

JUNE 2025



A Message From:

**DISTRICT GOVERNOR
Bill Skinner**



June marks the beginning of summer and the end of the school year. June is also Rotary Fellowship Month. Rotary Fellowships are international groups that share a common passion. Being part of a fellowship is a fun way to make friends around the world, explore a hobby or profession, and enhance your Rotary experience. You can find Fellowships from Antique Automobiles to Yoga and everything in between. There are approximately 118 Fellowships so go to Rotary.org and search for Fellowships and find one you are passionate about, join and meet new friends.

June also marks the end of the Rotary Year, and thus the end of my year as your District Governor. I must say the year went by very quickly. It was a good year, and I had a great time visiting all your Clubs and meeting many of you on those visits and at other events. I have mixed emotions as it comes to an end, but it is time for someone else to continue moving us forward, and for me to join the PDG Team, "Previous District Governor", past seems so final.

As I have said many times we work together as a Leadership Team to maintain consistency and continuity from the previous years through the current year and the future years with a solid DG succession line. I had a great Team to work with so that consistency and continuity will continue. There were many changes this year with many more to come from RI, but we will be ready.

Things I wanted to highlight this year and spoke about on my visits were the four pillars of the Action Plan; Increase Our Impact, Expand Our Reach, Enhance Participant Engagement, and Increase Our Ability to Adapt. By setting goals and implementing strategies in these areas for the District and for your Clubs, it will attract members, retain members, and make our Clubs more Vibrant and help make them "Simply Irresistible" and increase the "Magic of Rotary".

We can't keep what we do locally or globally as Rotary a secret anymore. We need to continue to do more projects and let people know the impact we are having in our communities and in the world. We are starting to see more collaboration between Clubs within the District, which I am very happy to see. This increases the size and impact of our projects and we need for this to continue.

We are finally starting to get RYLA up to pre-covid numbers. A program that we all need to support. We need to continue to grow our other Youth Programs; Youth Exchange and Interact. These are wonderful programs that expose our young people to Rotary and all that Rotary can do.

Of course, our District continues to give to The Rotary Foundation to help eradicate Polio and fund other projects in our 7 Areas of Focus and we get funds back so we can fund grants for our local projects. Our District, through your efforts, continues to do great things locally and globally.

We had some great celebrations this year; The Walk for Alzheimer's, World Polio Day at the University of Scranton, RLI Training, The Foundation Award Celebration, and a celebration of Peace at our Multi-District Conference. A good year indeed. Thank you, Carol for being my committee chair and helping this Conference to be a success.

I want to thank PDGs Sam, Marcia, and Mary Ellen; DGE Tim, DGN Andy, and DGND Rob; and Membership Chair Charlie for their valuable help and guidance to me this year as members of the Leadership Team. I want to also thank our AGs; Rob, Mary, Stephen, Mitchell, Pat, James, and Brian for the outstanding job you all did with the Clubs in your Areas. We will need you more than ever going forward. Thank you to all Committee Chairs and committee members for all your hard work and effort during this past year.

Last, but not least, I want to thank all of you Rotarians in District 7410 for making this a great year and a wonderful experience for me as your District Governor. It was a privilege and an honor to serve you this past year. I will be helping where I am asked and needed. I look forward to seeing you in the future at Clubs and at events as we successfully move forward.

Yours in Rotary,
Bill

Thank You. DG Bill!

We extend our deepest gratitude to you for your outstanding leadership, unwavering dedication, and inspiring commitment throughout your term as District Governor. Your vision, energy, and passion have made a lasting impact on our clubs, members, and communities.

You have led with heart and purpose-championing service, empowering leaders, and bringing us together in the spirit of Rotary. Thank you for guiding us through a remarkable year. We are better because of your leadership.

With Sincere Appreciation,
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 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.

Upcoming Events

Calendar

June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	12th Annual Golf Tournament (Hamlin Lake Ariel)		Stroudsburgs Rotary Golf Tournament (Stroudsburgs, The)			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
Mountain Top Rotary Farmer's Market 2025 (Mountaintop)						
2025 Banner Exchange	2025 Installation Dinner (Newfoundland)					
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Mountain Top Rotary Farmer's Market 2025 (Mountaintop)						

☐ - Board Meeting Event

☐ - Club Event

☐ - Club Meeting

☐ - Committee Meeting

☐ - Deadline

☐ - District Event

☐ - Fundraiser

☐ - General

☐ - Official DG Visit

[6/29/2025 - 10/26/25 Mountaintop - Farmer's Market](#)

[6/29/2025 - District 7410 - 2025 Banner Exchange](#)

[6/30/2025 - Newfoundland - Installation Dinner](#)

See You There!

Don't see your event on the calendar?

Email jpooperotary@gmail.com for instructions on how to add it!

