

# JULY 2024



*Welcome!*

**DISTRICT GOVERNOR  
Bill Skinner**

Hello fellow Rotarians of District 7410. It is a privilege and with great humility that I take over the duties of District Governor for this upcoming Rotary Year. I have a tough act to follow in Samantha (Sam) Maruzzelli who led us through a great year for our District. Her leadership was invaluable through an everchanging environment. I know she is happy to have now joined the ranks of those with the anachronym PDG even though she has taken on a Zone position and continues to contribute to the success of our District and Rotary. She will always be a mentor to me and a valuable member of the Team, as are all our PDGs. Thank you, Sam for all you did this past year me, the District and Rotary and will continue to do so in the future.

It is with great excitement that we start a new Rotary Year. Since I have been in the DG line there have been many changes, more changes in the past 5 years than there were in the previous one hundred years. Just think we have our second female RI President in the last 3 years, the Clubs have more autonomy than they have ever had, with the hope of making the Clubs and Rotary “simply irresistible” as Stephanie Urchick says. We need to make our Clubs attractive to perspective members with our projects, both locally and internationally, our fundraisers, and all the good we do for our communities and the world. Those are what makes “The Magic of Rotary.” There is nothing we as Rotarians cannot accomplish if we put our minds and collective effort behind it. It is time to embrace change and look for new ideas, new projects, and new opportunities to serve our communities and the world.

We need to think differently than in the past to get members with a penchant for service and a passion for one of our 7 Areas of Focus to join us. We must look at developing new and different types of Clubs other than our traditional club footprint. Not saying those are bad, but we need to look at what types of organizations people want to join and their why for service. As we go through the year, we will be letting you know of new Club ideas as they are rolled out which will make what we do in the world even greater.

The Rotary Action Plan (<https://my.rotary.org/en/who-we-are/about-rotary/action-plan>) will help us get there. "TOGETHER WE SEE A WORLD, WHERE PEOPLE UNITE AND TAKE ACTION TO CREATE LASTING CHANGE ACROSS THE GLOBE, IN OUR COMMUNITIES, AND IN OURSELVES.

It is made up of 4 Priorities:

**Increase Our Impact:** Rotary has an enduring legacy of positive change. The best way to build on this success is to ensure that the service and programs we provide are measurable and based on evidence that demonstrates solutions to real-world problems.

**Expand Our Reach:** To build a strong Rotary for the future, we need to attract participants and partners who reflect the communities we serve. This includes new partnerships and collaborations with organizations with a history of getting things done in their community and around the world.

**Enhance Participant Engagement:** Responding to needs of the people we serve is great, but in Rotary, we also need to show comfort and care to one another. An important part of that commitment is ensuring that all our members and other participants are fully engaged throughout their Rotary experience.

**Increase Our Ability to Adapt:** Rotary excels at finding new ways to lead the world to lasting change. And Rotarians have proven that they know how to help organizations of every kind move forward. This priority builds on those strengths. We need to look at how we can adapt more quickly to a changing world, how new perspectives can strengthen Rotary, and what new ideas could create lasting change.

Click on the link to learn more about the Action Plan. There are many tools to use to create tactics and strategies in each priority that will help you make Clubs more vibrant and "simple irresistible. We will be working with you on using the Action Plan to continue to grow and become better People of Action.

Some of the keys I would like to see us work on this year are:

More collaboration; meaning more Clubs working together on joint projects and grants. Also looking for other organizations and entities in our communities to partner and work with to increase effectiveness.

Looking to start new Clubs such as other areas in the District geography,, or start satellite Clubs within Clubs made up of specific members, such as a group passionate about one of our Areas of Focus, or a young professionals Club for example. NO idea to increase membership is off the table if it makes sense.

Continue to improve our Youth Programs; RYLA, Youth Exchange, Interact, and Rotaract. These programs took a hit with Covid. We had a good RYLA Class this year, but we need to continue to grow these programs. Young people are the future of Rotary.

Greater communication between the District Leadership Team, AGs, and our Clubs. Remember communication is a 2-way street.

Greater Promotion of our projects, events, and fundraisers. Let us do more marketing and bragging about what we do. It will Increase Our Impact and Expand Our Reach. We should not be the best kept secret, who knows it may even attract some members.

