

MAY 2025



A Message From:

DISTRICT GOVERNOR
Bill Skinner



Happy spring my fellow District 7410 Rotarians. As I write this, I do believe the snow and cold have finally left. We did have that snow in April shouldn't see any more until November or December. The trees are budding, the flowers are beginning to bloom, the grass is needing to be cut, and for us allergy sufferers the season has not been good. This too will pass, and we should all be looking forward to a great summer.

Two important holidays in May are of course Mother's Day on May 11th and Memorial Day on May 26th. May is also Youth Services Month in the Rotary Calendar. It is important for us to continue to grow our Rotary youth programs and to develop our next generation of leaders. Our youth programs help our youth to expand their education, build leadership skills, and help them learn the value of service and volunteering. One of my goals this year was to continue to grow our Youth Programs, which have never really recovered since Covid. We made some progress but still have a way to go.

With our youth programs we can engage young people in our communities at an early age, through high school, college and as young adults. There is an Earlyact Club that can be started at the elementary school level. I will be honest, I don't know if we have any in our District, but it certainly is a way to begin students to learn about leadership and service.

Of course there is Interact, our Rotary equivalent for our high school students. We have some very strong Interact Clubs in the District. Interact Clubs were designed to bring high school students (ages 12 to 18) to work on service projects, learn leadership skills, and promote goodwill and understanding. We have some very strong Interact Clubs in our District, but we could certainly develop more. I know it can be difficult to get school districts to want to form an Interact Club for various reasons. Most students are required to do community service projects, what better way to learn than through an Interact Club. It would be even better if the school didn't already have a Leo or Key Club, but all 3 can exist. Look to start an Interact Club in one of your schools.

We are now recruiting for RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards). RYLA also suffered from Covid, but we are building back up thanks to the dedication of our RYLA Committee and our great group of senior counselors who keep returning because they love the program. RYLA will be June 15th through 19th at Keystone College. By the time you read this registration may be closed but look to get sophomores going into their junior year next spring for this great program. Any student I have talked to after attending RYLA has nothing but praise for the program; saying it was life changing. RYLA students as well as Interact Students can be valuable helpful additions for your projects and fundraisers.

Youth Exchange, another great program is celebrating it's 50 year anniversary this year as one of Rotary's Official Youth Programs, although it started long before 1975. The Rotary Club of Copenhagen, Denmark initiated the first Rotary youth exchange in 1927. However Rotary members, program volunteers, and alumni everywhere should be proud to celebrate the last fifty years as the program has grown and become a prime example of Rotary service worldwide. We need to promote Youth Exchange to our Interactors and RYLA students to take advantage of this once in a lifetime experience.

Our college students and young people can become Rotoractors and participate in the same projects and do the same service in their clubs as can be done in a Rotary Club. We as a District do not have many colleges or university Rotoract Clubs, but it is certainly an area for us to look for growth and to get more young people into Rotary.

As we move forward as the words of the popular song goes "children are our future, teach them well and let them lead the way". We can change that first word to young people, and what better way to help them learn and lead than through Rotary!

Yours in Rotary!

Bill

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

May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Cash Raffle 50/50 Fundraiser (Newfoundland)	13	14	15	16	17
18 Motorcycle & Car Poker Ride (Honesdale)	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Monthly Meeting (Blakeslee)	29	30	31
1	2 12th Annual Golf Tournament (Hamlin Lake Ariel)	3	4 Stroudsburgs Rotary Golf Tournament (Stroudsburgs, The)	5	6	7

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

[5/12/2025 - Newfoundland - Cash Raffle 50/50 Fundraiser](#)

[5/18/2025 - Honesdale - Motorcycle and Car Poker Ride](#)

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.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to **JK Karavis** from the Rotary Club of Plymouth on being named the **District 7410 Rotarian of the Year!**



Polio Plus Committee

Pakistan's final polio push

Once country with over 20,000 polio cases annually, Pakistan has made historic progress in curbing disease

Pakistan's journey toward polio eradication has been long and arduous, but it is a story of resilience, dedication, and unwavering commitment. Once a country with over 20,000 polio cases annually, Pakistan has made historic progress in curbing the disease.

