

JULY 2025



Greetings from our 2025-2026

DISTRICT GOVERNOR
Tim Genetti



As I begin on my journey as the Rotary District Governor, I am thrilled to introduce myself to all of you. My name is Tim Genetti, and I am from the Hazleton Rotary Club. I joined in 1999 and served as President in 2014-15. I am honored to take on this important role within our Rotary community. This year, I want to focus on a fundamental yet often overlooked aspect of our clubs: **the importance of having fun.**

Rotary is an organization rich in tradition, service, and commitment to community. However, it is easy to become so engrossed in our projects and initiatives that we forget to enjoy the friendship and joy that brought us together in the first place. Fun is not just a luxury; it is an essential ingredient for sustaining our clubs and engaging our members and attracting new members.

I believe in "The Power of Positivity": Fun fosters a positive atmosphere within our clubs. When we incorporate humor, games, and enjoyable activities into our meetings and events, we create an environment where members feel welcomed and valued. This positivity can be contagious,

encouraging more members to participate actively and bring in new friends and family.

In this time, where many organizations struggle to attract and retain members, emphasizing fun can set us apart. Prospective members are often drawn to clubs that offer not just meaningful service opportunities but also enjoyable experiences. By showcasing the lighter side of Rotary, we can inspire others to join our ranks and contribute to our mission.

Rotary has always been about passion for service but sustaining that passion can be challenging. Fun serves as a reminder of why we joined Rotary in the first place. It reignites our enthusiasm and keeps us motivated to serve our communities with renewed vigor.

As I step into this role, I encourage each club to embrace **the spirit of fun.** Let's plan events that not only serve our communities but also allow us to celebrate each other and our shared mission. Whether it's through social nights, themed fundraisers, or simply injecting humor into our meetings, let's create a culture where fun is a priority.

Together, we can build a Rotary community that is not only effective in service but also vibrant and enjoyable. I am excited to work alongside each of you this year, and I look forward to hearing your ideas on how we can make our clubs more fun and engaging.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve each club as your District Governor. Let's make this year one filled with laughter, connection, and impactful service!

Spotlight on:



Hazleton Rotarian Elected District 7410 Governor

Tim Genetti was welcomed as the Rotary 7410 District Governor with a Banner Exchange held on Sunday, June 29, 2025 at the Valley Country Club, Sugarloaf.

Tim was inducted as DG for the upcoming 2025-2026 year. Area Assistant Governors, Pat Ward and Brian Vnuk, as well as, soon-to-be DGES Andy Lane Chapman and DGN Rob Oldroyd were sworn in for their respective roles.

Mr. Genetti is the second Hazleton Rotarian to earn this honor following Dr. Victor Greco in 1980-1981.

“Serving as Governor for an entire Rotary district is an incredible honor. Individuals that serve in this capacity are recognized leaders, nominated by their clubs to fill this important role. As Governor, you are the official representative of Rotary International in your region. As Governor, your mission is to lead clubs, inspire Rotary members, and engage the general public in the important role fulfilled by Rotary in our community. District Governors serve for one full Rotary year, from July 1 to June 30, and are very actively engaged in District decision-making leading up to their year as Governor.”

“Rotary District 7410 proudly represents over 1,100 Rotarians across 41 active clubs spanning 10 counties in Northeastern Pennsylvania.” Rotary District 7410.”

There was also a special surprise for Tim with Gordon Bigelow inducting him into the Ballard Society, which was started by Hazleton Rotarians Jim and Nancy Ballard for clean water projects.

The following took special roles in the induction: Alan Whitaker-Hazleton Rotary Past President, Pat Ward-AG, Past District Governor Mary Ellen Bentler and 2024-2025 District Governor Bill E Skinner and Hazleton Rotary President Joan Buffington.

The Hazleton Rotary Club extends its best wishes and support to its fellow Rotarian, Tim Genetti in his upcoming year as District Governor. We appreciate all your hard work and efforts for your “home” club and know you will work just as hard for the entire 7410 Rotary District as you did for us. Congratulations on an honor so very well deserved.