The Leadership Team continues to meet weekly to ensure continuity of successful programs without interruption year on year and not have them stop just because the year has ended. We continue to test and measure what works, what has not worked, and what needs adjusting to work better rather than just stopping them. We need your feedback on your successful projects and events so we can disseminate information to everyone so we can do more.

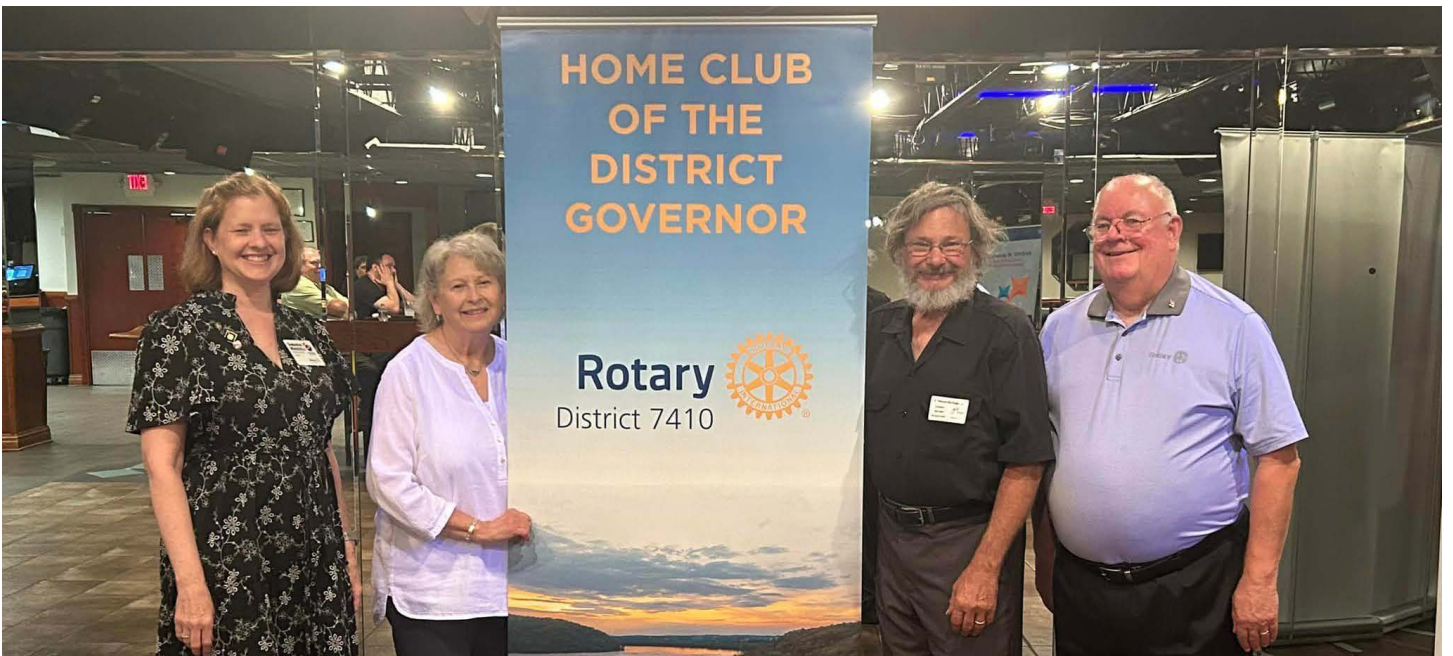
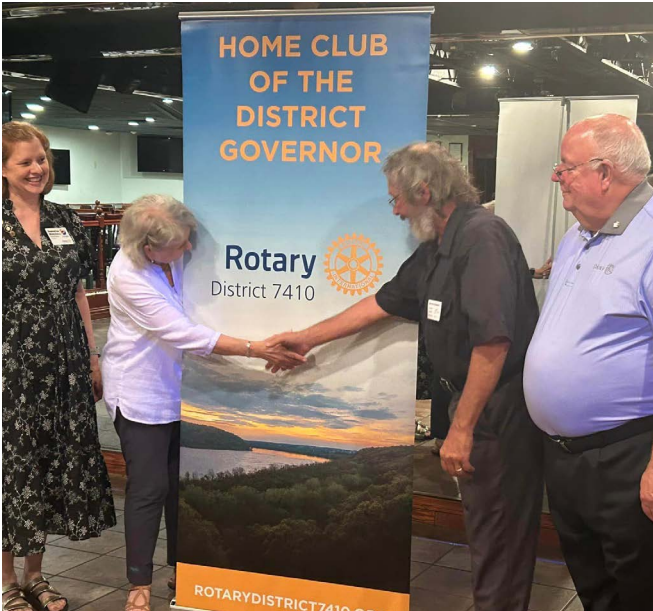
I would be remiss if I did not mention that July is Maternal and Child Health month in Rotary. Go to the website to learn what Rotary is doing in this area of focus. Learn more about the Rotary Action Group (RAG) for Maternal and Child Health. Think about joining a RAG that you are enthusiastic about.