Between 2021 and 2022, Pakistan went 15 months without a single reported case, demonstrating that eradication is possible. While 2023 presented setbacks, the country responded remarkably with strengthened surveillance and better-quality immunisation campaigns. These numbers are more than statistics; they represent the tireless efforts of vaccinators, policymakers and communities working in unison. Importantly, they represent children whose lives will be forever altered by the tragic impact of polio.

Challenges remain in parts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Karachi, where security challenges, community hesitancy and operational hurdles persist. However, progress continues through local solutions, strong community engagement, and a renewed push to counter misinformation.

One of the most promising developments in Pakistan's polio battle is the apparent eradication of the YB3C virus cluster, which has not been detected since November 2023.

This achievement highlights the effectiveness of targeted immunization campaigns and reaching more children. Pakistan now operates one of the world's largest and most sophisticated polio surveillance networks, spanning 127 sites nationwide. The continued environmental detections of the virus underscore the system's strength in identifying and containing potential outbreaks before they can cause harm.

Another positive development is the decreasing incidence of paralytic polio. Moreover, the overall incidence of paralytic polio cases has remained very low despite the widespread detection of the virus in the environment. This is due to the high levels of immunity developed because of polio vaccination campaigns.

This means that the immunity built through repeated vaccination is protecting the most vulnerable. However, this progress should not lead to complacency, vaccination efforts must continue to fully close the immunity gap and stop the viral circulation of polio.

Some parents may wonder why their children need continued vaccinations if the virus is not causing paralysis. The answer is simple: sustained immunity is key to ensuring the virus cannot spread or mutate, particularly when there is no harm related to repeated vaccination. This is why we must maintain high vaccination rates until eradication is fully achieved. The continued support of parents and caregivers in ensuring their children receive vaccinations in every campaign is more important than ever.

At the heart of this effort are the frontline health workers who tirelessly go door to door, ensuring every child receives the lifesaving polio drops. Despite working in some of the most complex and high-risk environments, these vaccinators – especially over 225,000 female workers – continue their mission with extraordinary dedication. I continue to be inspired by their resilience and dedication despite the challenges they face when going from house to house.

Pakistan's polio programme benefits from impressive government support, with direct oversight from the prime minister and provincial chief secretaries. What does it take to end polio? A whole-of-government, whole-of-community approach, combined with unwavering support from our partners, is what will keep Pakistan moving forward in its final stretch toward eradication. This is one of the reasons why global partners, including Rotary, continue to support the program and remain committed to achieving lasting change toward a polio-free Pakistan.

Rotary International has been at the forefront of the global polio eradication effort since the beginning in 1988. To date, Rotary has contributed more than \$2.7 billion globally and \$500 million at home here in Pakistan. Rotary continues to play a vital role in funding, advocacy, and ground-level support.

We remain committed to ensuring Pakistan reaches zero polio cases – permanently. The goal is clear: to eliminate the virus not just from Pakistan but from the world – and forever. The momentum is strong. Pakistan can stop polio virus this year. The focus must be on delivering high-quality immunization campaigns reaching all children, ensuring strong surveillance to rapidly detect and contain any virus in remaining pockets and enhancing essential immunization to build long-term immunity. With digital innovations enabling real-time mapping and analysis of data on missed children, the programme is making significant strides in improving results and effectiveness.

As a nation, we stand at a historic turning point. The dream of a polio-free nation is within our reach. Still, it will require sustained action and unwavering commitment from us all – government, partners, and most importantly, the communities themselves. Together, we can turn this dream into reality, ensuring that no child ever suffers from polio again.