Incoming District Governor Tim Genetti is sworn into office by Outgoing District Governor Bill Skinner and Past District Governor Mary Ellen Bentler

District Governor 7410 Receives Ballard Society Award

Tim Genetti, was recently presented The Ballard Award-Hazleton Rotary at his induction as Rotary District 7410 Governor.

The Ballard Society was started in 2010 and named after the late Jim Ballard. Past President Jim and his wife Nancy were long time supporters of Hazleton Rotary. In 2010, the Ballard Angels, Jim and Nancy, made a \$25,000 contribution to the Hazleton Rotary Foundation to provide monetary funds for Rotary International water projects. Since then, The Hazleton Rotary Club, through the financial support of the Ballard Society, has helped build eight water projects throughout the world.

As a way of showing our club's appreciation, the Hazleton Rotary Foundation started the Ballard Society. To become a member one can either make a bequest or contribution, of a specified amount, during a fiscal year to the foundation.

Contributions to the Hazleton Rotary Foundation Ballard Society for the benefit of the Foundation's support of The Rotary Foundation's international water projects, has also been a means to honor and recognize Individuals for their dedicated service and contribution to Hazleton Rotary, the Hazleton Rotary Foundation and our community. After the formation of the Ballard Society, Rotarians Terry Jones, Paul Brenner and Gordon Bigelow were the inaugural inductees into the Society.

Subsequent inductees were Bill Genetti, Gene Acri, Pat Korb, Pat Ward, Ron Avellino, Gene Dougherty and Tim Genetti.

The funds for this newest award presentation were donated by Gordon and presented to Tim as a surprise addition to his Banner Exchange activities.



Past Presidents-Hazleton Rotary Gordon Bigelow (L) and Alan Whitaker (R), review the history of The Ballard Society Award with Rotary District 7410 Governor Tim Genetti(M).

Rotary District 7410 Polio Plus Application



As a Rotarian and supporter of Polio Eradication, Rotary's #1 international priority, I wish to participate in this child focused humanitarian effort as a member of the PolioPlus Society of Rotary District 7410.

I hereby commit to making an annual donation to the PolioPlus program of the Rotary Foundation as follows: (select one)

- ☐ \$100 per year to PolioPlus (this is the minimum amount to become a PolioPlus Society member)
- ☐ A contribution of \$_____ per year to PolioPlus (more than \$100)
- ☐ A contribution of \$_____ only this year; unfortunately, I cannot do this every year

Society members will receive a PolioPlus Society membership pin and Paul Harris credit. Make your donation online at www.rotary.org/donate and select the Polio Fund, or through your Rotary Club and the Rotary International donor form. If made on-line, one can establish a recurring donation.

E-mail or mail the donation acknowledgement you receive from Rotary International and this form to me the District PolioPlus Society Coordinator at davesolopalmer@gmail.com or Dave Palmer, 443 Mateer Road, Hop Bottom, PA 18824. Contact Dave for questions at 570-498-6637.

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

Name:

Signature:

Date:

Club Name:

Phone Number:

E-Mail:

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

Submit to the Newsletter!

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

Instructions to submit your articles and photos to the newsletter:

Please send submissions to the email box:

RotaryDistrict7410Newsletter@gmail.com

Please remember to keep your content:

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

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

REGIONAL SERVICE AWARD TO JOSEPH RICCARDO FOR A POLIO-FREE WORLD

At a recent meeting of the Scranton Rotary Club, Joseph Riccardo was presented with a Rotary Foundation Service Award for having made outstanding contributions to polio eradication efforts during the Rotary 2023-2024 fiscal year. The award is for non financial contributions by where service was completed within a World Health Organization region, in this case North America. Presenting this international award on behalf of Mark Daniel Maloney Chair The Rotary Foundation, and the Trustees of the Rotary Foundation was William "Bill" Skinner, Rotary District 7410 Governor.