I think I may have written too much, but I am excited about our upcoming year. One last thought as I close, we as a Leadership Team are here to serve you and help your Clubs be "Simply Irresistible."

I am honored to be your DG for this year and look to support you as best as I can and hope you will support us! Shout out to Slate Belt Rotary, my home Club, for their support and proud to be a member of their Team.

Yours in Rotary Service  
Bill Skinner DG

# Banner Exchange





*2024 Assistant Governors*

*2024 DG Line*



# Upcoming Events

## Calendar

July 2024

| Sun   | Mon | Tue | Wed  | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|-----|-----|--|-----|-----|-----|
| 30<br>Gazebo Spruce Up - Carlton Drake Memorial Park (Newfoundland)<br>District Banner Exchange | 1   | 2   | 3  | 4   | 5   | 6   |
| 7<br>Crestwood Farmer's Market (Mountaintop)  | 8   | 9   | 10<br>July 10th Bingo At South Elementary (Newfoundland) | 11  | 12  | 13  |
| 14<br>Crestwood Farmer's Market (Mountaintop)   | 15  | 16  | 17   | 18  | 19  | 20  |
| 21<br>Crestwood Farmer's Market (Mountaintop)   | 22  | 23  | 24   | 25  | 26  | 27  |
| 28<br>Crestwood Farmer's Market (Mountaintop)   | 29  | 30  | 31   | 1   | 2   | 3   |
| 4   | 5   | 6   | 7  | 8   | 9   | 10  |

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

### Mountain Top - Crestwood Farmer's Market

# 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!

# Water for Ukraine

## PURE WATER FOR UKRAINE

On July 8th, 2024, the District's International Service Committee received confirmation from the Milano North, Italy Rotary that the eight water filtration systems built under Global Grant GG2345372 have departed Milano Italy for Lublin Poland. From there, they will be forwarded to Ukraine for distribution into Zaporizhzhia Oblast, Ukraine. These units will go a long way to helping Ukraine stabilize its clean water infrastructure that was affected by the war in Ukraine.

Per the lead Rotary Club in Milano-

“The USA contribution to the project has been very significant! Thanks again...

Now, let's keep our fingers crossed until the delivery will be completed!”





April 22nd 2024. Well working test of one of the seven plants assembled for the project. Each plant is the miniaturization of a much larger one: it allows a thorough desalting (100 fold decrease of the starting salt content) and bacteriostatic action.

The outcoming water is safely drinkable. Each plant is equipped with a small generator that makes the assembly easy to transport.

*Alberto Schiraldi*

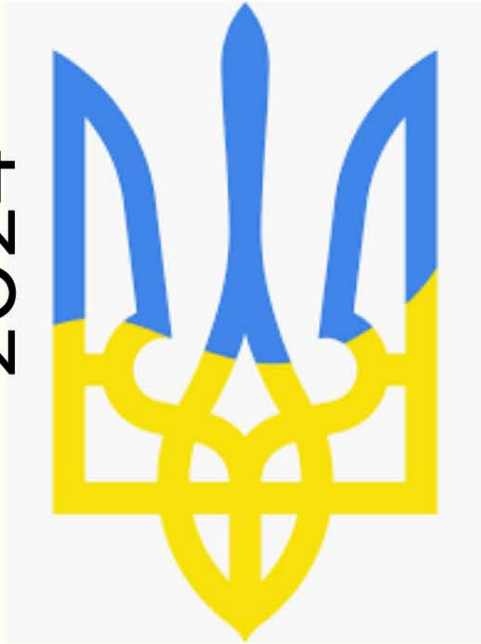
PDG Alberto Schiraldi  
Presidente AQUAPLUS ETS





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](http://www.centralparkflowers.com)



# PolioPlus Society and the New Rotary Year

Welcome to the new Rotary Year, "The Magic of Rotary. If you are a member of the PolioPlus Society in Rotary District 7410, go ahead and renew your membership with the renewal form below. If you want to join the PolioPlus Society, you can use the same form below. Just follow its instructions and join the fifty other members of the PolioPlus Society in Rotary District 7410. Pass on the Magic of Rotary to children around the world as we get closer to the day that the wild polio virus is no more.