The writer is a humanitarian, industrialist and diplomat who serves as the chairman of the National Polio Plus Committee, Pakistan for Rotary International.



A lady health worker administers polio drops to a child during a polio eradication campaign in Hyderabad on April 29, 2024. — Online

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

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

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-Find a link to take you directly to [Rotary Internationals Brand Center](#). Here you can create and download videos, images, brochures, logos, business cards, flyers and much more.

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

-Download your [club logo](#).

CLUBS IN ACTION

Rotary



Club of The Abingtons

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Win a Piece of History 1 raffle ticket for \$10 3 raffle tickets for \$20

This stunning quilt was hand-stitched in the spring of 1980 by the Rotary Anns (wives & friends of the Rotary Club of the Abingtons) and was presented to Irene Vlassis, wife of District Governor Gus Vlassis. Each square represents a country that hosted Rotary that year.

Proceeds will be divided between Rotary International & Abington Rotary Charitable Trust.

To purchase tickets:

Zelle or email: abingtonrotary2017@gmail.com



**ENTRIES AND PAYMENT MUST
BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 21**



5K Race

The 5K Race is on! The Rotary Club of the Abingtons will sponsor their inaugural fundraiser to enhance their Charitable Trust Fund that has supported Abington community projects for numerous decades. Included will be runners and walkers Saturday May 24 at 9AM at the Church of the Epiphany in Glenburn.

Seated l to r:

Leah Rudolph, Phyllis Ruzbarsky , Ann Farias and Diane Calabro.

Standing l to r:

Roger Mattes, Anita Nealon, Chris Loftus (5K Race Chair) and Billy Angel.



6:47



The Race is ON....



Join the Rotary Club of the Abingtons in a unique, fun-filled family event! We will be sponsoring our first ever 5K run on **Saturday, May 24, 2025, 9AM start**, utilizing the **Trolley Trail**, beginning at the Church of the Epiphany, 25 Church Hill Road, Dalton, PA 18414.

Pre-registration (by May 1 to be guaranteed a t-shirt): runners \$25, walkers \$15, with packet pickup Friday, May 23, 2025 from 4-8 PM at Brown's Gym in Clarks Summit. Day of Registration: runners \$30, walkers \$20, with packet pickup Saturday, May 24, 2025 from 8 to 8:45 AM at the event.

Awards will be given to the top three male and female finishers as well as the top three males and females in age groups. To register or to donate, go to the attached QR code or <https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/Dalton/RotaryKRun>. All proceeds will benefit the Charitable Trust of Rotary Club of the Abingtons, a win for ALL of us!





Interact Club

The Interact Club has been hopping with activity this week! Along with Advisor Ms. Lani Drobnock, our students helped Hazleton Rotary prep for this Sunday's Easter Bunny Trail at City View Park by stuffing hundreds of sweet treat bags for Rotarians to hand out along the path. Hazleton Rotary really appreciates the time taken by MMI students to help us out!!!



Athena Award Winner

Hazleton Rotarian Rossanna Gabriel-Executive Director-Hazleton One Community Center (middle) was recently surprised with flowers and an invitation to the May 15th Annual Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce Meeting where she will be formally presented as the 2025 Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce Athena Award Winner. Tammy Torres, (L) President-Lehigh Valley Hospital-Hazleton-award sponsor and Mary Malone (R)-President Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce congratulate Rossanna on her community efforts and well deserved recognition.



Hazleton Rotary Hops Along the Bunny Trail

Hazleton Rotarians joined in the action at City View Park on Sunday April 13th, sharing treats with all the great youngsters and their families who attended the Easter Bunny Trail event hosted by Hazleton City.

Photo 1: Rotarians doing the Bunny Hop were Danielle Materella, Deb Archut, Michelle Genetti, Alan Whitaker, Michele Kushmeder and Tim Genetti. Photo 2: Rossanna Gabriel and HIP Corp volunteer Emely Rosado feeding the llamas.