The award recognizes Joseph for his efforts in successfully facilitating a young leader's public health summit on World Polio Day in October 2023. This annual summit partnered with the Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine and other public/private healthcare organizations throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania. In addition approximately 150 high school students from numerous area schools attended the event.

Rotary District 7410 currently consists of approximately 1,100 members in 42 clubs across ten counties in Northeastern and the Northern Tier of Pennsylvania, actively serving its communities and the world.

Contact information can be found at <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/50202/> or <https://www.facebook.com/RotaryDistrict7410/>





RI Convention

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Banner Exchange

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RYLA Proud!

Another successful RYLA is in the books! This year marks the 14th anniversary of District 7410 hosting RYLA at Keystone College in LaPlume, PA. Seventy-two teenagers from NEPA gathered to participate in active learning to better themselves and their communities.

The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) was held June 15th through the 19th and was led by the RYLA Committee: Amy Leiser of the Rotary Club of the Stroudsburgs, Mary Tempest of Tunkhannock Rotary Club, PDG Mary Ellen Bentler of the Hamlin Lake Ariel Club, and David Palmer of the New Milford Rotary Club. Together, these four Rotarians oversaw 21 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 was packed with activities throughout the days. 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 icebreakers to help get the conferees out of their comfort zones. Numerous activities and workshops 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 that they were learning

leadership skills until after the conference.

This year's speakers were Vikki Bryer from Scranton, Gina Suydam from the Rotary Club of Tunkhannock, and Amelia Stansell from Rotary District 7610 in Virginia. Returning to host the group service project were volunteers from My Brother's Keepers of Hop Bottom. This nonprofit organization runs The Sleeping Bag Project, collecting fabric to sew sleeping bags for individuals in the area experiencing homelessness. RYLA students worked alongside members of My Brother's Keepers and created 38 sleeping bags. A record number for RYLA!

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 self-pride was developed.



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

A Parent's Perspective:

"Our son just graduated from the 2025 RYLA Program at Keystone College. He walked into the Brooks Theater on Day 1, quiet, reserved, head buried in his phone. He left this evening after five days in the program an entirely different person – smiling, gregarious, head held high. In a world where it's increasingly difficult to have quality human connection, especially within this age group, you've successfully provided a safe and effective program that encourages our youth to stand up and find their voice. We are so grateful for all the work you do for our community and would like to know more about how we can help support your efforts."

Please invite students to speak at your club:

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!



Ukraine Support Update

Pennsylvania-led effort delivers lifesaving medical supplies to Ukraine

A 40-foot shipping container carrying nearly \$300,000 worth of lifesaving medical equipment has arrived in Ukraine, the result of a grassroots humanitarian initiative that started in Pennsylvania.

The shipment includes surgical instruments, IV pumps, syringes, infant warmers, and baby bottles—supplies specifically requested by frontline Ukrainian healthcare workers in the Dnipro region.

The project was initiated by St. Vladimir Ukrainian Catholic Church and the Rotary Club of Scranton, which began working together in 2023 to support hospitals in Ukraine's Dnipro region. Support for the project grew to include eight other Rotary Clubs in Rotary District 7410 of Northeast Pennsylvania including, Tunkhannock Rotary, New Milford Area Rotary, Hazelton Rotary, Dunmore Rotary, Honesdale Rotary, Weatherly Rotary, Hamlin Rotary, and Jim Thorpe Rotary. Rotary clubs in Kentucky and The Netherlands also provided support.

"I am deeply moved by the kindness of the American people in making this effort a reality," said Fr. Myron Myronyuk of St. Vladimir's. "People to people—it is truly a blessing."

Supporters of the project worked with SOS, a Kentucky-based nonprofit with expertise in shipping surplus medical supplies globally. SOS was responsible for gathering and packing the supplies and shipping them more than 5,000 miles to reach medical workers in eastern Ukraine, where doctors face daily shortages.