David Palmer, Coordinator  
PolioPlus Society, Rotary District 7410

# 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](http://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](mailto:davesolopalmer@gmail.com) or Dave Palmer, 443 Mateer Road, Hop Bottom, PA 18824. Contact Dave for questions at 570-498-6637.

Until the last child is immunized, and the world is certified polio-free, every child is at risk.

Name:

Signature:

Date:

Club Name:

Phone Number:

E-Mail:

Your PolioPlus Society pin will be presented to you at your club meeting or other appropriate meeting you might desire, to insure you are recognized for your commitment to eradicating polio from this earth.

# 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.



RYLA Proud!

This year marks the 12th anniversary District 7410 hosted RYLA at Keystone College in LaPlume, PA.

Sixty-seven teenagers from NEPA gathered to participate in active learning to better themselves and their communities.

The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) was held June 23rd through the 27th and was led by the RYLA Committee: David Palmer of the New Milford Rotary Club, Mary Tempest of Tunkhannock Rotary Club, Amy Leiser of the Rotary Club of the Stroudsburgs, and PDG Mary Ellen Bentler of the Hamlin Lake Ariel Club. Together, these four Rotarians oversaw nineteen staff members as well as the RYLA conferees. Karen DeMatteo of the E-Club of International Innovators and Maureen Beilman of the Honesdale Rotary Club teamed up to serve as this year's RYLA Registrars.

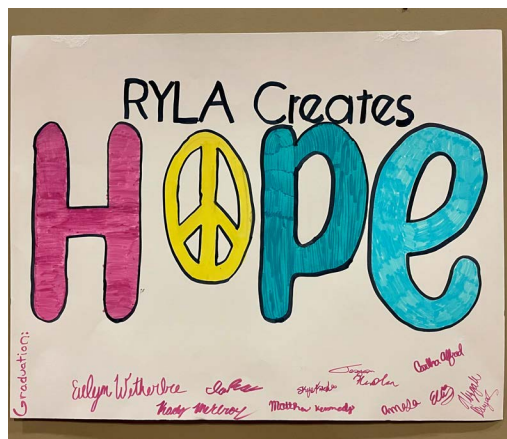
The 5-day conference featured days packed with activities. From breakfast at 7:45 a.m. each morning to lights out at 11:00 p.m., the conferees and staff stayed busy. Each day, RYLA conferees learned about Rotary and how to embrace the 4-way test.

The staff ran ice-breakers to help get the conferees out of their comfort zones. Numerous activities taught the participants how to respect others' opinions, work in teams, and develop self-confidence. Even the talent show was a milestone for some who had never performed in front of a crowd! Interestingly, all the activities were fun, and the participants might not have realized then that they were learning leadership skills until after the conference, and they took time to reflect on their RYLA experience.

Never in the same group of people, the conferees were strategically divided up with each activity to ensure everyone met someone new each day. Friendships were formed, lessons were learned, and pride in oneself was developed.

As always, thank you to all of the members of District 7410 for supporting this important experience for northeastern Pennsylvania area youth. Special thank you to District Governor Samantha Maruzzelli for endorsing the program. Our Rotarian's dedication to promoting positive attitudes and providing opportunities for these teenagers to flourish and unlock their leadership potential is commendable.

Did your club send a student(s) to this year's RYLA? Have you invited them to speak at your club yet? If not, please reach out and welcome them to your meeting. These enthusiastic young leaders would love to share their RYLA experiences with you!



# Public Image

**Don't forget!**

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

-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 Internationals 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

Rotary   
Club of The Abingtons

## Abington Rotary Installs Benches

The Rotary Club of the Abingtons recently acquired and is gifting 10 benches that will be installed throughout the community. Erin Maloney, granddaughter of Rotarian Char Short, is enjoying this bench at the Abington Little League.







