

Message from the District Governor Mary Ellen Bentler

It is incredible to realize that this will be my last article in the district monthly newsletter. It has been a wonderful journey visiting our clubs and getting to know members of our district. Our clubs continue to do great service projects in our communities and around the world. Each of you have inspired me and I continue to share stories everywhere I go.

Rotary's designated month is "Fellowship Month". Rotary Fellowship are international groups that share a common passion. I encourage each of you to go to Rotary.org and find a fellowship group that shares your passion. Being part of a fellowship is a fun way to make friends around the world, explore a hobby or profession, to enhance your Rotary Experience.



May was a busy month which started with District Conference in Ithaca, NY. I must again thank the Conference Committee for the great job planning an educational and fun event. Several attendees spoke to me about how much they enjoyed their time. Thank you all for participating and I can say I really enjoyed spending time with each of you.

I had the opportunity to attend the Stroudsburg's Rotary Club Centennial Gala. Congratulations to the club for a Century of Community Service. I golfed in the PDG Paul "Budd" O'Malia Memorial Golf tournament with the Plymouth Club, which was a nice way to honor a wonderful PDG. I attended Newfoundland Rotary Clubs Cash Raffle along with Mt. Pocono's 25th Community Aviation Day. Also had the opportunity to attend Hazelton Club and Honesdale Club meeting to present to two District Essay Contest recipients.

Presently, I am at Rotary International Convention in Houston and would be glad to share the experience with each of you.

Thank you all for the support for the last Rotary year and as I move into the role of Past District Governor and Rotary District foundation Chair, please know that I will continue to be active in the District and will be glad to attend club events and projects. Remember we need to continue to work on membership and retain members! "Grow More – Do More"

In Service to Rotary, Mary Ellen



District 7410 Conference

SERVE TO CHANGE CHILDREN'S LIVES

May 5th-7th Ithaca, NY









Membership Committee

As our Rotary year comes to an end, so does my three year term as District 7410's Membership Chair. I have had a great time meeting so many Rotarians across the District. I will begin my DGE year next.

As always, it is an honor to serve the District. I would like to introduce Mary Tempest as District 7410's new Membership Chair beginning on July 1, 2022.

Mary is also from the Tunkhannock Club and is finishing this year as President of her club. She has previously served as Membership Chair in the Tunkhannock club. Mary has worked hard and has many great ideas to help grow and maintain your clubs membership. Please reach out to her for help and ideas to grow your club.

We are standing at 1,113 members as I write this letter. Our current growth is 25 members. We had good growth, but also had losses. Let us keep pressing on with engaging and including all members, old and new, to keep our membership strong.

Yours in Service, Samantha Maruzzelli, DGN District 7410 Membership Chair





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:

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.



E-Mail:

Public Image Committee

HARFORD FAIR AUGUST 15-20, 2022



Once again, this year, the district has paid for a booth for the entire District membership to utilize to spread the word about Rotary, show the flag, raise money for PolioPlus and invite new members. So, next is to line up volunteers to work the booth. Historically, Area (formerly known as Cluster) Two has provided most of the volunteers. This year we would once again like to gather volunteers from throughout the entire District 7410. We already have volunteers from the Trail Club, Abington Club, North Scranton, Wellsboro, and New Milford.

Each day at the fair starts at 10:00 AM and goes till 10 PM, except for Friday and Saturday which end at 11 PM. The Rotary Booth gets 18 free passes, which works out to each free pass working a four (4) hour stint at the booth (5 hrs. for the last shift on Friday and Saturday), so three (3) a day for 6 days. Two per shift would be nice for company and ease of effort, but only one per shift is required.

We also get two (2) commercial parking passes, which allow for easier access in the case of moving heavy stuff into the booth or moving it out on the last day. Any one above the 18 passes/volunteers, will have to acquire their own ticket to get in the fair. Advance sale discount tickets are also available. Contact Dave Palmer (see below) if you would like some of those tickets. Parking is free for all.

If you want like to volunteer, e-mail me directly or call me. I will set the booth up the week prior, so all one needs to do is bring yourself, a comfortable chair and "your stuff".

Here is a chance for us to start the new Rotary year off with an event that allows us to invite others to "Imagine Rotary" and carry forward the theme provided us by Rotary International President Elect Jennifer Jones.

AGs- please help spread the word to your clubs.

Yours In Rotary,
Dave Palmer, PolioPlus Committee Chair
Public Image Committee
District 7410
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<u>To order your tickets</u>: Please Scan the QR Code that will take you to the Fevo Page to purchase your tickets online.