Submit to the Newsletter!

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

Instructions to submit your articles and photos to the newsletter:

Please send submissions to the email box:

RotaryDistrict7410Newsletter@gmail.com

Please remember to keep your content:

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

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

2025 Banner Exchange



District 7410
Northeast PA

**UNITE
FOR
GOOD**

Rotary 

You are invited to... The District 7410 Banner Exchange

**We will celebrate our current
Governor William Skinner**
and

**Welcome our incoming
Governor Timothy Genetti**

Sunday, June 29th 2025

*at the beautiful Valley County Club
Sugarloaf, PA*

Starting at 2:00 pm
Small Plates and Desserts
Cash Bar

This event is **free**, but registrations are required by 6/23
E-mail to: tgenetti7410@gmail.com

Ukraine Support Update

WE did it! The fund raiser many Rotary Clubs from throughout Rotary District 7410 all supported last September at Saint Vladimir Ukrainian Catholic Church has culminated with these photos today. The photos document the arrival of \$300,000 worth of humanitarian aid to the hospital in Ukraine.

Extra special thanks to the Scranton Rotary Club for setting the spirit and actions of this effort.



Honoring Dave & Annie Palmer

Dave and Annie Palmer of the New Milford Area Rotary Club were recently honored at the St. Vladimir Ukrainian Catholic Church in Scranton for the outstanding support of the people of Ukraine.

Every month the New Milford couple donate over \$100 worth of tourniquets, chest compression bandages and other humanitarian medical supplies to the church, which are shipped to Ukrainian military medical units on the frontlines.

The Palmers also travel to Chambersburg, PA, twice each month to pick-up surplus winter clothing and boots to protect soldiers from the cold, including sleeping bags and bedding items.

In the picture below, Dave and Annie receive flag signed by soldiers from the Shiekh Mansur Volunteer Battalion, an all-volunteer unit that provides logistical support and supplies to the Armed Forces of Ukraine. Presenting the flag to the Palmers is Senior Lieutenant Mykola Melnyk of Ukraine and Father Myron Myronyuk, Pastor of St. Vladimir's Church.

Lt. Melnyk is the past commander of the M2 Bradley 47th Mechanized Company of the armed forces of Ukraine. A decorated combat veteran, Lt. Melnyk suffered devastating wounds in battle, resulting in a double amputation.

Annie Palmer also holds a Certificate of Appreciation from the Shiekh Mansur Volunteer Battalion.

Dave Palmer is also the Chairperson of Rotary District 7410's International Service Committee.



District Directory

**The 2024-2025 District Directory is available
to view on our website**

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

*The District Directory is housed under the
District Info drop down menu on our
website homepage.*



District Directory

2024-2025

Serving 11 Counties in Northeastern Pennsylvania, USA

Public Image Committee

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 International's 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



Visit from Victory Gardens

The founder of Victory Gardens for Vets Jason Whitney visited the Rotary Club of the Abingtons at their luncheon meeting at Camelot in Waverly today.

Victory Gardens helps vets grow nutritious food and find stress relief. This empowers vets to cultivate and be self-reliant. As they say "We build foxholes that nourish." Check out Facebook.

L to R: Rotary President Steve Selige and Jason.



Fireworks

> The Rotary Club of the Abingtons Annual 4th of July Fireworks Celebration will be held Thursday, July 3, 2025 at the Abington Heights Middle School, 1555 Newton Ransom Blvd.

Parking opens at 5PM and is only \$10/vehicle. There will be a variety of food options for purchase including: 2 Wayz One Passion, Pop-Pop's Grill & Catering, Chef Lou's Catering, Manning Farm Dairy, Smash Hut, Fon Dippity, Maddy's doghouse, Notis the Gyro King, Country Girl Kettle Corn, Wicked Pissah Lobster Co., Hooked on State Street, Lou's Concessions, Trailer 2 Funnel Cake, Lupo Rosso Woodfired Pizza.

There will also be balloon sculptures and face painting. The show starts at dusk; there is no rain date. Due to construction at the site, handicapped parking, with placards, will be at the Newton-Ransom Elementary School. All parking is \$10/vehicle. Donations over that are welcomed! Expect traffic pattern changes.

NOTE: Parent's picking up students after the show will be directed by security.

Inaugural 5K

On Saturday May 24th 107 runners and walkers hit the cool, green trail and the winners are pictured below.

Chairman and Founder Chris Loftus and Rotary President Steve Selige rest easy after their work to sponsor the Inaugural 5K.

L to R: Chris and Steve.

The winners for the women are L to R: 3rd place-Jennifer Perry, Dalton. 2nd place-Emma Horsley, Dalton. 1st place-Addisyn Mummert, Clark's Summit.