## Dallas Rotary welcomes new Library Director

At a recent meeting of the Rotary Club of Dallas, one of their special guests was Liz Caputo, the new Back Mountain Memorial Library Director. She was invited to come to their meeting to introduce herself and to receive Dallas Rotary's check for \$500 as a donation to the library. She was energetic and excited about her new position. She stated that one of her main goals is to bring the community and the library closer together. Pictured from left: Dallas Rotary President Fred Hunt, Library Director Liz Caputo, Rotarian Maureen Doerfler.





## Hazleton Rotary Club Installs 104th President

Alan Whitaker will be installed as the 104th President of Hazleton Rotary at the annual President's Party to be held on June 26, 2023, 6:00pm, Valley Country Club. This will be a cocktail reception in celebration of Mr. Whitaker's swearing in as President along with the induction of board members and officers.

Alan has been a member of Hazleton Rotary for 32 years and was sponsored for membership by Bill Spear. This is the first time a Rotarian will be serving a second term as President as Alan was president for 2019-2020. Alan currently serves as a member of the board of directors. He was chairperson of the annual Salvation Army bell ringing project, past chair of the spaghetti dinner, served on the Rotary Foundation development committee, annual Wine and Beer Festival Committee and is active in many other Rotary projects. His goals for the upcoming year are to continue the growth of the club's membership and have a positive impact on the community by expanding our current projects.

Alan is a Senior Financial Advisor and his office is located in the Markle Building in downtown Hazleton. He graduated from MMI Preparatory School, Freeland and Penn State University and resides in Sugarloaf with his wife Lisa and sons, Alec and Jace.

He is honored to be continuing a family legacy by accepting the position of President of Hazleton Rotary. His grandfather, Arthur J. Whitaker Sr. served as club president in 1950-51 and his father, Arthur J. Whitaker Jr., served as president in 1985-86.

Whitaker will officially take over the reins of the club on July 1.

In addition to Alan, the following Rotarians will be sworn into office: President Elect-Joan Buffington, Vice-President-Paul Oswald, Secretary-Lani Drobnock, Treasurer -Pat Owens, Jr., Sergeant-at-Arms-Pat Ward, and 1st Immediate Past President-Michele Kushmeder.

Members of the Board will be Nina Bonus, Joe Cammisa, Anne Frey, Rossanna Gabriel, Katherine Silfa, Neal DeAngelo, III, Mark Ondishin and Stephen Seach.

Save the date, Saturday, August 24, 2024, for the annual Hazleton Rotary Wine & Beer Festival, 12:00PM-6:00PM, Louis Schiavo City View Park, 600 South Poplar Street, Hazleton. Check out the Rotary Club website, [www.hazletonrotary.org](http://www.hazletonrotary.org), and the Rotary Club of Hazleton Facebook page for updated information on Hazleton Rotary activities, as well as the local newspapers.





## Honesdale Rotary Welcomes New Leadership, Honors Local Woman

“With every project we take on, we learn and we rally together!” said Dana Scott, who was installed June 26th as Honesdale Rotary’s president for her second term. Scott, who was pivotal in the launch of the club’s first ever Beer & Wine Fest at the Wayne County Fairgrounds in 2023, added she “loves helping to shape our journey as Rotarians.”

The induction ceremony, held at Tick Tock’s Restaurant in Honesdale, was performed by Past District Governor Mary Ellen Bentler and also included the installation of Vice President Kathi McKenna, Treasurer Maureen Beilman, Sergeant-at-Arms Michelle Gilder and Secretary Lynne Goodwin.

The club bestowed two Paul Harris Fellow Awards during the event, one to longtime member Diane Kean and the other to local mover-and-shaker Kim Erickson, who was instrumental in the recent installation of a monument to women veterans on Court Street in Honesdale. Erickson acknowledged that the monument was “the first of its kind in Pennsylvania and only the second in the entire U.S.” Erickson was also the main force behind the banners honoring veterans and hanging over many streets in Honesdale, as well as the Walk of Honor next to the Wayne County courthouse listing veterans’ names and where they are buried.