Due Date: Please Order No Later than Friday, August 12th
(Tickets will be sent via email from FEVO)

If you have any questions or need special seating accommodations, please contact Mike Harvey at 570-558-4609 or by email at mharvey@swbrailriders.com

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To Our District Essay Contest Winners

Honesdale

Emma Hocker \$1,000

Hazleton

Isabelle Seratch \$500

Milford Matamoras

Ariana Lewis \$250





Dallas Rotary Awards Annual Book Scholarships

Several area senior high school students, who will be college bound this fall, were recently presented with checks for \$500 each to help offset their expenses for books during their first semester on campus. The Rotary Club of Dallas has awarded more than \$130,000 in book scholarships since the inception of the program more than 50 years ago.

It has been an honor and a privilege for the Rotary Club of Dallas, an all-volunteer community service organization, to share in the dreams of our best and brightest young people from Dallas, Lake Lehman and Northwest Area School Districts. They received their scholarships at a recent dinner held in their honor at the Appletree in Dallas.

The funds to support the scholarship program and other Rotary outreach programs are raised at two major fundraising events. This year their Wine and Brewfest will be held on Saturday, June 25 at the Luzerne County Fairgrounds on Rt. 118, Dallas, and their Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, September 19 at the Irem Country Club, Dallas. The public is invited to attend.

From left: Past President and Event Chairman John Doerfler; Aidan Campbell, Dallas; David Blaine, Lake Lehman; Janet Federici, Dallas; Sophia Dabsheh, Lake Lehman; Lillie Spencer, Northwest. Absent from photo: Alivia Wright, Northwest.









Walkathon-Move-A-Thon

The E-Club of International Innovators would like to introduce their spin on a classic Walkathon, The Heart & Sole Virtual Move-A-Thon.

The goal is for participants to move as much as possible from Monday, June 20th until Monday, June 28th. 50% of the funds raised will go to The Shoe That Grows and 50% will go back to the E-Club of International Innovators.

All funds going back to the E-Club will go towards membership for our members and future projects. We encourage everyone to participate by choosing to move with us, sponsor one of our participants, or partner with us as a Rotary Club!

If you are interested in joining us or would like to learn more, please reach out to our Service Projects Team Chair, Elizabeth Delaney at edelaney2400@gmail.com.







Senior Awards Night

On June 2, 2022 - The Western Wayne High School hosted their annual Senior Awards Night. At the awards night, graduating seniors are presented with scholarships they've won from various organizations, and the Rotary Club of Hamlin Lake Ariel is proud to be able to take part!

This year, the students were asked to submit an essay answering the following questions: "What does community service mean to you?" and "Where do you see yourself in 7 years?" The students were also asked to list their community service activities.

Because of the support of the community, the Hamlin Lake Ariel club is able to award \$2,000 in scholarships each year. This year, one student who is attending a trade school and one student who is attending a university were selected.

Rachel Tuman who will be heading off to the University of Scranton for Business Administration and Donovan Burdick who will be heading off to Johnson College for HVAC this fall are the winners for the 2022 Scholarship!



TO OUR 2022 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!



\$1,000 - Rachel Tuman, University of Scranton \$1,000 - Donovan Burdick, Johnson College







Essay Contest Winner

District Governor Mary Ellen Bentler (center), awarded Isabelle Seratch, a senior at Hazleton Area Academy of Science, with \$500 for her selection as the second-place winner in the Rotary District 7410 Essay Contest.

Isabella previously won first place and \$100 at the local Hazleton Rotary level which allowed

her to move up and compete in the District Level of the competition.

Essays were on the topic "How Individuals Can Changes Lives Through Service" and the contest was open to High School Juniors and Seniors.

Hazleton Rotary President Elect Lisa Marie Halecky remarks, "It's great to see a young member of our community be recognized beyond the boundaries of Greater Hazleton and to do so well in competition with others from NE PA. We congratulate Isabelle on her success in this endeavor."



Paul Harris Fellow Award

Hazleton Rotary President Jason Brenner congratulates Past President Terry Jones for receiving his fourth Paul Harris Fellow.

Thank you setting a fine example for your fellow club members, Terry!



Scholarship Winner

Skylar Duffy, currently a student at Penn State Hazleton, and a 2018 graduate of Hazleton Area High School, has been selected as the Hazleton Rotary Technical Scholarship winner for 2022.

Skylar's goal is to receive a Certificate of Practical Nursing at Penn State and then further her education to eventually become a nurse.

Hazleton Rotary is happy to say that future for Skylar now includes a scholarship for \$1000 that will help her reach her educational goals.

