

# MAY 2026



## *Greetings from our 2025-2026*

DISTRICT GOVERNOR  
Tim Genetti



There are two topics I want to address: the District Conference in Gettysburg this year, and strategies for engaging new Rotarians within our clubs.

**District Conference** – Thank you to everyone who attended our District Conference from April 17th to 19th. It was not your typical district conference. Our District was represented by many of our former District Governors. On Friday night, many Rotarians went on a Ghost Tour, which was a lot of fun. On Saturday, Steven Wiley, President of the Lincoln Leadership Institute discussed ways to take your leadership from transactional behaviors to transformational behaviors to produce change and movement in your organization. He used the battle of Little Round Top to highlight this style of leadership. We then went to the battlefield. It was great. On Sunday, our district conducted its own events. We remembered Rotarians who passed away this year. Awards were presented to Andy Lane Chapman as Rotarian of the Year,

while James Baker and Stephen Moulton received Outstanding Rotarian honors. Our new Rotary Youth Exchange outgoing students were presented with their jackets. I would like to thank JK and Shelly Karavis who were outstanding moderators. Finally, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to my wife, Michelle, whose support was invaluable throughout this process.

**Engaging New Rotarians** – I am so proud that our District has had a net increase of 145 new members. This was the highest increase in both our zones. It's time for us to start involving these new Rotarians and helping them become part of our clubs. While this may present certain challenges, it also offers opportunities to enhance the overall strength of your club. Here are a few suggested strategies:

1. Mentorship program: Pair new members with experienced Rotarians to help guide them through club activities and foster connections.
2. Welcome Events: Host informal gatherings or orientations sessions specifically for newcomers to meet existing members and learn about your club.
3. Involvement in Projects: Encourage new members to participate in service projects from the outset, allowing them to see the impact of Rotary firsthand.
4. Rotary Education: Offer sessions that explain Rotary's mission, structure, and opportunities for involvement, including committees and leadership roles.
5. Flexibility: Recognize that new members may have varying levels of availability. Provide options for how they can contribute to the club.
6. Recognition: Acknowledge new members' contributions publicly to motivate them and others to get involved.
7. Lastly, and maybe the most important, Feedback Opportunities: Create avenues for new members to share their thoughts and suggestions, making them feel valued and heard.

Sincerely, DG Tim

# Rotary District 7410 Polio Plus Application



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

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

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

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

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

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

Name:

Signature:

Date:

Club Name:

Phone Number:

E-Mail:

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

# Register Today

## It's time to register for the 30th Annual, Statewide Pennsylvania Immunization Conference (PIC 2026)

PIC 2026 is an opportunity for professionals to learn, earn continuing education credits, network, and become more involved with immunizations.

### **PIC 2026:**

- Date: Thursday, June 18, 2026.

- Time: 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM.

  - o7:30 AM: Begin to check into the conference, have breakfast, visit the exhibits, and network.

- Location: Hershey Lodge, 325 University Drive, Hershey, PA 17033.

- Agenda Attached: Includes national, state, and local presenters speaking on reflections on vaccine legacy and public trust, 70 years that the polio vaccine was declared safe and effective, polio's long-term effects and caregiver care, describing the national childhood, adolescent and adult immunization schedules and Pennsylvania's response to the national changes, overview of vaccine preventable disease outbreaks, measles, and hepatitis B in Pennsylvania, Ian's personal story about flu, strategies for effective communication with messaging, addressing mis/dis/information, organizational quality improvement, reducing vaccine waste, and improving storage and handling, and recognizing the selected 2026 immunization champions.

For more information, Register to attend in-person or virtually (internet live course), Book hotel accommodations, and/or Apply to be a Conference Exhibitor, visit 30th Pennsylvania Immunization Conference (PIC 2026).

**[FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT CLICK HERE](#)**

# Upcoming Events

## Calendar

May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Lacawac Day of service (cluster event) (Honesdale)
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Motorcycle & Car Poker Ride (Honesdale)	1	2	3	4	5	6

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

[5/9 - District 7410 - Lacawac Day of Service \(Cluster Event\)](#)

[5/30 - Rotary Club of Honesdale - Motorcycle & Car Poker Ride](#)

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# Connect with Us!

 [RotaryDistrict7410@gmail.com](mailto:RotaryDistrict7410@gmail.com)

 [RotaryDistrict7410.org](http://RotaryDistrict7410.org)

 [@RotaryDistrict7410](https://www.facebook.com/RotaryDistrict7410)



**Rotary**   
District 7410

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# 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 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](#).

# Public Image Committee

## Membership Growth Starts With Public Image: Let's Make Rotary More Visible!

Rotary District 7410 is doing incredible work, supporting youth, serving communities, funding scholarships, responding to local needs, and showing up where it matters most.

But here's the honest truth: if people don't see Rotary, they can't join Rotary.