Club members Tony Columbo, Mark Ondishin and Mark Imbriaco set up the tent in preparation for the kids collecting their Easter treats.



Hazleton Rotary-Earth Clean Up Day 2025

Kudos to Hazleton Rotarians Jacob McNelis and Michele Kushmeder for their hard work on Earth Clean Up Day 2025 on Saturday, the 26th of April. Sincerely appreciate your efforts in "braving the elements" on a cool and rainy day!!



MMI Preparatory School Interact Club Helps Build a Paperback Library

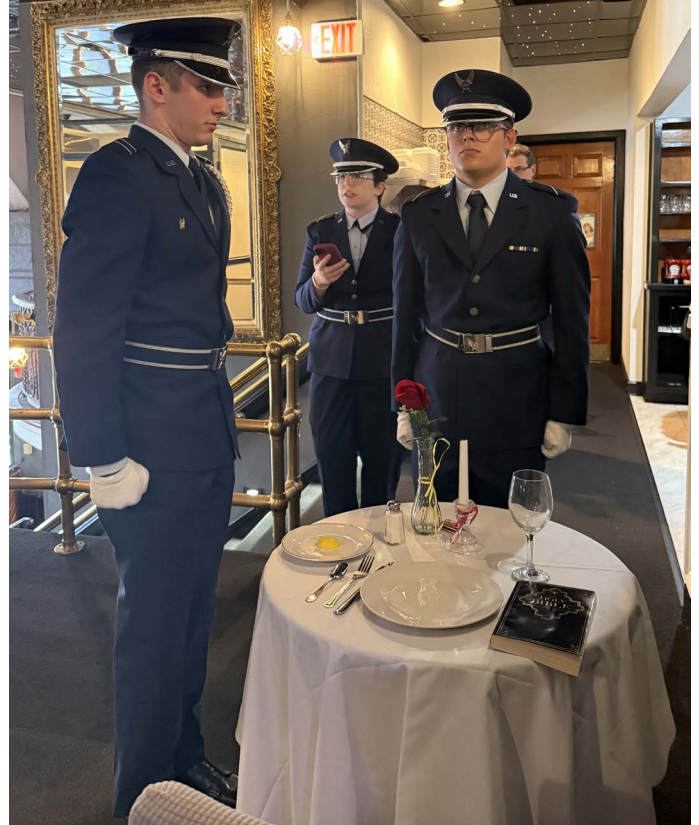
MMI alumni continue to stay connected, and our community never stops supporting its graduates! Yesterday, Brianna Nocchi '13, Licensed Master Social Worker, picked up the donated books collected by MMI's Interact Club to help build a paperback library for Wyoming Valley Behavioral Health. These books will provide comfort, inspiration, and a much-needed escape for clients. A huge thank you to everyone who donated and to our amazing Interact Club members, along with Head of School Mrs. Theresa Long and Interact Advisor Ms. Lani Drobnock, for making this initiative a success.



Hazleton Rotary Honors Local Veterans

A free luncheon, provided by the Hazleton Rotary Club, was offered to local Veterans who pre-registered and provided Military ID. The event took place on April 16, 2025, Booty's Restaurant, Hazleton and there were two settings, 12:00pm and 1:30pm.

Nearly 80 area veterans were honored at the luncheon, sponsored by Hazleton Rotary to thank them for their service. Kudos to Kathie Oh and Jason Brenner for their hard work. Special thanks to the Wilkes University ROTC for their participation in the program.





Rotary Club of Kingston benefit raises \$4000 for local charities

The Rotary Club of Kingston recently held an axe throwing fundraiser at the Hatchet Factory in Forty Fort to raise money for four different charities in the Wyoming Valley. The event was held in memory of beloved member, Bob Kopec, who passed away unexpectedly in 2023. The four charities benefitting from the fundraiser were some of Bob's favorite local charities: Blue Chip Animal Refuge, Sara's Table, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, and the American Red Cross. The event raised \$4000 to be split between the four organizations. Representatives from two of the organizations recently attended one of the Rotary club's weekly meetings and were presented with checks for their charities.