Skylar comments to Hazleton Rotary Club, "No words can explain how honored I am to receive the Hazleton Rotary Technical Scholarship. First, I will say I am extremely grateful as this supports me to accomplish my dream of becoming a nurse. Now I won't have to struggle with the financial burden of school and can solely focus on my academics. Winning this scholarship also gives a deeper meaning to me by letting me know my hard work and dedication are recognized. Thank you for believing in me and granting me this honor."





Police Dog Donation

A check for \$12,000 for the purchase of a police dog, training of the dog and the dog's handler was presented to the City and City Police at a recent Rotary Club meeting. Present for the photo were Toni Christman-Chair-Rotary Centennial Committee, Jason Brenner-Rotary President, Hazleton City Patrolman Svoronos, Hazleton City Police Chief Brian Schoonmaker, Hazleton Police Officer Brandon McGinnis and K9 A'Sheridan.

The donation came from the Hazleton Rotary Centennial funds. The German Shephard was trained and certified with McGinnis at Penn Vet Working Dog Center at University of Pennsylvania. He will also receive monthly training for the rest of his life.

Why the unusual name A'Sheridan? Because all dogs at Penn Vet are named after 9/11 dogs or their handlers. The original A'Sheridan was another dog who was trained by Chris Holleyman at the Pentagon after the 9-11 attacks.

A'Sheridan will be able to detect drugs, but he'll also be able to detect humans and he could find a lost child or Alzheimer's patient. He can also attack and stop a fleeing felon and he'll keep officers safe, by for example, entering a building that has been broken into before officers enter.

Hazleton Rotary has always been involved in "service above self" since its inception in 1921 and encourages the public to be involved in its yearly fundraisers, such as the upcoming Hazleton Rotary Wine & Beer Festival, to be held August 27th at Louis Schiavo City View Park. Fundraisers such as these help the club invest in projects like K-9 A'Sheridan that lead to the club's goal of helping the Greater Hazleton Area become a great place to call home.







Entertainment & Music by





TICKETS

Free admission for children 12 and under

(All children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult)

Must be 21 to drink

\$25 in advance

\$30 at the door

\$5 Designated Driver (Non-Drinking Admission)

\$5 Age 13 to 20

hazletonrotary.ticketleap.com

All Proceeds benefit Hazleton Rotary Club Service Projects





Honesdale Rotary Beer Garden Returns

Honesdale Rotary will once again offer a Beer (and Wine) Garden at the Honesdale Roots & Rhythm Music & Arts Festival on Saturday, June 18th, 2022. Both events are back after a COVID-pandemic hiatus.

And, once again, the Rotary Beer Garden will take place from 1pm – 8pm in the courtyard of the Episcopal Church at 9th and Church Streets. This year, the event will feature beers from Hopping Eagle, Wallenpaupack Brewery and Here & Now for \$7 a glass. Wine, bratwurst from the Alpine Restaurant and pretzels from Woodloch Resort will also be on the menu, along with popcorn and water, at reasonable prices.

"We are very excited to be back," said Event Coordinator and Rotary Co-President Bob Schwartz, "Roots & Rhythm is free and attracts thousands of people, many of whom are looking for a cold drink and a hot brat at the height of the festivities. We'll have them!"

Schwartz added that the Rotary is grateful to the Episcopal Church for allowing the group to utilize its space again and reminds folks that "this event also benefits a great cause – the work of Honesdale Rotary."

The Honesdale Rotary counts close to 40 members dedicated to service. Projects at home include donating to the restoration of the Honesdale Borough pool, helping the Emergency Food Pantry and sponsoring signage for the Wayne & Pike Trails & Waterways Alliance/Lackawaxen River Trails. Globally, often in conjunction with Honesdale High School's junior Rotary Club, Interact, Honesdale Rotary has raised money for Ukrainian refugees, the international fight to end polio and the Rotary's International Student Exchange Program.

Patrons must be 21 to enter the Beer Garden. Bring your id!

Photo: Honesdale Rotarians Jim Mould and Karen Mander welcome guests to the Rotary's Beer Garden in 2018. All are welcome again this year!







JIM THORPE ROTARY MAY, 2002 REPORT

The Jim Thorpe Rotary met three time during the month of May. Meetings will be held at Memorial Park until mid-September.

