



Newsletter / November 2021 District 7410

Message from the District Governor Mary Ellen Bentler

The charitable arm of Rotary International, The Rotary Foundation is the engine that powers so many Rotary Projects locally and throughout the world. The Foundation transforms your gifts into projects that change lives. As RI President Shekhar has done, I am asking all Rotary clubs to bring attention to the Foundation this month. This is what connects all Rotarians worldwide and converts our collective passions into projects that change lives. "Giving Thursday" is on November 30th this year. Global Day of Giving is an opportunity for all Rotary members to make a big impact with a gift of any size to our Annual Fund – Share.



In October, I had the pleasure of doing several club visits and I have really enjoyed hearing about the great projects all our clubs are doing in their community. I heard about food collections, projects that benefit the children, the elderly, and the veterans in our communities along with many more. It has been a real pleasure meeting the Rotarians in our district and I look forward to the rest of the visits. I also had the pleasure along with PDG Karen DeMatteo and PDG Bill Speare, attending the Leighton Club's Centennial celebration.

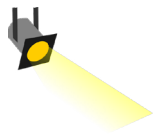
The International Innovator Club will be having their Charter Celebration on November 21, 2021. Please look for the Invitation in this newsletter and help welcome and celebrate this new club to our District.

Also, in October we had a successful Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) at Lackawanna College, and it was the first in person RLI in 16 months. JK and Shelly Karavis did a great job as Co-Chairs of this event and it was also impressive that the entire DG line participated.

This Rotary Year District Conference will be held on May 5th, 6th and 7th in Ithaca, New York on Lake Cayuga. Conference Chair Ted Silver and the committee are working hard to be sure this conference has a lot of fun activities and tours so please mark you calendar and join us.

We are also planning a District Dance on April 2, 2022 from 6PM to 9PM at Shadowbrook Resort. Mary Tempest and her committee are planning the "Move & Groove with Rotary" dance for Rotarians and Non-Rotarians. Let's show members of our community how much fun Rotarians are.

In Service to Rotary,
Mary Ellen



New Member Spotlight



On August 31, 2021, Rotary of Honesdale welcomed two new members into the Club. Dana Scott was sponsored by Assistant Governor Andy Chapman, and Michael Dux was sponsored by Co-President Robert Schwartz. Pictured below from left are Scott, Chapman, Schwartz, Dux, and Co-President Alycia Schwartz.



YOU'RE INVITED TO THE
CHARTER CELEBRATION
FOR THE E-CLUB OF THE
INTERNATIONAL INNOVATORS

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 7410



JOIN US IN CELEBRATION VIA ZOOM

NOVEMBER

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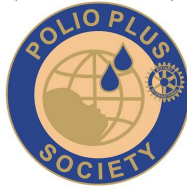
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WE WILL HAVE FEATURED PRESENTATIONS & FEATURED
SPEAKER ROTARY INTL. VICE PRESIDENT FOR 2021-2022 &
DIRECTOR FOR ZONES 28 + 32 VALARIE WAFER



Rotary 
E-Club of
International Innovators

ROTARY DISTRICT 7410 POLIOPLUS SOCIETY APPLICATION



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

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

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

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

E-mail or mail this completed form to the District PolioPlus Chair at davesolopalmer@gmail.com or Dave Palmer, 443 Mateer Road, Hop Bottom, PA 18824. Contact Dave for questions at 570-498-6637.

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

Name:

Signature:

Date:

Club Name:

Phone Number:

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.

Passport Club

Looking to offer a flexible, accessible and affordable format to individuals who want to be Rotarians but find that traditional Rotary Clubs don't fit their lifestyle, the newly reinvigorated District Passport Club is looking for your help!

The unique elements of a Passport Club:

- Members are encouraged to participate in service projects organized by other Rotary clubs.
 - Rotarians are invited to visit other Clubs and participate in their Club activities regularly.
 - Relaxed attendance policy.
 - Fewer in-person meetings.
 - Innovative concept designed to give members a more flexible Club experience while supporting the mission of both local District Clubs and Rotary International.
- Our Club members, currently small in number, want to help support District service projects wherever possible either in person or virtually which in turn may help us to grow our membership.