The winners for the men are L to R:

3rd place-Bobby Shield, Clark's Summit. 2nd place: Nikolai Sutton, Clark's Summit. 3rd place: Brendan Dwyer, Dalton.



2025 Scholarship Recipients

Today the Rotary Club of the Abingtons hosted the 2025 scholarship recipients from the Abington School District. Annually, the Dolbear Foundation funds further education opportunities and shares those experiences with Abington members. Included this year were two law enforcement officers who will receive additional training.



2025 Scholarship Recipients



Attached you will find a photo of the Rotary Club of the Abingtons volunteers who went out on May 17th and picked up trash along US route 6&11 between Clarks Summit and Glenburn.

From left to right: Tripp Crowley, Roger Mattes, Chris Loftus, Chris Selige, Leah Ducato Rudolph, Phylis Ruzbarsky, Margaret Crowley, Janice Bevacqua and Sandie Lamanna.

Tons of garbage picked up. Many pounds sweated off!





 **Date:** Saturday, June 14, 2025
Time: Doors open at 11:00A.M. - (Bingo starts at 12PM)
Location: Pocono Mountain Harley-Davidson
 **Address:** 110 Hill Motor Lodge Road, Tannersville, PA 18372

\$30 In Advance/\$35 At Door

All Tickets Include 6 Bingo Boards Per Game, Comedy Show &
Chance To Win Great Prizes & "Last Game" \$300 Cash Prize
V.I.P. Ticket Include: Reserved Seat & 3 Extra Boards Per Game.

To Purchase Tickets:



Click **"BINGO Tickets"** at:
www.Rotary-GP.org

Proceeds fund student scholarships & Rotary-GP VITA program
that provides **FREE** tax return preparation services for Elderly,
Veteran, Disabled, Limited English Speaking, and Low Income
Residents Of Monroe & Pike County, PA

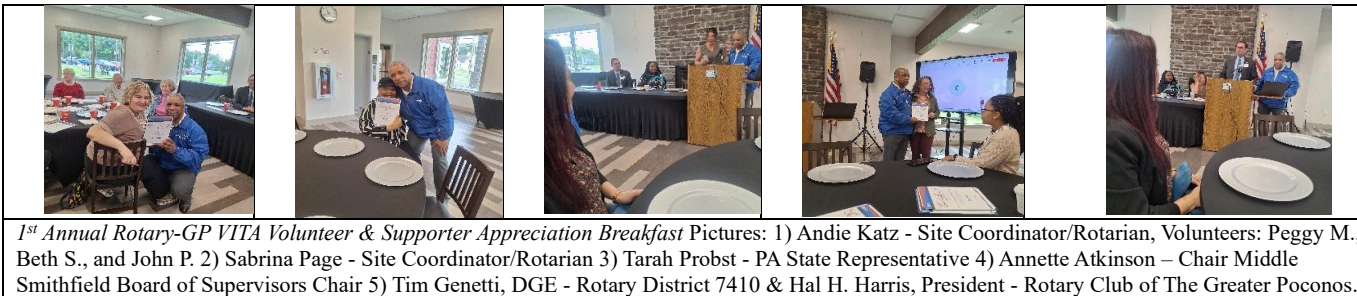




Club Of The
Greater Poconos

On Wednesday, May 28, 2025 **Rotary Club of The Greater Poconos** was honored to have Tim Genetti, DGE for Rotary District 7410, attend our **Rotary-GP VITA Volunteer & Supporter Appreciation Breakfast** where we paid tribute to Rotarians and community members who volunteered with our affiliated **Rotary Foundation of The Greater Poconos** to prepare over three hundred income tax returns and one hundred Property Tax/Renter Rebate applications for Elderly, Disabled, and Low & Moderate-Income residents from Monroe & Pike County, PA. Notably, all services were provided **FREE OF CHARGE** via our Rotary-GP VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) program that:

1. Is the only organization providing FREE tax prep services to residents of Monroe and Pike County, PA, during the past income tax filing season, with only limited donations and no grants from any source.
2. Prepared **over \$50,000** in Property Tax/Renter Rebate applications.
3. Collectively saved Taxpayers we served **over \$75,000** in Paid Preparer fees.
4. Delivered **over \$270,000** in Federal Earned Income Tax Credits, Child Tax Credits and refunds. And,
5. Provided FREE services that resulted in **over \$395,000** in economic benefit to many townships in Monroe & Pike County, since most of the money Taxpayers received was/will be spent locally to pay their rent or property taxes, feed their families, heat their home, and buy much needed medicine.



1st Annual Rotary-GP VITA Volunteer & Supporter Appreciation Breakfast Pictures: 1) Andie Katz - Site Coordinator/Rotarian, Volunteers: Peggy M. Beth S., and John P. 2) Sabrina Page - Site Coordinator/Rotarian 3) Tarah Probst - PA State Representative 4) Annette Atkinson – Chair Middle Smithfield Board of Supervisors Chair 5) Tim Genetti, DGE - Rotary District 7410 & Hal H. Harris, President - Rotary Club of The Greater Poconos.