The Paul Harris award, named after the founder of Rotary, recognizes individuals who contribute or, in the case of Honesdale Rotary, have contributions made in their name of \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation.

Two new members, Katie Waldrep and Brandon Garnett, were also welcomed to the club at the meeting. Garnett has also stepped up to be a member of the Rotary’s Board-of-Directors-At-Large, along with Bob Schwartz, Georgia Solotoff and James Hamill.

Honesdale Rotary is part of Rotary International, which counts more than one million members worldwide. New members are welcome to join the service club, whose many projects include maintaining the Fred Miller Pavilion in Honesdale, roadside cleanups, fundraisers for the Victims Intervention Program and the Wayne County Food Pantry and awarding scholarships to local high school students. Globally, the club has participated in the campaign to wipe out polio and provided “emergency shelter boxes” to families displaced by disaster or conflict.

Scott, who was gifted with a Rotary chair and signature glass, was excited about the club’s second Beer & Wine Fest, slated for October 13th, and her new term -- “I can’t wait for new fundraising ideas!”

Group photo, left to right: Sergeant-at-Arms Michelle Gilder, Treasurer Maureen Beilman, Secretary Lynne Goodwin, President Dana Scott, Vice President Kathi McKenna.

Photo, l. to r.: Past Co-President Sherry Grandinetti, Dana Scott, Kim Erickson.





## Rotary Hoop Shoot

Milford-Matamoras Rotary Club held their annual Milford-Matamoras Rotary Hoop Shoot in March to help raise funds to support the Delaware Valley High School Senior Scholarship Program. On May 29th Jack Fisher, Milford-Matamoras Rotary Club member and Delaware School Board Member presented Hallie Balogh with a \$2,500.00 scholarship to help support her continuing education. We thanked Hallie for an outstanding essay submission and wished her the best in the future years to come. Milford-Matamoras Rotary Club meets every Wednesday at 12:15PM at the Dimmick Inn. Anyone interested in becoming a member contact, Shaun Burger at 570-517-6654 or come visit us at a meeting.



## 10th Annual Ridley Memorial Rotary 5K Run/Walk

Saturday May 18th the Milford-Matamoras Rotary Club hosted their 10th Annual Ridley Memorial Rotary 5K Run and walk event at the DV High School. Proceeds raised from this event will be given in support of programs and services for children with special needs in the Pike County Area. On Wednesday, June 5th the Milford-Matamoras Rotary Club presented the GAIT Equine Assisted Services and the Center for Developmental Disabilities (CDD) each with a donation check in the amount of \$2,000.00.

Thanks to all participants in the Ridley Run and to GAIT & CDD for all you do! Pictured left to right Eva Warner, New Executive Director of GAIT, Martha Dubensky founder of GAIT, Shaun Burger, Rotary President, JoAnn Donnely, Executive Director of CDD, Denise Fretta, CDD. Milford-Matamoras Rotary Club meets every Wednesday at 12:15PM at the Dimmick Inn.

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## Milford Music Fest

On Saturday June 15th, the Milford-Matamoras Rotary Club offered free ice cold water, soda and Kids drir to the crowds gathered for the Milford Music Fest. The weather was gorgeous and the Milford Music Fest a huge success and a lot of fun. See you there next year! Pictured left to right Rotary members Dean Quir Allan Schatz, Grace the pet, Ed Loeschorn, Karen Loeschorn and Shaun Burger. Milford- Matamoras Rotary meets every Wednesday at 12:15PM at the Dimmick Inn in Milford. Anyone interested in becoming a mer contact Shaun at 570-517-6654 or come visit us at a meeting.



## New Members

On Wednesday June 19th the Milford-Matamoras Rotary Club inducted 3 new members to its club. Left Eileen Smith, President of Grey Towers Heritage, Ellie Napolitano, Board member of the Grey Towers Heritage, Shaun Burger, President and Eva Warner, Executive Director of GAIT. All three of these new members with all of their experience and knowledge will be a great asset to our club.

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## Kickball Tournament

The Blue Ridge Schools Interact Club, sponsored by the New Milford Area Rotary, recently conducted its first Kickball Tournament during the annual end of school year Field Days at Blue Ridge Middle School on May 30, 2024. The Kickball Tournament helped raise funds for the purchase of a popcorn machine, which will be used by the Interact Club as a fundraising tool, to support humanitarian efforts locally and globally, including PolioPlus efforts.