Please contact Club president, Chip Jaeger, at Rotary7410passportclub@gmail.com if you have an upcoming project or know of someone who may be interested in joining the Passport Club.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Save the Date!
2021-2022 District Conference



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Ithaca, NY
"Ithaca is Gorges!"
May 5th, 6th, and 7th
event information to follow



Abington Club supports Dalton Food Pantry

On December 9th, Members of Rotary Club of the Abingtons will collect toiletries, stocking stuffers, flour, sugar, and Holiday baking mixes for the Dalton Food Pantry at the Clarks Summit Fire House on Bedford Street in Clarks Summit.

Donations may be dropped off at that time or in advance at:
PSBank, 100 Old Lackawanna Trail or Community Bank, 931 S. State Street

Monetary donations accepted:
Rotary Club of the Abingtons
"Service Above Self"
PO Box 392
Clarks Summit, PA 18411

Abington Club at Shady Lane Cemetery

Recently, Carol Wilkerson and Louise Brennan presented the plight of the Shady Lane Cemetery in Clarks Summit. With a PowerPoint presentation Carol showed photos of the different sections of the very large cemetery. Included were areas that have been cleared of brush and debris and areas that continue to need the attention of dedicated volunteers. If you can dedicate some time and effort please see their Facebook page The Friends of Shady Lane.



Pictured (l to r): Chris Selige, Rotary President, and Carol Wilkerson and Louise Brennan.



Buck Pole/Chili Cook Off



"Sunday, November 28, 2021 the Hamlin/Lake Ariel Rotary Club will be holding its first ever Buck Pole event in conjunction with their returning Chili Cook Off Competition!

All are welcomed! Hunters and non-hunters alike.

Hunters - Bag your Buck and come on down to R Place on 590 parking lot for the official Drive-through Weigh In, 12pm to 5:30pm.

Chili Making Experts - Do you think your chili is the BEST!? Prove it! The Chili Cook Off is back and better than ever! Enter the competition for a chance to win a \$100 top prize or \$50 second prize PLUS bragging rights for a year! Set up starts at 2:30pm, event runs from 3pm-6pm. Entrants should bring at least 2 gallons of chili ready to serve in a crock pot or other heating vessel. Each entry includes 2 tickets for tasting. Pre-register by 11/26/21 for an advanced sale rate of \$15. Day of event rate is \$20 at the door.

Do you just love to eat chili? Maybe COOKING chili isn't quite your thing. That's alright! Get in on the tasting and help the Rotary Club of Hamlin/Lake Ariel determine the winner! 3pm to 6pm at R Place on 590. Join the fun and vote for Hamlin/ Lake Ariel's BEST Chili! There will be a basket raffle, 50/50, and live music courtesy of The Scheme! Cash bar. Drawings will start at 5:30, winners announced at 6. Tickets are \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door.

To pre-register/purchase tickets for either the Buck Pole, Chili Competition, or to just enjoy some Chili - contact: Jen 703-447-9608, Harry 570-499-2793, or Tatiana 570-575-8487."

Pints for Polio

“The Pints for Polio fundraiser for the Hamlin/Lake Ariel Rotary Club was held on Wednesday October 13, 2021. \$586 was raised for the Rotary Foundation’s Polio Plus Fund. Funds were raised via 50/50 sales, a raffle for a beer stein, and a donation from R Place for a portion of their proceeds that night! “



Memorial Board

“A memorial board was donated by the Rotary Club of Hamlin/Lake Ariel to the Hamlin Senior Center. Inside the display case is a list of the names of the Senior Center Members who have passed away. Moving forward, a small plaque will be added with the individuals name and the display is located in their gazebo - allowing a place to sit and cherish the memories they’ve all had together. Thank you to Rotarians Bill & Eileen Culley for their outstanding efforts in bringing this project together.”