Membership growth isn't only about recruiting. It's also about visibility, making sure our communities recognize Rotary as a group that is active, welcoming, and relevant. When Rotary becomes more visible, membership growth naturally follows.

Our District Governor has shared that membership is a pressing priority, and without growth, districts can face difficult changes in the future. The good news is: we can strengthen our clubs simply by improving our public image and making it easier for new people to discover us.

### 10 Public Image Tips That Lead to More Members

#### 1. Share impact regularly

Post what you did, who it helped, and why it mattered.

#### 2. Show people in action

Service photos and candid moments beat "check pics" every time.

#### 3. Use plain language

Keep Rotary terms simple so newcomers instantly understand what you do.

#### 4. Always include an invite

Add: "Guests welcome!" or "Message us to visit a meeting."

#### 5. Host a casual open house

A "Rotary 101" coffee or meet-and-greet lowers the pressure to join.

#### 6. Be visible in the community

Wear Rotary gear and bring a banner/table to local events.

#### 7. Highlight member spotlights

Share why members joined and what Rotary means to them.

#### 8. Partner and get tagged

Work with schools/nonprofits and ask them to tag your club online.

#### 9. Keep your club page active

Update meeting info, post recent photos, and pin a "Visitors Welcome" post.

#### 10. Follow up fast with guests

A quick thank-you and personal invite back makes a big difference.

# CLUBS IN ACTION

Rotary  
Club of The Abingtons



## Join Us And Make An Impact

You care about your community — but caring alone doesn't change much. Rotary connects you with other young leaders who turn that energy into real projects, lasting friendships, and a weekly reminder that you're not in this alone! We meet for lunch on Thursdays, 12:10PM at Camelot, 17 Johnson Rd., CS. Evening and breakfast meetings are as announced. Visit our website or Facebook page to make a reservation.

## Independence Day 2026

The Rotary Club of the Abingtons 40th Annual 4th of July Firework Celebration will be held Friday July 3, 2026 at Hillside Park, 1188 Winola Rd., South Abington Twp. Parking opens at 5PM and is \$10/vehicle.

There will be a variety of food options for purchase so come hungry. There will also be balloon sculptures, face painting, and 2 playgrounds available. The show starts at dusk and there is no rain date. Additional donations are appreciated!

Bring blankets and folding chairs to celebrate our nation with us! Special thanks to Hillside Park and ROCK 107!





## *ROTARY RUN*

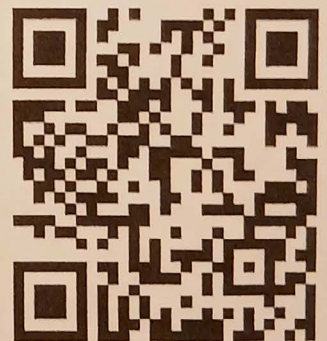
Saturday, May 23, 2026, 9AM

*On the Trolley Trail*

25 Church Hill Road, Dalton, PA 18414

Pre-registration: Runners \$25,  
Walkers \$15

Day of Registration: Runners \$30,  
Walkers \$20



To register or to donate, go to

<https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/Dalton/RotaryKRun>

*All proceeds go to the Charitable Trust of Rotary Club of The Abingtons.*

***A win for ALL of us!***

## Sponsor Our Race

On Saturday, May 23, 2026 we are hosting a 5K Run/Walk on the Trolley Trail in Glenburn to raise Rotary Charitable Trust Fund. We are seeking sponsors for this unique event. Besides sponsors, w donations of raffle baskets.

### **Sponsorship Levels**

GOLD (\$250 and above) - logo or larger name on event t-shirt; name and logo on mile marker

SILVER (\$150-249) - logo or larger name on event t-shirt

BRONZE (\$50-149) - name on event t-shirt

Social media recognition will be made for all sponsors and basket donors on our Facebook pages <https://www.facebook.com/RotaryCluboftheAbingtons> and on our website <https://abingtonrotary.org>.

Questions? Contact: Chris Loftus [christopherloftus5@gmail.com](mailto:christopherloftus5@gmail.com) or (517) 215-2329

### **RETURN ADDRESS:**

Rotary of The Abingtons, 450 Knapp Road, Clarks Summit, PA 18411

++++++CUT & MAIL BACK WITH YOUR CHECK made payable to ROTARY CLUB OF THE ABINGTONS, memo CHARITABLE TRUST ++++++

Donor or business name for publicity \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

100% Tax-deductible sponsorship amount enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_

Gift Basket or gift card/item? Contact Chris @ (517) 215-2329 and we will pick it up

**Sponsorship DEADLINE is MAY 10, 2026 to be included on t-shirts!!**

Donations of \$150 and above should email a .JPG of their logo to [christopherloftus5@gmail.com](mailto:christopherloftus5@gmail.com).