State Representative Maureen Madden presented a Special Recognition to our team for the volunteer services we provided. Our team is ready to help **ANY** Rotary Club that wants to set up a Rotary-GP VITA community-based site, as one (1) of their Rotary Club's service projects, for the next income tax filing season. **Together We** can make a measurable economic difference in the various communities we serve, as Rotarians. If interested email Hal H. Harris at **President@Rotary-GP.org**.

To continue providing **FREE** services we must raise funds to cover expenses. **You can help** by donating or buying a ticket to our **Comedy BINGO "Fun-Raiser"** to be held on **Saturday (June 14, 2025) at 11AM** at **Pocono Mountain Harley-Davidson**. Please scan the QR Code on the flyer to the right or click the **BINGO** button at **www.Rotary-GP.org**

With **Your Support** we can help even more people secure tax credits, rebates, and refunds that will make a real difference in their lives and project Rotary in a positive way. On behalf of all we serve, thank you in advance for your support.

Rotary Club of The Greater Poconos





Hamlin Lake Ariel
Rotary
Club



12th Annual Golf Tournament

Monday June 2, 2025

Rain Date: June 9th

Captain & Crew Format

Registration begins **11am**

Shotgun Start at **1pm**

**Special Contests,
Buffet, Awards & More!**

Registration:

\$140 per Player
Payments accepted via
Cash, Check, or Venmo.



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Sponsorships Welcome!

\$10,000 hole-in-one prize!

Adopt-a-Highway

Hamlin Lake Ariel Rotarians participated in our annual Adopt-a-Highway on an approximately 2 mile stretch of Route 590. Thank you endlessly for everyone who came out to help!