The Blue Ridge Schools Interact Club is composed of approximately twenty-five 5th and 6th Grade students, led by Mr. Paul Oliver. Interact members were thankful for sponsorship of the annual kickball tournament, including New Milford Hardware, Tall Pines Wood Stoves and Fireplaces, Honesdale National Bank's Hallstead Branch, The New Milford Area Rotary Club, and Staying in Motion Physical Therapy.

Sponsors had teams named after their organization. Runners up in the tournament were the New Milford Rotary Rangers and the Honesdale National Bank Hornets. The Tall Pines Tigers defeated the New Milford Hardware Hammers in the championship round. The New Milford Area Rotary currently consists of thirty-nine members actively serving the community and world and welcomes new membership. Contact information can be found at [www.facebook.com/newmilfordrotary](http://www.facebook.com/newmilfordrotary). Or one can contact David Palmer, Membership Chair at [davesolopalmer@gmail.com](mailto:davesolopalmer@gmail.com).



# JOIN US ON THE VILLAGE GREEN IN SCENIC MONTROSE, PA

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2ND  
AND SATURDAY,  
AUGUST 3RD  
9 AM TO 4 PM



Funded in part by the Susquehanna County Room Tax Fund through the Susquehanna County Promotion and Tourism Agency.

## Directions

From Interstate 81 - Get off at Exit 223 (10 miles south of the NY border, 38 miles north of Scranton). Follow signs to Rt. 11. Turn left on 11 and follow signs to Rt. 706 West. Take 706 for 10 miles to Montrose. Turn left at the first traffic light and right at the second light. The Green is next to the Courthouse.

From Route 29 South- PA Route 29 intersects with 706/29/167 in the center of Montrose at the traffic light. The Green is one block north of the intersection.

From Route 29 North - Go straight through the first traffic light and right at the second light. The Green is next to the Courthouse.

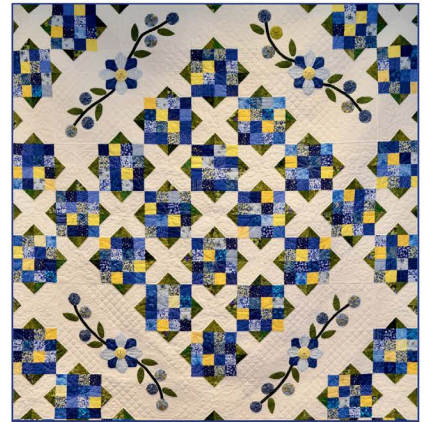
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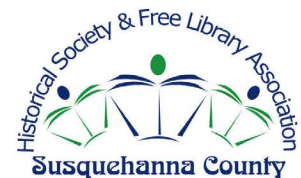
*The historic town of Montrose, tucked into the hills of the Endless Mountains, has the immaculate appearance of a New England village, complete with grassy village green, magnificent sugar maples, and an awe-inspiring courthouse overlooking the quaint downtown shopping district.*

The Blueberry Festival is held each year on the first Friday and Saturday in August. For more information call 570-278-1881 or visit [www.montroseblueberryfestival.org](http://www.montroseblueberryfestival.org)

# 43rd Annual Montrose Blueberry Festival



Sponsored by  
**The Library Friends**  
to benefit:







## Bench Project

The Rotary Club of Plymouth recently purchased a bench for Shawnee Cemetery as part of the “Bench Project”. The “Bench Project” inspires and nurtures the human spirit enabling connection through a shared experience. Each bench that is placed has inspiring views, peaceful surroundings and thought-provoking silence. The Club felt this location would be perfect for reflection and to allow us to find connection and returning to something simple.

Pictured first row: Beth Romanowski, founder of the Bench Project, Rotarians Mary Jo Charney, Nicolina D’Agosto, Dave Yefko, project chairman, Shelly Karavis, Club President, Joseph Slusser, Plymouth Historical Society, and Frank Coughlin, Mayor of Plymouth

Second Row: Thomas P Hogan ESQ, Eric Cheatley, and JK Karavis



## Nite at the Races

The Rotary Club of Plymouth recently conducted their annual Nite at the Races. Over 500 horses were sold and nearly 200 people attended this event.