Membership:

- New member, Josie Marino, was inducted by President Jeanne Miller. Josie is currently working as a stay-at-home Mom. She has 10 years experience as an environmental educator and youth development specialist, and has directed summer camps in larger cities.
- Attorney Jean Engler was awarded the Paul Harris Award, which was presented to her by President Jeanne Miller.
- Rotarian Bill Allison was honored with articles in the TimeNews and Allentown Morning Call, that outlined his life of service as an educator (Teacher and Principal); his participation in the Carbon County Community Foundation (he established the Penny Allison Early Education Fund in honor of his late wife); and his continued work with the Rotary.
- JTASD superintendent, John Rushefski, will be leaving the school district to pursue other opportunities in education. John thanked the Rotary for our support of the District's students. We are very appreciative of John's contributions to our club and wish him well. College Scholarships five, \$750 Rotary Scholarships were awarded to: Brian Cox (JTAHS / Randy Smith Award; Alexandra Ramey (JTAHS); Sidney Duke (CCTI); Autumn Benedict (CCTI / Interact Award); Rhiannon Brady (Marian HS).

Donations Approved:

- \$50 PA Outdoor Vets
- \$500 Dimmick Memorial Library

RYLA: the camp is limited to 3 days this year. We budgeted for 4 students but, after multiple changes by prospective attendees, only one or two will be attending.

Summer Recreation: plans are almost finalized. 127 students are registered for the free camp, which runs from June 20 to August 11.

Speakers Presentation: Rotarian Kara Edmonds (Dimmick Library Director) gave an interesting presentation on 3-D printing, its applicability for students (especially those struggling with math), and the potential use in the future.





Back Pack Program

The Rotary Club of Mountain Top was able to apply and secure a district grant for the 2021-22 year to fund the backpack program at Crestwood High School. This program enables children with food insecurity to be provided snacks and meal options enclosed in their backpacks on Friday of each week so the children have enough food to carry them through the weekend. This is also provided for days off of school during the school year.

Due to children not attending school regularly because of covid the prior year and not participating in school fundraisers for this project in 2020-21 as they usually do, the program funds were very low, and the program was in danger of not being able to continue. Joanne Joseph brought this issue before the club as a need in our community. After a club vote, it was decided this worthy cause would be an opportunity to apply for the district grant.

The school project administrator, Carolyn Boone, retired teacher, presented the details of the program to our club and was our point of contact throughout the project. Together she and Joanne Joseph, club member, coordinated the purchase of products for the children and kept records of the funds disbursed and spent. As

of the close of the program the project is now well stocked for the close of this school year as well as the start of school again in late August 2022.

Pictured above from left to right is Kathryn Murphy, Club Vice President, Joanne Joseph, Project Chair and Kevin Hooper, Club President









9/11 NEVER FORGET





JULY 9TH & 10TH

MKBC-PITTSTON 400 ROUTE 315, STE. E, PITTSTON, PA



Join Miller-Keystone Blood Center for the Tunnel to Towers 9/11 Never Forget Mobile Exhibit event.

Educational and moving for the entire family. Hear from first responders who were there. Tour the exhibit and visit vendors and food trucks. Learn more at

www.GIVEaPINT.org.

Register to donate blood during the event in honor of the 343 fallen 9/11 firefighters at www.GIVEaPINT.org, call 800-B-A-DONOR or scan the QR code.











Sunday





Blueberry Festival

New Milford Area Rotary has volunteered to operate the food tent at the annual Blueberry Festival in Montrose, Pennsylvania on August 5 and 6. Come join us for some good fun, good food and support the Susquehanna County Free Library and Geneological Society (SCFLGH). The proceeds generated by this food tent will be shared between the New Milford Area Rotary and the SCFLGH.

Come join us on The Green in Montrose, Pennsylvania on August 5th and 6th. https://www.susqcolibrary.org/





NEW MILFORD AREA ROTARY PICKING IT UP FOR ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY PROGRAM

The New Milford Area Rotary conducted another community service project with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's Adopt-A-Highway Litter Pick-Up

Program. It's latest pick-up took place on April 24th with nine members of the club and two junior observers resulting in the accumulation of approximately 50 bags of litter, a dozen tires, and lots of miscellaneous junk on a three mile stretch of U.S, Route 11, south of New Milford Borough.

This effort aligns with one of the seven Rotary focus areas- the Environment. If you would like to assist in such service, contact New Milford Area Rotary on Facebook or newmilfordparotary@gmail.com





Pictured left to right: Grant Palmer,
Karen Voigt, Brandi Taylor, Annie
Palmer, David Palmer, Stephen Spero,
Tom Kurosky, Brian Palmer. Front row
left to right: Declan Palmer, Waylon
Palmer.

Photographer pictured: Brian Lione .





Roland Biscontini Community Service Award

The Roland Biscontini Community Service Award is given every year by the Plains Rotary Club; it is for outstanding service within the school and community.