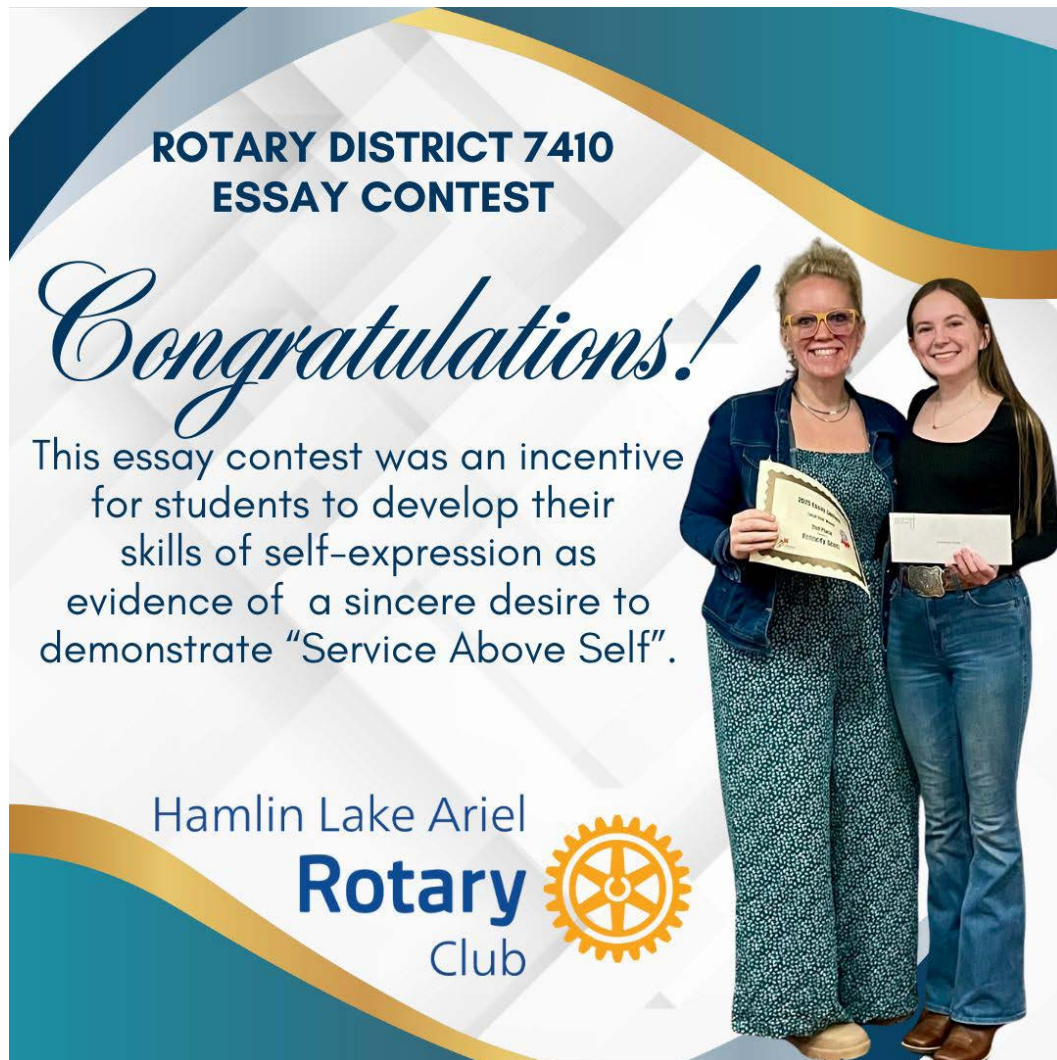
Earth Day Trees for Children

In celebration of Earth Day, Hamlin Lake Ariel Rotary Club packaged a whopping 1,000 tree saplings and handed them out to the wonderful children at Evergreen Elementary and RD Wilson schools.



Essay Winners

Thank you to Western Wayne instructor Carrie Wittenbrader and her student Kennedy Scott for visiting our club and sharing Kennedy's inspiring, second-place winning essay with our members!



Hazleton Rotary Selects 2025 Memorial Scholarship Winners

Hazleton Rotary President Alan Whitaker says, "We are very happy to announce the following students; Alexander Composto, Emily Reinmiller and Kendall Orozco have been selected as the 2025 Hazleton Rotary Memorial Scholarship winners."

"Alexander will receive a scholarship of \$4,000 per year for a total of \$16,000 for four years; Emily will receive \$3,000 per year for a total of \$12,000; and Kendall will receive \$1,500 per year for a total of \$6,000 for four years." Whitaker explains.

Emily will be a Hazleton Area High School (STEM) graduate and Kendall and Alexander, MMI Preparatory School graduates.

Alexander, the son of Nicole and Stephen Composto, Freeland, explains "This award means more to my family and I than anyone could ever imagine. For the past couple of months, I have been working balancing my schoolwork, extracurriculars, and writing numerous essays in an attempt to make some extra money towards my college. While I earned a lot of money through merit awards for Lehigh, the college I plan on attending, the cost is still hefty. Winning this award is another step in lessening that stress. My family and I thank you very much!!"

The daughter of Angela and Donald Reinmiller, Drums, Emily notes, "I am incredibly grateful and honored to be awarded the Hazleton Rotary Memorial Scholarship. It is extremely meaningful to my family and me, as it will ease the financial burden of pursuing my academic and career goals at Cornell University. Thank you for believing in my potential. Your investment in my future truly makes a difference, and I am excited to make the most of this opportunity."

Kendall the daughter of Christopher and Tricia Orozco, Zion Grove. sends this message to members of Hazleton Rotary, "It's an extraordinary honor to be awarded this scholarship. I hope to put it to good use through pursuing my education and a career in engineering. With fewer financial barriers, I know I'll be able to reach my goals. Thank you to everyone who supported and believed in me!"

Alexander will be seeking a B.S. degree in Environmental Engineering, Lehigh University; Emily a Bachelor's in Cognitive Science at Cornell University and Kendall a Bachelor's in Civil Engineering from the University of Florida.

Rotary Scholarship Project Chair Kim McNulty comments, "It is really a pleasure to offer these wonderful opportunities to further their education to our scholarship winners. Hazleton Rotary congratulates them on all their outstanding achievements and extends wishes for futures filled with success to each one." The winners will be introduced to the Hazleton Rotary membership this summer.

The complete article is available on the Hazleton Rotary Facebook Page.



Hazleton Rotary Club Installs 105th President

Joan Buffington will be installed as the 105th President of Hazleton Rotary at the annual President's Party to be held on Wednesday, June 25, 2025, 6:00pm, Valley Country Club. This will be a cocktail reception in celebration of Ms. Buffington's swearing in as President along with the induction of board members and officers.

Joan has been a member of Hazleton Rotary Since January 6, 2016 and was sponsored for membership by fellow Rotarian, Kathie Oh.

Her goals for the year as President are to bring awareness of what Rotary stands for and expand opportunities for others to join and get very involved as a partner with other organizations to complete service projects benefitting the Greater Hazleton community.

Joan retired from M&T Bank as Manager of the Laurel Mall branch in Hazle Township along with her dual role as a Registered Securities Representative for LPL Financial.

She is a graduate of Bishop Hafey High School and resides in Hazle Township. She served in the United States Air Force from October, 1980 to June, 1986 and served two years in Germany. While there she attended Leadership School in Wiesbaden, Germany and graduated "Distinguished Graduate."