Students at Scranton's Howard Gardner Multiple Intelligence Charter School added a heartfelt gesture by writing uplifting notes in Ukrainian for hospitalized children. Those notes were later attached to stuffed animals and included in the aid shipment.

With the supplies now in the hands of Ukrainian medical staff, organizers say this is just the beginning. Planning is already underway for future shipments.

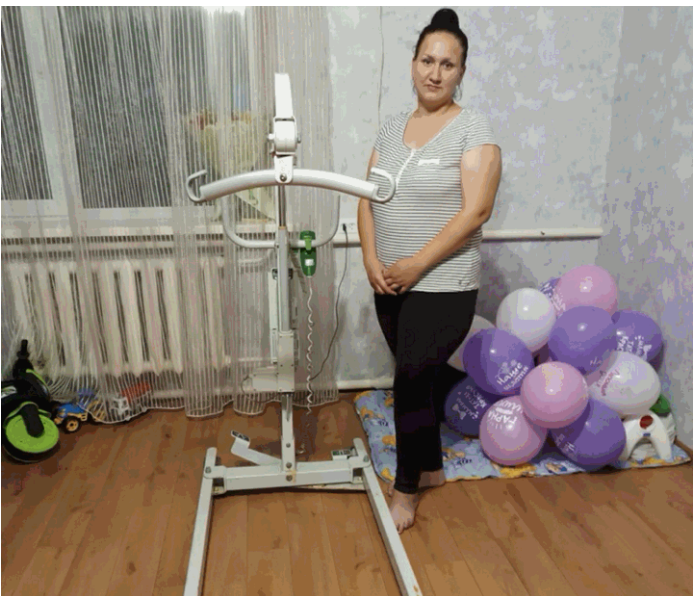
Donations to support the next phase of the effort can be sent to:

Rotary Club of Scranton

P.O. Box 1715

Scranton, PA 18501

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District Directory

2024-2025

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Public Image Committee

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-Download a copy of the [District Directory](#).

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CLUBS IN ACTION

Rotary



Club of The Abingtons

Consider Hosting an International Exchange Student

The Rotary Club of the Abingtons hosted Johanna Rynholm from Sweden. Johanna and her hosts Chris and Louise had tons of fun traveling, attending Abington Heights HS, participating in school sports, seeing a Penguins Hockey game, a RailRiders game and attending a multi-District Rotary Conference in Hershey and many other activities.



Abington Fireworks Committee

Happy 4th of July!





Recognizing Our Local Fire Companies

The Hamlin Lake Ariel Rotary Club proudly extends our deepest gratitude to the Maplewood, Ledgedale, Hamlin, and Lake Ariel Fire Companies for their unwavering service, courage, and dedication to protecting our community.

In appreciation of all they do, our Rotary Club was honored to make a donation to each of these incredible departments. These brave volunteers are always there when we need them most—and it's our privilege to give back to them.

From all of us at Rotary: thank you for your service, your sacrifice, and your heart.



12th Annual Golf Tournament

We'd like to thank our golfers, sponsors and volunteers sincerely for their support of our club's 12th Annual Golf Tournament at Skytop Lodge!

The Golf Tournament is our club's largest fundraiser and thanks to the generosity of our community, we are able to continue to fund our local community projects.



Scholarship Winners

We're thrilled to announce the recipients of this year's Hamlin Lake Ariel Rotary scholarships! Each year, we award two \$1000 scholarships to support local students pursuing higher education.

This year's scholarship for a student attending a post-secondary school goes to Julia Wehrmann! Julia will be attending Juniata College and plans to major in environmental science.

The scholarship for a student attending a trade school has been awarded to Rebekah Palko! Rebekah will be heading to Penn College of Technology to study welding.

We are incredibly proud of Julia and Rebekah and wish them all the best in their future endeavors! Their dedication and hard work are truly inspiring.

These scholarships wouldn't be possible without the incredible generosity and support of everyone who participates in and contributes to our annual Rotary events. Your continued support allows us to give back to our community and invest in the future of our youth. Thank you for helping us make a difference!