## Junior Achievement

The Rotary Club recently welcomed Susan Magnotta, executive director of Junior Achievement, to a meeting. Susan spoke of Junior Achievement's mission and goals. Pictured from left are

Rotarians Nicolina D'Agosto, Lorree Levulis, Janet Franchella, Deb Klopotoski, Rotary Club President Shelly Karavis, Eric Cheatley, Sue Magnotta, JK Karavis and Debra Popovich.



## ROTARY CLUB OF PLYMOUTH RECOGNIZES TOMMY'S PIZZA FOR YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Rotary Club of Plymouth recently conducted a meeting at Tommy's Pizza Corner. Tommy's Pizza has been a long time supporter of Rotary Club projects and events. Pictured from left are Thomas Hannigan of Tommy's Pizza and Rotary Club of Plymouth President Shelly Karavis



End of the Summer Soiree  
Hosted by The Rotary Club of Plymouth and  
President Shelly Karavis

Grotto Pizza, Harvey's Lake

August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Boat Rides at 4:00PM(meet at Grotto to board the boat)

Return to Grotto by 6:00PM

Dinner at 7:00PM

Order off the menu. One check for each club in attendance.

RSVP to JK Karavis at 570-574-4246 or [john.karavis@waynebank.com](mailto:john.karavis@waynebank.com) for boat rides and for dinner as well.



## Welcome to Tunkhannock's Newest Member

At the Jun 13 Tunkhannock Rotary Luncheon at Shadowbrook, Membership Chair Mary Tempest inducted newest member Rick Huffsmith into Rotary. Rick was sponsored and pinned by Sandy Lane.



L to R: Mary Tempest, Rick Huffsmith and Sandy Lane

## Rotary Makes Donations to Community Organizations

During June, Tunkhannock Rotary made donations to 2 community organizations: the Triton Hose Company and the Tunkhannock Community Ambulance Association, Inc.



Left Photo: Club Treasurer Laura Charles presented a check for \$1,000 to the Triton Hose Co. that was accepted by Fire Chief Eric Kukuchka, who was accompanied by his daughter Mary.

Right Photo: President Elaine Walker presented Chief Michael Markovitz with a check for \$1,000 to help support the services of the Tunkhannock Community Ambulance Association.

## Pres. Elaine Walker Presents Paul Harris Awards

At the recent Tunkhannock Rotary Officer Awards and Installation Dinner held at the Tunkhannock Public Library, several attendees were presented with Paul Harris Awards.

Dr. Chris Andres from the Guthrie Clinic in Tunkhannock was awarded a Paul Harris by President Elect Ann Way in recognition of his service to the community during the pandemic.

Rotarian Jodi Crimmel was awarded a Paul Harris for her volunteerism in Haiti and in supporting Days for Girls an organization that “advances menstrual equity, health, dignity and opportunity for all.”

Rotarian Michael Markovitz was presented with his Paul Harris +8 pin for his financial contributions to the Rotary Foundation.



## Year End Awards for 2023-2024

At a recent Dinner and year-end club meeting, President Elaine Walker presented awards to several Tunkhannock Rotarians.

- The Distinguished Service Award went to Glenn Holcombe.
- Service Above Self Awards went to Carol Ziomek and Joe Peters.
- The 2023-2024 Rotarian of the Year was District 7410 Governor Samantha Maruzzelli.

Congratulations to all these very worthy Tunkhannock Rotarians for their outstanding contributions to Rotary.



Glenn Holcombe (left), Pres. Elaine Walker with Carol Ziomek, Joe Peters (center) and Samantha Maruzzelli.

## Installation of New Presidents and Officers

At the recent Year End Awards and Officer Installation Dinner at the Tunkhannock Public Library, District Governor Samantha Maruzzelli installed 2 Club Presidents.



Left Photo: Michele Naugle was installed as the Wyalusing Club President.

Right Photo: Ann Way was installed as the President of the Tunkhannock Rotary.

This is Ann's 2nd term as President, so she brings a great deal of experience to this position.

DG Samantha then installed all the new Officers and Directors from both clubs who were in attendance at the Dinner.

Congratulations to the new 2024-25 Wyalusing and Tunkhannock Presidents, Officers and Directors, as well as all the other new Officers in District 7410, especially District Governor Bill Skinner.



## 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.

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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.



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.)