thomas P Hogan, club President, Shelly Karavis, Club Secretary and Christy, Cory and Keeley Delaney pose for a quick picture before delivering dinners at Dan Flood Towers.



Tunkhannock Supplies Dictionaries to T ASD 3rd Graders

Since 2004, the Tunkhannock Rotary has purchased over 4,150 dictionaries for the 3rd graders in the Tunkhannock Area School District (TASD). Although due to the COVID-19 restrictions, Rotarians could not personally distribute the dictionaries to the students again this year, the Club delivered this year's dictionaries to the school for the teachers to distribute. In some cases, this is the first book that some of these children personally own for themselves. This is one of the community projects funded by the proceeds from the Rotary Harvest & Wine Festival.

Candy Cane Day Donations

At the Dec 9 Rotary Luncheon, Candy Cane Chair Michael Markovitz presented checks for \$2,525 each to Howard Heise, Administrator of Wyoming County Children and Youth, and Mary Foley, Executive Director of Interfaith Friends. The money will be used by these organizations to provide Christmas gifts and cheer to children in need and in foster care in Wyoming County. The record setting amount of \$5,050 was collected from area shoppers on Black Friday Nov 26 by 30 Rotarians, 10 members of the TAHS Interact Club and 4 family and friends, despite the rain, snow, sleet and hail that fell that day. Shoppers were offered candy canes as a thank you for their donations.

This fund-raising event has been undertaken by the Tunkhannock Rotary Club for more than 30 years and is known as Candy Cane Day or has been referred to affectionately as the "annual dodging of the cars" event.



Howard Heise (left) and Mary Foley receiving checks from Chair Mike Markovitz

Tunkhannock Rotarians Packaging Gloves and Hats

After the Dec 9 Luncheon, a group of Rotarians packaged donated hats and gloves into zip lock baggies with Rotary tags. The hats and gloves were being collected by the Club during Dec. and placed at the Seven Loaves Soup Kitchen and other places for people who need them to keep warm this winter.



Mike Markovitz, Terri Detrick, Glenn Holcombe, Ruth Gorski and Jim Welch

Rotarians and Students Make Valentines for the Troops

At a Dec Club Assembly, Rotarians prepared Valentines for the Troops, each with a special personal message from an attending Rotarian on the back. In addition, students at the Tunkhannock Intermediate Center made and added cards to this collection. Intermediate Center School Counselor, Caitlin Gaughan was instrumental in gaining the help of the art teachers, Allison Wilson and Linda Hulslander, and delivering the cards to President Mary Tempest. All the cards were sent en mass to Goodies for Our Troops in Wellsboro, PA for delivery to our troops around the world.



Counselor Caitlin Gaughan, Rotarian Ann Way and Pres Mary Tempest



Putt Out Polio Event

On Saturday October 23, 2021 West End Rotary held its second annual polio event, Putt Out Polio. It was held at the mini golf range at Syndersville Golf Range in Stroudsburg. This event was the brainchild of our Immediate Past President, Diane Gil last year. Diane wanted to start a new fundraiser that would be exciting for the club to launch. It was such a success that we ran it again, so it's officially an annual event. Our current President Eileen Davall chaired the project. A big thanks to Debbie Borger and Honi Gruenberg for putting the raffle baskets together and making everything look beautiful. We are proud to report that all club members helped to make this a fun and successful event that raised \$1,300 for Polio Plus. We hope to continue to grow this event year over year.