## Dallas Rotary celebrates 99 years of service to the Back Mountain and the world

On March 19 the Rotary Club of Dallas held a celebration to mark the 99th anniversary of the signing of their charter by Rotary International, a world-wide service organization that has been in existence since 1905. Rotary has more than 45,000 clubs and 1.2 million members around the world.

Ten of the current members of the Dallas Club have served in Rotary for more than 25 years. Six of them were in attendance to be recognized by their District 7410 Governor Tim Genetti, Assistant Governor Brian Vnuk, Club President Heather Biehl, Club President Elect Joann Prohaska, and all members and friends who attended the event.

Members of the club have already put together a committee to plan the March 2027 celebration of their 100th anniversary in grand style at the Appletree Terrace in Dallas.

From left: President Elect Joann Prohaska, District 7410 Governor Tim Genetti; six honorees: Eric Martin, Ted Horn, Kevin Smith, Kerry Freeman, Past District Governor Art Peoples, Sandy Peoples; President Heather Biehl, Assistant District Governor Brian Vnuk. The other four 25+ year members who were not able to attend are: Joseph Stager, Jon Pomrinke, Jerry Reisch and Melissa Saxon.





## Blood Drive

The Hamlin Lake Ariel Rotary Club recently concluded its 2026 Memorial Blood Drive, an annual event held this year in special memory of longtime member and community pillar, Larry Ditty. The drive saw a significant turnout from local residents, resulting in a life-saving collection of donations for those in need.

The event served as both a practical contribution to the regional blood supply and a heartfelt tribute to Mr. Ditty's legacy of service. Community members, volunteers, and local partners united at the event to "roll up their sleeves" and give back to a cause that directly impacts local healthcare and emergency services.

The Hamlin Lake Ariel Rotary Club extends its deepest gratitude to the local partners and donors whose contributions and logistical support were essential to the day's success. Their commitment ensured the drive ran smoothly and effectively met its goals. Blood donation remains a critical need year-round. The club encourages those who were unable to attend the memorial drive to consider visiting local donation centers to continue the spirit of giving that Larry Ditty so passionately championed throughout his life.



## 2026 Blood Drive



## Essay Winners

The Hamlin Lake Ariel Rotary Club is proud to announce the winners of its annual student essay contest, an initiative designed to provide young people with a platform to share their personal stories and perspectives with the wider community. The competition culminated in a special event where the finalists stood before a room of Rotarians and community guests to read their entries aloud. The club is honored to recognize the following students for their exceptional storytelling and bravery:

1st Place: Ronnie Ronnow  
2nd Place: Giuliana Velaquez  
3rd Place: Mia Gifford

According to local educators, this contest often serves as a pivotal moment for students, representing the first time many have their voices heard and validated by an audience outside of their immediate school and family circles. The Hamlin Lake Ariel Rotary Club considers it a privilege to serve as that audience and to witness the immense potential of these young leaders. As the first-place winner, Ronnie Ronnow's essay has been submitted to the district-wide competition, where she will represent the local area against students from across the region. The club extends its deepest gratitude to the educators who champion these students daily and foster an environment where their "Bright Futures" can flourish.

**2026 Essay Contest Winners**

Hamlin Lake Ariel  
Rotary Club

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3<sup>RD</sup>

*Congratulations!*

BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY

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## New Member

The Hamlin Lake Ariel Rotary Club is pleased to announce the induction of its newest member, Angie Elders, who was officially welcomed into the organization during a ceremony held on April 21st.

Mrs. Elders, a resident of the local community, currently serves as a professional at NBT Bank. In addition to her professional career, she is a dedicated wife and mother. Her commitment to professional excellence and family values aligns seamlessly with the mission of Rotary International.

# Welcome to Rotary!



# Angie Elders



[www.hamlinrotary.com](http://www.hamlinrotary.com)

Hamlin Lake Ariel

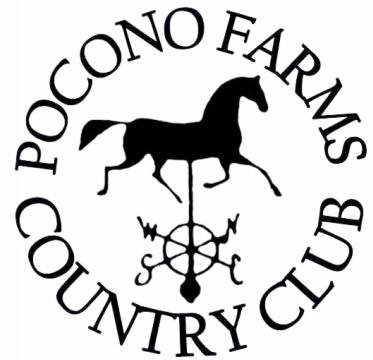
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# 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament

## Monday June 8, 2026

Rain Date: June 15th

Captain & Crew Format  
Registration begins at Noon

1pm Shotgun Start

**Special Contests,  
Buffet Dinner,  
Awards and More!**

**Paid Registration:**

**\$135 per player includes...**

- Greens Fees and Cart
- Putting Contest Entry
- Hot Dog or Cheeseburger Luncheon
- Special Contests (including \$10,000 hole-in-one!)
- Dinner & Awards Reception