Rotary Club of Kingston brings smiles to the community

Members of the Rotary Club of Kingston were busy spreading joy and warmth to the community this past holiday season. The club collected items, shopped, and dropped off clothing, coats and blankets to local veterans and children in the Wyoming Valley. The club delivered a variety of coats and clothing to State Street Elementary School in Larksville to help stock the school's closet for kids. The school's closet provides clothing, coats, and necessary supplies to students as needed. The State Street Elementary's Junior ARMOR team members assisted unpacking the donations and will help distribute the items. A delivery of over 100 sets of pajamas and blankets was made to the McGlynn Center in Wilkes-Barre, a program that provides services to children and teens in the Boulevard Townhomes and Mineral Springs Village in Wilkes-Barre. The club also recently donated coats to the VA Hospital to be distributed to local veterans at the VA and in the local community.



3rd Annual Auction Fundraiser

With Amy Bezek returning as special guest auctioneer



When: Sunday, June 8, 2024 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



Essay Contest Winners

In December 2024, the Rotary District 7410 Essay Contest was opened to all local Juniors & Senior High School Students. The annual essay contest is designed to foster student creativity and create a positive outlook.

This year's theme is "Rotary's 4 Way Test, Is it fair to all concerned? How can we use teamwork, inclusion, empathy, acceptance, belonging, and accountability to solve problems or achieve the goals we set"? Milford-Matamoras Rotary Club received 21 essays from DV High School and chose three top winners, with the number one essay winner moving on to District finals. At Wednesday's April 16th meeting Milford Matamoras Rotary Club presented our three top winners with a cash prize. Pictured Ethan Koloski- 2nd Place winner received \$200.00, Jason Helferty-1st Place winner received \$300.00, Leslie Lordi, English and Journalism Teacher, Jackie West, English Department Chairperson, Nicole Cosentino, Assistant to the Superintendent for Academic Leadership and Culture and Taylor Spears-3rd place winner received \$100.00.

Our club was very proud of all students that participated in the essay contest, they all did an outstanding job. The Milford-Matamoras Rotary Club meets every Wednesday at 12:15PM at the Dimmick Inn in Milford. Anyone interested in becoming a member, contact Jamie at 201-388-7107 or come to a meeting.



Hoop Shoot Contest

The Milford-Matamoras Rotary Club held its annual Hoop Shoot contest after school this year to the delight of Students and Parents alike! All had a wonderful time raising funds for local Rotary Scholarships and Book Programs. The Rotary Club shouts out THANK YOU to the Delaware Valley Administration, Elementary School Staff, Students and Parents for taking the time out of your busy schedules to make this year's event a fantastic one. Pictured Jayson Pope, Delaware Valley Assistant Superintendant and Rotary Member with a DVES student. Milford Matamoras Rotary Club meets every Wednesday at 12:15PM at the Dimmick Inn in Milford. Anyone interested in becoming a member, contact Jamie Dykstra at 201-388-7107 or come visit us at a meeting.



Pinwheels: Reminder to Protect & Support Our Children!

On April 2nd, our club joined forces with the community to shine a light on child abuse awareness. Last year, 437 children were subjected to abuse in Luzerne County.

To honor these children, and to raise awareness, our club and community members placed 437 pinwheels in a grassy area in the heart of Mountain Top. It was a meaningful day!

April was Child Abuse Prevention Month.

See photos of the event, including one photo of President Elect Joanne Joseph placing a pinwheel in the ground



Rotary Foundation Grant Impact!

Recently our Rotary Foundation Grant came to fruition! (with the help of fundraising also!)

Two elementary schools in Mountain Top were recipients!