Congratulations!

JULIA WEHRMANN & REBEKAH PALKO

2024/2025

Hamlin Lake Ariel Rotary Club Scholarship Winners



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Wallenpaupack High School Donation

The Hawley Rotary recently made a \$1000 donation to the Wallenpaupack Area High School Transition Program.

The Transition Program is a special education program that focuses on employment skills and independent living skills for students age 18-21. Currently the students in the program operate a self-serve coffee shop named Paupack Perk for the teachers and staff within the High School. The funds from the Hawley Rotary will be used to expand the coffee shop operations to include drinks students make from an espresso machine, providing the students with a full barista experience.

Everyone in the Transition Program is excited about this new adventure and thankful to the Hawley Rotary.





Hazleton Rotary Club Installs 105th President

The Presidents' Party, held at the Valley Country Club welcomed Joan Buffington as the 105th President of Hazleton Rotary and thanked Alan Whitaker who served as 2024-2025 President.

President-Elect Paul Oswald called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by President Joan and the invocation offered by Pat Ward, Past President who also provided the Welcome and Introductions.

He asked those present to remember Past Presidents Eugene Dougherty and Martin Cohn and member Pastor Tom Cvammen, who passed away in the 104th Rotary Year.

Alan Whitaker remarked on his presidency and thanked the membership and the Board of Directors and Officers for collaborating with him to keep Hazleton Rotary moving along in achieving its goals in 2024-25.

He also presented a Paul Harris Fellowship to Linda Grego who donated a tremendous amount of time to the Hazleton Rotary Club as a non-member. "Linda is not officially a Rotarian, but she might as well be, as she stepped forward many times to help me and the club during the course of my year as President. Rotary and I are very grateful for all her efforts."

2025-26 Board Officers and new President Joan Buffington were installed by Rotarian Donna Dougherty and her Mother, Ethel Dougherty in memory of Past President Gene Dougherty.

Michelle & Tim Genetti, John Nilles of G-Force, Realtor Eugenio Sosa of Pecora Realty and Neal DeAngelo III were event sponsors

Buffington thanked the membership for their support and encouragement and vowed to do her best for the club and our community. She encouraged the group to enjoy laughter, hard work, encouragement and respect for each other.



Hazleton Rotary RYLA Attendee MMI Preparatory School Student

Mia Jones, MMI Preparatory School-'27, spent some time in June learning what it means to lead the RYLA way! Hosted by Rotary District 7410 at Keystone College, RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) brings together high school students from across the region for a week packed with leadership training, new friendships, team challenges, and fun. Thanks to Hazleton Rotary for sponsoring Mia and giving her the chance to represent MMI at this program. We are #MMIProud of Mia for making the most of this opportunity!





NEW OFFICERS FOR HONESDALE ROTARY

... and a special tribute to Mike Flederbach! More than 30 Rotarians showed up at Central House, Beach Lake, on Wednesday, June 25th to celebrate the swearings-in of President Kathi McKenna, President-elect James Hamill, Secretary Dana Scott, Treasurer Maureen Beilman and Sergeant-at-Arms Michelle Gilder. The club also presented Mike Flederbach, whose family owns Dave's Super Duper, with an honorary Paul Harris Award for his generous contributions to many community efforts, including food pantries and Honesdale Rotary. "He donated items for charcuterie boards for our sponsors of the Beer & Wine Fest and actually put them together as well," said Dana Scott, past president and one of the founders of the fall festival. Flederbach was grateful for the award, which also calls for the local club to contribute \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation. "Whatever you need!" he said, "we're here!"

The officers were sworn in by Andy Lane Chapman, a Honesdale Rotarian who will be the Governor of District 7410 in 2026-2027, during which time Honesdale Rotary turns 100!

Also sworn in during the evening: new board members Maura Brown and Bob Schwartz. (Brandon Garnet and Sally Rothacher-Peyton are also new board members.)