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

**Sponsorships Welcome!**

For more information and registration, please call one of the members below or email [hamlinlakearielrotary@gmail.com](mailto:hamlinlakearielrotary@gmail.com):

Terri Ditty  
(570) 947-1649

Jacky Gillette (Chair)  
(570) 575-5502

Bill Culley  
(570) 499-6656



Mary Ellen Bentler  
(570) 499-8901

Harry Talalas  
(570) 499-2794

Andrew Katz  
(570) 698-5066

**Thank you for supporting our local community!**



## Hazleton Rotary Honors Local Veterans

Over 80 local Veterans were honored and provided with a free meal, by Hazleton Rotary at a Veterans' Day luncheon held on Tuesday April 28, 2026 at Booty's Café Italiano, Hazleton. There were two seatings available at 11:15 and 1:30pm.

"It has been a privilege for me to plan and carry out this project, for the third time, to honor and recognize our local Veterans. Our Vets have done so much for all of us and it is so very important that we remember and give credit to them for their service," explains Kathie Oh, project chairwoman.

"It was such a beautiful and touching event which the Veterans seemed to enjoy." declared President Joan Buffington. "It was a privilege for Hazleton Rotary to sponsor an event honoring our hometown heroes." For information on future Hazleton Rotary activities, please scan the local newspaper, the Hazleton Rotary Website-[www.hazletonrotary.org](http://www.hazletonrotary.org) and/or the Hazleton Rotary Facebook Page.





## Volunteers in Medicine

Recently, our club presented a donation check to the “Volunteers in Medicine” organization in Wilkes-Barre. In February, several of our members toured their facility and we had our regular meeting there.

“Volunteers in Medicine” is a wonderful organization! They provide essential medical services to those in need. Their volunteers include local doctors, nurses, and clerical help. Also, they help distribute boxes of food, again to those in need. We saw their services and facility upfront and are so proud to help them with their mission!

In the photo, from left to right are: Joe Aquilina, Secretary, Joanne Joseph, President, and Kelly Ranieli, Executive Director of Volunteers in Medicine of Luzerne County.



## Our District Conference in Gettysburg

How proud we are that one of our new members attended the recent District Conference! Dr. Tequila Ayinla, club member, attended the conference, Tee was joined by her husband, Dami.

Tee told us “it was the first time attending a district conference. My husband and I enjoyed it so much!. It was vibrant, educational, and a lot of fun. The food was amazing, and we enjoyed the trip to Gettysburg Battlefield and learned so much. It was nice getting to know fellow Rotarians and hearing about all the amazing work our District is doing”.

Photos of Tee and Dami at the conference and visiting Gettysburg.



**MOUNTAIN TOP**



**ROTARY CLUB**

**Sunday July 26, 2026**

**12 noon-6p.m.**

**Mountain Top Hose Co.**

**Fair Grounds**

**FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!**

- **Food**
- **Spirits**
- **Games**
- **Vendors**

**September 12, 2026**

**Mountain Top Rotary Club**  
**STEAM TRAIN**  
**EXCURSION**

**Penobscot to Jim Thorpe, PA All - Day 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".

**Get Your Tickets Today!**



**Ticket Price**  
**\$70 per person**

No Sales Day of Trip  
Train Runs Rain or Shine

**Arrival & Departure Times**

BOARDING BEGINS IN PENOBSCOT: 8:30 A.M.  
DEPARTS PENOBSCOT: 9:30 A.M.  
APPROXIMATE ARRIVAL IN JIM THORPE: 11:15 A.M.

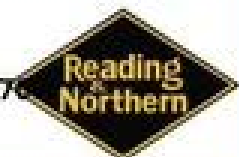
BOARDING BEGINS IN JIM THORPE: 1:30 P.M.  
DEPARTS JIM THORPE: 4:00 P.M.  
APPROXIMATE ARRIVAL IN PENOBSCOT: 5:30 P.M.

Phone: 610-562-2102

Online: [www.RBMNRR-Passenger.com](http://www.RBMNRR-Passenger.com)

Send check to: Rotary Club of Mountain Top, PO Box 244, Mtn Top, PA 18701

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.





## 50/50 Raffle Sales Recap

New Milford Area Rotary held a 50/50 Drawing in April. They sold 400 tickets and the winner won \$2,000.





## New Member

Please join us in welcoming our newest member, Mary Coyne DMD.



## Chi Energy Spa

Connie Learn (L) manager and Jeannie Brady (R) Rotarian and owner spoke about how and why they started Chi Energy Salt Spa.



## Souper Saturday Volunteers

Pictured Left to Right Samantha Maruzzelli, John Proctor, Joe Peters and Below Donna Wald. Rotarians volunteering at "Souper Saturday" fundraiser event hosted by Connie Kintner.



## Exchange Student Update

Martin Ortiz, Exchange Student with his weekly update.