*Kindergarten - 4th Grade: These students received workbooks & bookmarks. Club members read the book "Beck and Lin's Apple Orchard Park", which was published by a Ohio Rotary Club).

*5th and 6th Grade: These students received a book-shaped stress ball and a paper with a challenge, which encouraged them to present ideas using the Rotary "Four-Way Test" principals. All students were eligible to win tickets to our upcoming Summer Festival in July, 2026.

Pictured are club members presenting to students: Audrey Palmer, Kathryn Murphy, and Joanne Joseph.



Best Wishes, Renee!

Renee Schwartz is a French teacher at Crestwood High School, and has been the Interact Moderator at Crestwood for ten years! Renee is retiring in May. At a recent Interact meeting, we took the opportunity to present Renee with a plaque. Renee has been great to work with, and has made an impact on her students. We will miss her!

Best wishes Renee in your next chapter! In the photo are left to right: Dorrine Engler, Rotary liaison to Interact, Renee, Joanne Joseph, President Elect, and Michelle Reilly, Past President.



ALL ABOARD!

Join our club, and hundreds of passengers, for a memorable steam train trip from Mountain Top to Jim Thorpe!
This recurring event, will be on Saturday, September 13, 2025. See attached flyer. Also visit the Rotary Club of Mountain Top Facebook Page, or go to www.RBMNRR-Passenger.com.

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
No Sales Day of Trip
Train Runs Rain or Shine

BOARDING BEGINS IN PENOBSCOT: 8:30 A.M.
DEPARTS PENOBSCOT: 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 PENOBSCOT: 5:30 P.M.

Get Your Tickets Today!
Phone: 610-562-2102
Online: www.RBMNRR-Passenger.com
Send check to: Rotary Club of Mountain Top, PO Box 244, Mtn Top, PA 18707
For questions or additional information, visit the Rotary Club of Mountain Top Facebook page
Railroad can substitute motive power for mechanical issues out of our control



New Milford Area Rotary Welcomes Foreign Exchange Students Visit

The regular meeting of the New Milford Area Rotary on March 20th, 2025, included an informative visit and talk by a number of students hosted here in Rotary District 7410 in Rotary's International Foreign Student Exchange program. The meeting at Susquehanna County Interfaith included "inbound" students from New Zealand, Switzerland, and Sweden. A former exchange student from Abington Heights High School also attended and spoke of her "outbound" experience in France. The Rotary District 7410 Student Exchange Program Chair also attended to answer questions about the program.

The New Milford Area Rotary has a sixty-plus-year legacy of hosting and sending students in the Rotary International Student Exchange program. After an interruption in this program caused by the COVID pandemic, the club is re-activating its efforts in this program. The club welcomes interest from any of the school districts in Susquehanna County. The club also invites any family that would like to host an exchange student to contact it.

The Club 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.





Keystone Mission Item Drive

The Rotary of Pittston will be collecting items the months of May and June to be donated to the Keystone Mission for those in need. Please see the flyer for more details.

Rotary
of Pittston



KEYSTONE
MISSION

BUILDING A COMMUNITY OF HOPE

DONATIONS

Rotary Club of Pittston is collecting items for the Keystone Mission in the month of May and June. All donations will be given at the end of June.

Items Needed:

Disinfectant Wipes

Dish Liquid

Travel Size Shampoo and Soap

Laundry Products

Paper Plates / Paper Bowls

Plastic Cutlery

Blankets

Jeans/Sweat Pants, Hoodies, T-shirts

New Men and Women's Underwear

For more information reach out to us at:

www.facebook.com/rotaryofpittston,

rotaryclubofpittston@gmail.com, or

Carmen Ciampi at 570-239-7534

Scan for full list of items!