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

Members of the Board will be Nina Bonus, Joe Cammisa, Neal DeAngelo, III, Rossanna Gabriel, Anna Gharghoury, Danielle Matarella, Mark Ondishin, and Jace Whitaker



Hazleton Rotary 2025 Technical Scholarship Recipients

Hazleton Rotary President Alan Whitaker comments, "My parents would be so very delighted to know that the quality of the applications for the 2025 Arthur and Eileen Whitaker Memorial Trade Scholarship was so high this year, that it was decided we will provide a scholarship for not just one, but two worthy students interested in the technology field. Each will receive a full \$2,000 scholarship."

Daryelin Moreno de La Cruz and Faith Espinoza both graduated from the Hazleton Area High School's Career Center.

Daryelin earned a Varsity Award Letter in tennis, was elected to the National Honor Society, and was a member of HOSA and Executive Council. She has been involved in helping with food distribution at the Hazleton Integration Project Program Center, assisted with daily living activities at Laurels Senior Living Community and assisted with the elderly at The Pavillion at St. Lukes. She is employed by The Family Dollar Store at the Church Hill Mall in Hazleton.

Daryelin believes that, "Understanding the impact that community service and volunteering have should be essential for students. They shouldn't view it solely as a graduation requirement."

She adds that "One of the most beautiful qualities we human beings possess is the ability to empathize with others and connect through emotionally shaping experiences. The importance of community service, whether in the community, at school, or in student life, lies in the opportunities it provides in all three areas. The benefits are endless, and as a student who has had the good fortune and opportunity to meet new people, places and ideas through volunteering, I can say that I would recommend all students try it at least once; the change will be lasting."

Faith was involved in food distribution for home cooked meals given to the community and helping with activities at vacation bible school. In high school she was a member of HOSA, National Honors Society, Health Educator and received certifications in OSHA 10 and HIPA.

"Volunteering has been one of the most transformative experiences of my life, shaping not only my perspective but also my aspirations for the future." Faith explains. "During my time volunteering with the food distribution program I learned the importance of empathy and compassion as well as the value of listening to the stories of those I service. I realized that health and wellbeing extend beyond physical needs; they encompass emotional and social support as well. This understanding has fueled my desire to pursue a career in dentistry, where I can not only provide essential healthcare, but also foster a sense of trust and comfort in my patients."

Faith will be studying for an Associate Degree as a Dental Hygienist from Luzerne County Community College. Daryelin will be starting towards a Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree from Wilkes University.

The Arthur and Eileen Whitaker Memorial Trade Scholarship was established in 2023 by Hazleton Rotary to further area students' formal training and education in a bona fide trade school or similar training/education program, including but not limited to, plumbing, welding, electrical, HVAC, masonry, truck and automotive maintenance, automotive repair, CDL Licensure, beauty school, barber school, massage therapy, and licensed practical nurse programs, but excluding education and training for which a baccalaureate or higher degree may be awarded. Applicant must reside within the boundaries of the Hazleton Area School District and must be under the age of 30 years.



AUGUST 23

WINE and BEER Festival



12-6 p.m.
City View Park
700 South Poplar St.
Hazleton

Entertainment by:



Ostrich Hat

Boots & Bangs

\$20

Advance*

\$25

At the gate*

\$5

Designated
Driver at the gate.
Ages 13-20**

FREE

Admission
for children
12 and under**

*Must be 21 to drink

**Only available at the gate (non-drinking admission)
Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult

**Wineries, Breweries, Food,
Basket of Cheer, Craft Vendors**

Proceeds go to community projects.

hazletonrotary.ticketleap.com



Decorating the Miller Pavillion for Memorial Day

The Fred Miller Pavilion on Main Street in Honesdale was decked out in red, white and blue by Honesdale Rotarians committed to honoring veterans and maintaining the pavilion year-round. Warren Schloesser brought his ladder, Michelle Gilder the patriotic drapes and lights, Sherry Grandinetti her trowel and pots of colorful flowers and Kathi McKenna helped add the flags.

James (Jim) Hamill, Andy Lane Chapman and Lisa Champeau pitched in to finish the job. Happy Memorial Day everyone! Group photo, l. to r.: Chapman, Hamill, Grandinetti, Gilder, McKenna, Champeau.





Rotary Club of Kingston celebrates charter night

The Rotary Club of Kingston recently celebrated 73 years of service as an organization during Charter Night. The event took place at Kevin's Restaurant in Kingston. It was an extraordinary evening full of fun, friendship, and fellowship. And, great food!



Kingston Welcomes New Member Hal Levine

During Charter Night, Kingston officially welcomed their newest member, Hal Levine.





3rd Annual Auction Fundraiser

With Amy Bezek returning as special guest auctioneer



When: Sunday, June 8, 2025 from 1PM – 4PM

Where: Susquehanna Brewing Company
635 S. Main Street, Pittston

Cost: \$20, includes a paddle for bidding and 2 beer tickets

Please join us for an afternoon of fun, entertainment, and friendship while raising funds for local community organizations.