Halloween Fun

Hazleton Rotary bagged some treats, set up a Halloween Hangout and handed out candy at the City of Hazelton's Trail of Treats on Sunday, October 31st, Hazelton City View Park, 12:30-4:00PM. Spooktacular!



*Hazleton Rotarian,
Rossanna, Gabriel Olivares,
Director of Hazelton Integration Project,
received
"Charitable Organization of the Year"
award at Greater Hazelton Chamber of
Commerce Awards Luncheon*



*Hazleton Rotarian, Donna Barna,
received
"Volunteer of the Year" Award
at the Greater Hazelton Chamber
Of Commerce Awards Luncheon*



Roadside Cleanup

Rotary of Honesdale recently participated in a region-wide roadside cleanup in conjunction with other groups in Wayne County as part of the “Keep Hawley-Honesdale Beautiful” group’s initiative. Honesdale Rotary regularly collects trash along PA Route 191 just south of Honesdale. While partnering with Wayne Tomorrow and many other groups for a region-wide cleanup on September 25, our group of Rotarians and friends collected 25 bags of trash! There are 52 miles of local roads and 26 groups under the KHHB umbrella. Indeed, it takes a village! Check out their Facebook page and start your own cleanup village! Pictured are Honesdale Rotarians Stephen Moulton, Lisa Champeau, Dana Scott, and Kim Rickard of Wayne Tomorrow.



Welcoming Rotarians from Afar!

On August 31, 2021, Rotary of Honesdale welcomed Georgia Sotoloff, visiting from the Rotary Club of Playa Del Carmen in Mexico! Pictured exchanging club banners are Karen Mander, Ms. Sotoloff, and co-President Alycia Schwartz. Georgia welcomes all Rotarians to attend a meeting of the Playa Del Carmen Seaside Rotary club while visiting Mexico.



Halloween Parade

Rotary of Honesdale and Wayne Highlands Interact students participated in the annual Honesdale Jaycees Halloween Parade. In keeping with this year's President's theme *Service Changes Lives*, the float theme was *Changing Lives Through Reading*. Rotarians distributed 1,000 books (and candy, of course) to the children lined along the parade route. Thank you all of the district Rotarians that contributed books! Driving the float was Honesdale's co-president Robert Schwartz.





Lehighton Rotary to host community event

Celebrating 100 years of service to our community, Lehighton Rotary proudly presents our 2021 Lehighton Handmade Holiday Craft Show on Saturday, November 6, 2021 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.!

*** Please note that we have changed the venue to Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company – located at 2440 Fairyland Road, Lehighton, PA 18235 ... It offers easy access; plenty of space – both inside and out; and an abundance of FREE parking.

As always ... Admission is FREE!

In our ninth year, this ever-popular family-friendly community event features:

Over 50 artists / crafters offering a wide variety of unique handmade crafts ... Get your Christmas shopping done early and locally. Avoiding shortages and shipping delays will enhance your holiday experience.

An early opportunity for photos / selfies with Santa Claus.

Buster the Clown will be on hand as well to entertain “children of all ages.”

Raffles – including our new Big Gift of Christmas Raffle!

A used book sale – with all proceeds benefiting Lehighton Area Memorial Library. The library will also host a FREE Kids’ Craft Table.

Keystone Military Families Christmas Card Program – Volunteers from Carbon County Chapter of PASR (Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees) ask guests to the craft show to please bring signed Christmas cards with, perhaps, a message of encouragement for our troops from Pennsylvania who are stationed away from home this holiday season.

A non-perishable food drive – with all donations given to Zion UCC’s Delly Berger Feed a Neighbor Food Pantry.

A toiletries drive – with all donations given to St. Peter’s Community Resource Center.

A donation drive for our “furry friends” – with all donations given to Carbon County Animal Shelter.

For the comfort and convenience of our vendors and guests, Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company will have their kitchen open throughout the day – offering local favorites. All of the proceeds from the kitchen will benefit the volunteer fire company and their programs.