Autism Awareness Month

The Rotary Club of Plymouth is observing Autism Awareness Month in April at Wyoming Valley Montessori School, Kingston. Pictured are Bluey, Sammy Karavis and Bingo. Bluey and Bingo proudly display "It's ok to be different"



Annual Paul E. "Budd" O'Malia Golf Tournament

The Rotary Club of Plymouth will be conducting its' Annual Paul E. "Budd" O'Malia Memorial Golf Tournament on Sunday May 18th, 2025 at Wilkes-Barre Municipal Golf Course. Registration is at 7am with an 8am shotgun start. Dinner to follow at Keeley's Ale House, Pringle. Cost for golf is \$125 and includes breakfast, golf, prizes and beverages on the course and dinner. The success of the golf tournament has been attributed to the support of our local community. We are again asking for your help.

The Club has made hole sponsorships available for those individuals or businesses that can support this endeavor. We have silver sponsors for \$50 and gold sponsors for \$100. Each sponsor will have a hole sign with their sponsorship information displayed proudly on the holes around the course. In lieu of a hole sponsor, you can also sponsor a gift certificate or donate a prize to be auctioned off at our post golf raffle at Keeley's Ale House, Pringle.

Whatever you choose, we are grateful for your support. For those of you knew Budd, he would be humbled and honored by your donation. He was a devoted community servant. He was the founder of our Rotary Club of Plymouth Kids @ Kristmas shopping spree. This project is now nearly 30 years old. Kids @ Kristmas provides toys, clothing and essentials for economically disadvantaged kids in our community. In 2022, the club sponsored nearly 130 kids. Thanks for your support and we hope to see you on May 18th

Rotary Club of Plymouth

PDG Paul "Budd" O'Malia Memorial Golf Tournament

Sunday, May 18th, 2025, Wilkes-Barre Municipal Golf Course

Registration 7:00AM with shotgun start at 8:00AM; Capt and Crew Format

\$125 includes breakfast, golf, prizes and beverages on the course and dinner to follow at Keeley's Ale House, Pringle.

Those who only want to come to the dinner and not golf?? \$30

Make All Checks payable to Rotary Club of Plymouth, PO Box 122 Plymouth, Pa. 18651

	NAME	Phone
Capt:	_____	_____
Crew	_____	_____
Crew	_____	_____
Crew	_____	_____

Hole Sponsors Available. \$50 silver \$100 gold (circle)
Sponsorship to read _____

Call JK Karavis at 570-574-4246 or Thomas Hogan at 570-592-4118 with any questions. Proceeds to benefit the Alzheimer's Foundation, WVW Scholarship Fund and Kids @ Kristmas Shopping Extravaganza



May Update

Spring has sprung! The Tunkhannock Rotary Club kicked off the spring season on April 24th, hosting the Annual Rotary Relays Invitational Junior High Track Meet at Memorial Stadium in Tunkhannock. The historic Rotary Relays began in the 1980s and the club is proud to carry on the tradition.

The event was attended by six different teams from the Wyoming Valley Conference and Lackawanna League including Hazleton Area, Lackawanna Trail, Lake-Lehman, Tunkhannock Area, Wyoming Area and Wyoming Valley West. Over 200 girls and boys competed in 14 different relay events including seven track relays (4x100/110 shuttle hurdles, 4x100, 4x200, 4x400, 4x Mid-Distance Medley, and 4x1600), three throwing relays (3x Shotput, 3x Discus, and 3x Javelin), three jumping competitions (3x Triple Jump, 3x Long Jump & 3x High Jump) and the 2x Pole Vault Relay.

Hazleton Area won the girls and boys title. Congratulations to all who participated!

Beyond preparing for the relays, the club continued making contributions to various local organizations. This month the club made donations to Seven Loaves Food Pantry and Wyoming County Grandparents Raising Grandchildren.



The club ended the month by participating in the Drug Take Back Program on April 26th. The program is a collaboration with various organizations throughout Wyoming County.



The Club is looking forward to upcoming events:

- May 1st, Roadside clean up following
- May 14th, monthly flash meeting



HAPPY
MOTHER'S
- DAY -