The Rotary Club of Kingston helps support numerous organizations including:

Blue Chip Farm Animal Refuge
CASA of Luzerne County
Catherine McCauley House
Christmas Together
Colonial Williamsburg Fund
Community Contributions
Dictionary Project

Habitat for Humanity
KFF baseball/softball program
Luzerne Foundation
Northeast Sight Services
PHL
Sleep in Heavenly Peace
St Jude's Childrens Hospital

Toys from Heidi
Tunnel to Towers
Valley Santa
Victims Resource Center
Wyoming Valley Childrens Association
WVW Spartan Closet
Weinberg Northeast Regional Food Bank



Annual Clean-Up Day

On April 26, 2025, Milford-Matamoras Rotary Club Members participated in this year's Annual Clean-Up Day in Milford, PA. Hosted by the Milford Enhancement Committee, this event invites community members to participate in cleaning up litter and debris from sites around the borough and Milford Township. All tools and lunch were provided, and everyone enjoyed helping out to make their community look as pristine as possible.

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. Pictured left to right are Dean Quirk, Ernie Olsen, Christine Kerstetter, Arlen Quirk, Shaun Burger, Ben Mahala, Flora Connelly and Candace Mahala.



Art Ridley Memorial Rotary 5K Run & Walk

On Saturday, May 17th the Milford Matamoras Rotary held its annual Art Ridley Memorial Rotary 5K Run & Walk at Ann Street Memorial Park. This year's race benefited GAIT Equine Assisted Services and the Center for Developmental Disabilities in honor of the late Arthur K. Ridley, a legendary community servant to Milford and the Tri-State area. The day turned out to be spectacular with over 100 runners/walkers attending.

We even had a Kids Fun Run this year for kids ages 5-12. Pictured are four of our top winners. After the run everyone enjoyed a great BBQ with hamburgers and hot dogs. Milford Matamoras Rotary would like to thank all of our sponsors, donations, our DJ, our Timekeeper, volunteers and especially our kids that ran and all the runners/walkers. Without all of your support we would not be able to help support services for children with special needs in the Pike County area.

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New Member

On April 30th, the Milford Matamoras Rotary Club inducted Susie Lyddon, Director of the Green Trees Earl Learning Center located in Milford, PA as a new member. Susie will bring her entrepreneurial, creative and strategic leadership skills to our club. She also has the knack for recruiting and maintaining talented and dedicated staff and board members as well. We are so excited to have her join us!

Pictured left to right are Candace Mahala, Rotary Vice President, Susie Lyddon and Jamie Dykstra, Rotary President. 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.





Heart Walk 2025

In May, our club members, and some family and friends, joined in the 2025 Northeast PA Heart Walk at PNC Field. The Heart Walk is an event that brings the community together to support the mission of the American Heart Association.

All participants enjoyed walking around the Field. It was very uplifting! We're proud of our member Jo Gulvas, who serves on the Executive Team of the American Heart Association. Thanks Jo for helping to make this event a success!

Pictured in the three photos are Rotarians and family and friends in our red shirts with the Heart logo!



Welcome Colleen & Jayme!

Recently, Colleen Tertel & Jayme Swaditch, joined our Rotary Club family! We're excited to see the impact they will making in our community!

In the photo, left to right, are Jayme, Colleen, and Kathryn Murphy, Club President.



Support for School Backpack Program!

Our Purse Bingo fundraiser was a huge success in February! So because of that, we were recently able to donate \$2,000 to each of our two elementary schools for their backpack programs.

The backpack program provides essential food items for students in need, ensuring they have nourishment over the weekends when school meals aren't available.

In first photo at check presentation at Fairview Elementary, left to right:

Joanne Joseph, Club President Elect, Stacey Panas, 5th Grade Teacher, and Audrey Palmer, Rotarian.

In the second photo at check presentation at Rice Elementary, left to right:

Joanne Joseph, Jill Galaskewicz, Rice PTA, and Audrey Palmer.



Part 2: Project Made Possible by Foundation Grant & Fundraiser!

Because of funds from the Rotary Foundation and our fundraising, we were able to visit the 2nd of our elementary schools with special gifts: Rice Elementary School.

For Kindergarten through 4th Grade, students received workbooks and bookmarks. Also, club members read the book "Becky and Lin's Apple Orchard Park" (published by a Rotary Club in Ohio).

For 5th and 6th graders, they were given a book-shaped stress ball and a paper with a challenge, which encouraged them to present ideas using the Rotary 'Four Way Test' principles.

Throughout the photos are Rotarians Kathryn Murphy, President; Joanne Joseph, President Elect; Kristine Homer and Jayne Swaditch. Also attending was our exchange student Andrea Edgecomb Gomez from New Zealand.