President McKenna cited many Honesdale Rotary projects—blood drives, Sycamore Point benches, biannual roadside cleanups—and hoped the club "would add more service projects, not just our own but helping other community organizations, the way we helped the Bethany Library recently with its Strawberry Festival." Scott thanked the club for her year as president and helping to launch new initiatives, such as the Pet Pawrade – "near and dear to my heart!"

Assistant District Governor and Honesdale Rotarian Stephen Moulton closed out the dinner by urging the club to "increase our impact, expand our reach and enhance participant engagement... champion our causes!"







Green Tree Service

On Saturday, June 28, the Milford Matamoras Rotary Club performed a community service project at Green Trees Learning Center in Milford, PA. The mission of Green Trees is to provide education to children of all backgrounds, cultivate strong roots in our community and open the doors to the wonders around us.

The Rotarians did landscaping, organizing and cleaned the play area and toys. Pictured left to right John Marino, Rotarian, Jason Pope, Rotarian, Jamie Dykstra, Club President, Karen Loeschorn, Rotarian, Susie Lyddon, Green Trees Director, Larry O'Leary Green Trees Board Member, John Messer, Rotarian, Shaun Burger, Rotarian and Christine Kerstetter not pictured. Milford-Matamoras Rotary Club meets every Wednesday at 12:15PM at the Dimmick Inn.

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





“Our Charter Night” Tradition!

On June 19th, our club held its’ annual Charter Night, where we thank those that led our club during the previous year, install the new officers, and recognize other members for special reasons!

We had two Paul Harris Award honorees: in photo, left to right are Nicole Cooper-Cefalo and Claudia Vitiello. Congratulations you two!

Our new president is Joanne Joseph, pictured along with Kathryn Murphy, who completed a “3 Year Presidency Term”! Joining in the photo is our Assistant District Governor, Brian Vnuk. In photo from left to right: Joanne, Kathryn, and Brian.

Our 2024-2025 Board Members were recognized also: in photo left to right are Sue Ellen Engleman, Joanne Joseph, Tylene Dodge, Joe Aquilina, Nicole Cooper-Cefalo and Royce Engler. Absent from photo is Kathryn Murphy.



Welcome to New Officers!

President: Joanne Joseph
President Elect: Tylene Dodge
Treasurer: Audrey Palmer
Sargent at Arms: Royce Engler



Nothing Says Fun Like Being in a 4th of July Parade!

Every year our club decorates a member's truck, brings lots of candy & potato chips, and participates in this community/family tradition in Mountain Top!

For the second year, our member Joe Corner has used his company's cranes to place the American flag above the parade route. What a proud sight for everyone! One of these photos captured the flag waving above!

Other photos show our members, their families, and our Interact members in the parade.



September 13, 2025

Mountain Top Rotary Club
**STEAM TRAIN
EXCURSION**

Join the Mountain Top Rotary Club as we traverse lush forests and quaint towns of Northeastern Pennsylvania. Bring your camera to capture the views that Mountain Top has to offer. Once over the summit, the route will lead us into the majestic Lehigh Gorge before our arrival to Jim Thorpe! While in Jim Thorpe, you will have approximately 4 hours to shop, dine, and explore the town fondly known as "The Switzerland of America"

Penobscot to Jim Thorpe, PA All - Day Excursion

Ticket Price
\$70 per person
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DEPARTS PENOBSHOT: 9:30 A.M.
APPROXIMATE ARRIVAL IN JIM THORPE: 11:15 A.M.

BOARDING BEGINS IN JIM THORPE: 3:30 P.M.
DEPARTS JIM THORPE: 4:00 P.M.
APPROXIMATE ARRIVAL IN PENOBSHOT: 5:30 P.M.