This year's recipient has completed a lot of community and school service hours. The student's name will also be placed on a plaque that hangs in the community entrance of our school as well as given a monetary award by the Rotary. This year's recipient is Tait Stahovic. He is second in the class and is a hard worker. He is dedicated to his academics as well as a member of the school soccer and baseball teams, as well as a travel club for soccer. He has volunteered at the Plains United Methodist Church working their soup supper, bagging easter eggs and distributing food at their food pantry.

In 2020 he received the Pearl Woloski Memorial Student Award, he has been on highest honors in both seventh and eighth grade.



Pictured are from left to right are Principal Tony Khalife, Atty. Girard Mecadon, Rotary Club President, Tait Stahovic, Gene Bartoli, Rotary representative and Allen Bartoli, Rotary representative.



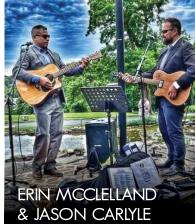




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For more info contact Amanda @ 570.807.6810



Rain Date: July 6th







Sayre Rotary Joins Sayre's Adopt a Highway Program

Sayre Rotary joined the Adopt a Highway program as one of their annual service projects last Fall but were unable to perform the project due to early snow.

However, this Spring they met on a recent Saturday morning and cleaned up North Lehigh Avenue from the Grille at the Station to the Sayre Historical Society; accumulating approximately 60 large bags of trash which were picked up by Sayre Public Works Department with assistance from Jeff Paul, Sayre Rotarian (missing from the photo).

The members look forward to keeping this area cleaned from trash to make the entrance into downtown Sayre a pleasant experience.







Club Updates!

Stroudsburgs Rotary has had a very eventful year. We've been a little behind on keeping you abreast.

First, we had a wonderful accomplishment of celebrating Stroudsburgs Rotary 100 Years Of Service. Our centennial gala was held at Stroudsmoor Inn on Friday, May 13, 2022 with DG MaryEllen Bentler, PDG Marcia Loughman and PDG Karen DeMatteo in attendance. President Don Hannig was our 50th President and our 100th President. It's been a great year. A big thank you to Leslie Underhill for making an extensive time line of all our past Presidents, and Historian Jeff Wright for compiling and printing a booklet on the History of Stroudsburgs Rotary.

Second, PDG Karen DeMatteo started an E-club with mostly alumni from Interact, Rotoract or past Club members, with most being under the age of 30. It's great to have younger Rotarians taking on great responsibility and wanting to make the world a better place. PDG Karen DeMatteo will be moving to South Carolina this summer, however, she will not be leaving our District because she will be joining the E-Club (as the oldest member but a young spirit). She will be missed greatly by many.

PDG Karen DeMatteo received her Major Donor Pin from International Trustee Jorge LaFranc at the District Conference and also received the Star of Excellence Award from District Governor Mary Ellen Bentler for her Excellence in Leadership and Dedication!

Third, with the innovative ways of our Foundation Chair, Jim Becker, and a very generous Stroudsburgs Rotarian, Rick Mutchler, we raised over \$12,000 for Rotary International Foundation. Rick Mutchler agreed to match any RI donation amounts with his Paul Harris points and approximately 23 Rotarians jumped at the chance to donate, and become a Paul Harris Fellow.

New Paul Harris Fellows: Peter Andrews, Carmine Corridore, Christie Bower, Jamie Kizer, Rabbi

BB Melman, Jennifer Narkavich, Ann Super, Dave Super

Paul Harris +1 Fellows: Margie Becker, Carmine Corridore, Barbara Herting, Denise Katz,

Michael Katz, Ed Kmetz, Chuck Niclaus, Stacy Rodriguez

Paul Harris +2 Fellows: Rich Berkowitz, Ted Butz, Don Hannig

Paul Harris +3 Fellows: Rich Berkowitz, Dave Fox, Rev. James Thomas

Paul Harris +4 Fellows: Dave Fox, Frank Herting

Paul Harris +5 Fellow: Jim Becker



Fourth, our very generous Rotarian Rick Mutchler and his wife Jodey became members of the Arch Klump Society. The Arch Klumph Society recognizes The Rotary Foundation's highest tier of donors — those who have contributed \$250,000 or more during their lifetime. A major portion of that was donated this year alone. Very generous and impressive.

Fifth, Rotarian Amy Leiser received Rotary District 7410's Distinguished Service award, for her dedication and commitment for the past 12 years in raising our youth to become future leaders during her time at RYLA. (Along with her co-chair Karen DeMatteo)