Flags for our Heroes!

This year, our club members placed American flags in the plot of land that houses our Rotary sign and the Christmas tree that we decorate each year. The land is in a central part of Mountain Top. We wanted to remember those veterans that gave their lives for our country. Pictured are Rotarians and family members placing the flags in the ground.



Litter Pick-Up: With a little help from our friends, club members, & Interact!

One of our rewarding fun projects is our annual litter pick-up in Mountain Top. Besides making Mountain Top a bit cleaner, we found a wallet that was ultimately returned to its' owner by one of our local policemen.

Pictured is our group in their green vests!



Mountain Top Rotary FARMERS MARKET

Every Sunday 9am-1pm
June - Oct.

Starting June 29

Crestwood High School
Parking Lot

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"

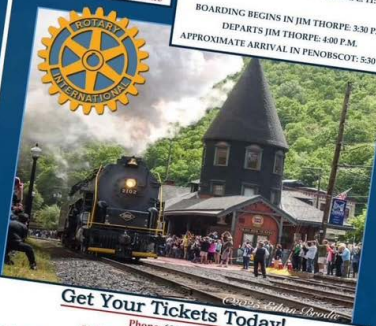
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BOARDING BEGINS IN JIM THORPE: 3:30 P.M.
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New Member

In May, District Governor Elect, Tim Genetti, inducted Stroudsburgs Rotarists' newest member, Dinoli Rowlands. Dinoli works at PNC Bank and is eager to get involved. Let's all welcome her to our Rotary Family.



Successful Golf Tournament

Stroudsburgs Rotary had their very successful golf tournament on Wed, June 4. It was a picture perfect day on the grounds of the Historic Shawnee Inn & Golf Resort. Over 80 golfers attended and more than 65 raffle prizes were collected. Thank you to our Chair Don Hannig, for keeping everything moving smoothly. Thank you, TJ Price, for the raffle prize collections and all the Rotarians that helped secure prizes. Thank you, Danica Hartenfels, with keeping track of all the Tee sponsors.

We appreciate all of our volunteers including, Leslie Underhill, Gene Prospero, Pres Stacy Rodriguez, Tricia Wingerter, Timaki Johnson, Pres Elect Ed Schaefer, Karen Bastidas, Marlo Merhige, Ted Butz, Peter Andrews and I know there may be more...

We couldn't have raised all the money for grants without our sponsors and golfers:

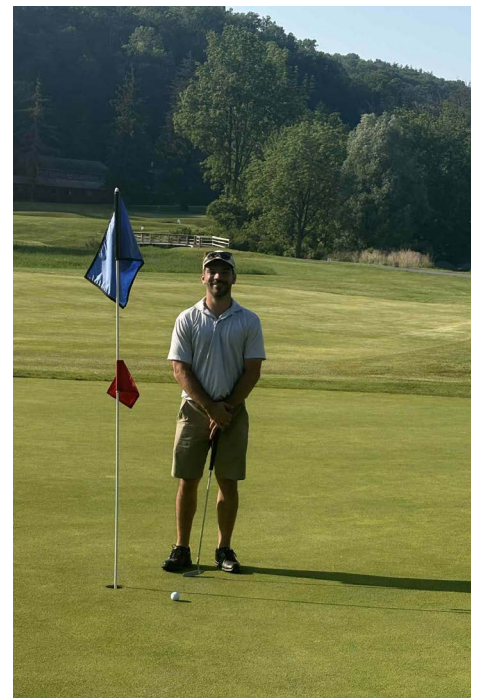
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Thank you Ginny & Charlie Kirkwood, General Manager Rob Howell and staff for making sure everything went well for our golfers on the course and during lunch and dinner.





Monthly Recap

The Tunkhannock Rotary Club started the month of May with it's Spring Roadside Cleanup. The weather cooperated and it was well attended by many members. The post clean up stories of who found the most interesting roadside rubbish are always a hoot !

Our Flash Meeting was held on May 14th at the Tunkhannock Ambulance Association. The services offered, cutting edge technology and property were quite impressive. Tunkhannock is lucky to have such an incredible organization with such dedicated staff.



The Club had the opportunity to meet our 3 essays winners. All three attended our May 9th meeting and read their essays to the Club. WOW, their future is bright, and our world is in good hands.



Rotarians joined a collaborative effort comprised of community organizations and leaders for a Narcan drive through. Many members of the community picked up a Narcan package. Together lives will be saved by the efforts of this group.



Upcoming events:

- Flash meeting June 11th at 5:00p.m. Will be held at the Tunkhannock Library Pavillon featuring our President's homemade ice cream.
- Induction Ceremony will take place on June 30th at 5:30p.m. at the Tunkhannock Library Pavillon. The price per person is \$30.00.

Happy
Father's Day