In addition, all Lehighton Rotary proceeds will directly benefit the community and educational programs of the Club – chartered in 1921:

Our annual Dictionary Project – Distributing dictionaries to all third grade students in both Lehighton and Palmerton Area School Districts.

Our annual Essay Contest for Lehighton Area High School students – Reinforcing the importance of community service.

Presenting scholarships to LAHS students to attend Rotary Youth Leadership Assembly (RYLA) – Developing and strengthening leadership skills.

Any other service to which we are called to serve and help others.

Lehighton Rotary sincerely thanks our Title Partner – Lehigh Valley Health Network.

Additional partnership opportunities are still available.

For more information about the 2021 Lehighton Handmade Holiday Craft Show, please visit us on Facebook
and / or contact Michael and Erica Heery at HandmadeHolidayCraftShow@yahoo.com or 610-377-9706.

Lehighton Rotary – “Service Above Self!”



Spaghetti Dinner

The Rotary Club of Plymouth conducted it's annual Spaghetti Dinner on November 7th at the American Legion in Plymouth. The Club sold over 320 dinners. President Tom Hogan called the project an "overwhelming success".



*Rotarian Mike Klopotoski and
Plymouth Rotary President, Tom Hogan in the kitchen*



*Rotarian Lorree Levulis and Sammy Karavis
watching some cartoons*



Helen and Ed Karavis getting some take outs.



Rotarians JK Karavis, Brian Vnuk and Mike Klopotoski get a well deserved break



The Family of PDG Budd O'Malia enjoying the days culinary delights



Women's Resource Center Benefit Luncheon

On October 4th Scranton Rotary hosted a benefit luncheon for the Women's Resource Center (WRC).

The Women's Resource Center provides assistance in the form of housing and household goods to the victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Rotarians and guests were asked to bring household items as their entry to the lunch. All told, Scranton Rotarians and invitees donated over \$4,000 in household items and gift cards to benefit WRC clients.



Pictured from left to right are Amy Everetts, Director of Development, Women's Resource Center, Margaret McCormick, Scranton Rotary WRC Project Chair and Dave Price, Scranton Rotary Vice President.



Tunkhannock Rotary 2021 Harvest & Wine Festival

On Oct 9, 2021, the 13th Annual Tunkhannock Rotary Harvest & Wine Festival was held at Lazybrook Park. Music was provided by 2 bands, PopStar Drive and Inside Out, who alternated entertaining throughout the day.

Despite the status of Wyoming County as still at high risk for COVID-19 among the unvaccinated, over 2,400 people came out to party at the Festival and enjoy a lovely fall day in the park.



Tunkhannock Rotary Recognizes Members and Community Organizations

President Mary Tempest led the celebration of many Tunkhannock Rotary's members along with 7 community organizations at a Rotary Foundation Recognition Event on Thursday, Oct 21 at the Stonehedge Country Club.

The Tunkhannock Rotarians and their families were joined by Rotary District 7410 officials including current District Governor Mary Ellen Bentler, Past District Governor Karen DeMatteo and Tunkhannock's District Governor Nominee Samantha Maruzzelli, who is currently District 7410 Membership Committee Chair and the Club's Rotary Foundation (RF) Chair. The Club was also honored by the presence of Assistant Regional RF Coordinator for Zone 32 Joanne Ventura, responsible for RF activities for Districts 7410, 7475, 7490, and who was the keynote speaker.



*L to R: Pres. Mary Tempest, Zone 32 RF Coordinator
Joanne Ventura, DG Mary Ellen Bentler and
PDG Karen DeMatteo*

In her keynote address, Joanne spoke about the importance of donating to the Rotary Foundation to advance the programs that support both local community and international projects and that are implemented and managed by Rotary Clubs.