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New Milford Area Rotary Presents Scholarship to Montrose

Tabitha Ellis of Montrose Area High School received a scholarship award recently from the New Milford Area Rotary. Presented to Tabitha at the annual awards ceremony by Kate Farrell Kurosky; the award recognizes academic performance and leadership efforts in the school and community. Tabitha is the daughter of Kimberly Lathrop and Timothy Ellis and will attend Kutztown University in the fall of 2025.

The New Milford Area Rotary currently consists of thirty-seven members actively serving the community and world and welcomes new membership. Contact information can be found at NewMilfordPaRotary@gmail.com





Youth Exchange Student Presentation

The Rotary of Pittston would like to thank Swedish Youth Exchange Student Johanna Rydholm for being our guest speaker talking all about her culture and traditions. After Pittston President Carmen Ciampi presented a Pittston Rotary Club banner for her to bring home later this year.



Paul Harris Fellow Presentation

Members of the Rotary Club of Pittston surprised and presented a Paul Harris to Pittston Club President Carmen Ciampi. Doctor Robert Bishop honored Carmen for his dedication and ongoing commitment to the Pittston Club. Carmen has been president since July 2022 and is honored for the recognition.



Paul Harris Fellow Presentation

Multiple Paul Harris Fellows were presented to members and community leaders. First congratulations to Pittston Rotarian Jim Lewis for receiving his Paul Harris +2. Jim then gifted a Paul Harris to his son Corey Lewis for his dedication to the community. Finally the Pittston Club recognized Atnee Maranca Founder of the Greater Pittston Santa Squad. Rotarian John John gifted Atnee the recognition for his dedication to providing a positive Christmas experience for youth in the Greater Pittston Community.



Greater Pittston Art Walk

Members of the Pittston Rotary Club participated in the 2nd Friday Pittston Art Walk handing out Rotary brochures, collecting items for their Keystone Mission Item Drive and passing out snacks to people walking by.



Back to School Item Drive

The Pittston Club is reaching out to the community for any school supply donations to fill the backpacks that were purchased through a District Grant and community donations. Donations are due by August 5th and the backpacks will be given for FREE to youth attending the Back To School Fair on August 9th at the Wyoming United Presbyterian Church

Rotary
of Pittston



2025 Back to School Item Drive

We have the backpacks! Looking for Items to fill!

**Writing utensils/sharpeners, glue sticks,
notebooks, crayons, and more!**

Please no scissors or larger items.



**Donations due
by August 5th**

For more information please reach out to us at:

www.facebook.com/rotaryofpittston,

or Carmen Ciampi at 570-239-7534



End of Summer Soiree



August 28th, 2025 Grotto Pizza, Harvey's Lake

Hosted by the Rotary Club of Plymouth

Boat rides at 4:00, compliments of the
Rotary Club of Wyoming

Cocktails at 6pm and dinner "on your own" at 7:00PM.

Each club will have their own check with the dinner
selections and drinks.

Please make reservations with JK Karavis at
570-574-4246 by August 18th, 2025

Rotary Club of Plymouth Installs New Members

The Rotary Club of Plymouth recently installed two new members at a recent meeting. Susan Dubaskas and Tina Griffin were installed as new members of the Club. The Rotary Club of Plymouth supports community service efforts in Plymouth Borough and surrounding communities. Pictured are JK Karavis, Shelly Karavis, Club President, Susan Dubaskas, Tina Griffin and Brian Vnuk, Area 7 Assistant Governor.





Farewell to Switzerland Exchange Student

The club said farewell to Matteo, an exchange student from Switzerland. It was wonderful getting to know Matteo, learning about his country, and watching him mature and assimilate to the United States.



Installation Dinner

On June 30th, the club held its installation dinner. Ann Way was our outgoing President. The club welcomed Laura Charles as the new president. The club is grateful for Ann's stewardship over this past year. Ann is a true leader, leading by example and making others feel included and appreciated. Thank you, Ann for your service. The Club looks forward to Laura's presidency. Laura is eager to share with the Club what she learned in Calgary, Canada.



New Members

Welcome to our newest members. We have no doubt you will add value to our organization.