She also focused on the success of the Polio Eradication program with which Rotary has been involved since 1979. Rotary was one of the founding members of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative in 1988. Rotary has provided volunteers to administer the oral polio vaccines and raised over \$1 billion dollars to help fund these efforts, such that more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries have received the oral polio vaccines. Polio cases have been reduced by 99.9 percent worldwide, but it will take many more millions to complete this eradication effort. The RF is in the last 2 years of a 2:1 donation match from the Gates Foundation for polio eradication, so she urged everyone to make their donations while this match campaign is ongoing to triple the value of their contributions.

President Mary Tempest presented various Paul Harris recognitions to 11 Tunkhannock Rotarians, including: Jeannie Brady, Laura Charles, Terri Detrick, Ron Furman, John Hovan, Francine Kanyok, Norm Kelly, Mary Linden, Wade Linden, Samantha Maruzzelli and Elaine Walker.

Once an individual's cumulative donations to the RF exceeds \$10,000, that person is honored by the RF as a Major Donor. Carol Ziomek and Thomas Kukuchka were each recognized as Major Donors – Level 1 and received a personalized crystal recognition piece and a Major Donor lapel pin and pendant/charm.



L to R: Past Pres. Terri Detrick, Thomas Kukuchka, Carol Ziomek and Pres. Mary Tempest

Although a community organization cannot be honored as a Paul Harris Fellow, it can be recognized with a Certificate of Appreciation. In recognition of their incredible and important services to the local community and/or Rotary, the Club used its cumulative RF donations to recognize community organizations with Certificates of Appreciation. The 7 organizations honored were: Child Hunger Outreach Partners (CHOP), Wyoming County Emergency Management Agency (EMA), H.A.N.D.S. of Wyoming County, Nimble Hill Winery & Brewery, Popstar Drive, Seven Loaves Soup Kitchen and the Tunkhannock Public Library.



L to r: Frank Oliver (Seven Loaves Soup Kitchen), Alisha Myers and Cathy Franko (H.A.N.D.S.), Ron Furman for Dave Carichner (Wyoming County EMA), Nick Montero for Dani Ruhl (CHOP), Ellie Toczko (Nimble Hill), Pres. Mary Tempest and Dellana Diovisalvo (Tunkhannock Public Library).

Absent from the photo was Chris Maruzzelli (Popstar Drive).

Fall Roadside Cleanup

Since 1997, the Tunkhannock Club has participated in the Adopt a Highway Program, adopting a 2 mile stretch of Route 6 in Tunkhannock. Twice a year, in the Spring and Fall, Tunkhannock Rotarians clean-up both sides of the roadside along Route 6 from the Fireplace Restaurant to beyond Route 87 towards Meshoppen.

So, on Sat Oct 23, Rotarians & family members gathered at the Fireplace Restaurant parking lot to begin the Fall cleanup. Rotarians are "People of Action" and were determined to get the cleanup done to help "Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful".





WELLSBORO RIFLE RAFFLE

The Wellsboro Rotary Club is holding its annual Rifle Raffle. This year's prizes are Henry Big Boy repeaters in 30-30, .38/.357 and a .22 LR Golden Boy, as well as American Express gift cards for \$350.00 and \$150.00. The drawing will be held on Sunday, December 5, at 7:00 P.M. at Timeless Destination, 77 Main Street, Wellsboro. All proceeds go to the work of the Club. Winners do not have to be present, but must be at least 18 years of age and legally able to own and possess firearms in Pennsylvania and their state of residence. Tickets are \$10.00 and can be purchased from any member of the club or from Jim Tutak, Raffle Chair, at legaltak@aol.com, or by mail at Box 961, Wellsboro, 16901. The raffle is held under Legalized Games of Chance license #2083.

A warm, autumn-themed still life photograph. In the foreground, a white ceramic bowl is filled with corn on the cob, small potatoes, and a sprig of rosemary. Behind it, a wicker basket contains several pumpkins and more corn. The background is softly blurred, showing a table with a white cloth, a lit candle, and a glass of orange juice. The overall lighting is warm and golden, creating a cozy atmosphere.

Happy
Thanksgiving,
District 7410!