



Newsletter / November 2022

Message from the District Governor Craig Devenport

There's a source for that!

Not all of our club's issues were solved at the recent district conference, but many are now pointed in the right direction.

Wondering which social media platform is likely to work best for your club? We saw a source for that information. How does the Club Runner free district module benefit both the clubs and the district? We now have a source in the district for that.

How can our club attract younger people? We now understand the steps to take. We never thought about hosting a foreign student but wanted more details. They were provided. What is the Rotary zone and how does it fit into the scheme of things? This was explained in an easily understandable format. How does Polio Plus differ from just giving to the foundation for polio? That was clarified. How does the Rotary Foundation distribute its funding and how does it relate to our district? A clear presentation put that into perspective. How can we help the Ukraine? A zoom call was set up to speak directly with Warsaw, Poland who clarified what they are up to and how we can help them help the Ukraine.

Why do I pose these questions? My goal in helping decide what we wanted you to know is that all of these resources are available from people within our district. We have a lot of motivated Rotarians very willing to help us all. Please do not think that your club is alone and isolated and not meeting its expectations. We are here to help, but you need to let us know. We will find someone who can guide you through any difficulty and help you celebrate your successes.

Mark your calendars! Next years conference with be held on the first weekend in November 2023!

Yours in Service,
Craig Devenport DG



Stay tuned to the next newsletter for a recap & highlights!

District Conference

Rotary
District 7410



Rotary District 7410
November 4th-5th
2022-2023

Tunkhannock, PA

Keynote Speaker

Founder & President
Ryan Leckey Media

Emmy Award Winning
Content Creator



Ryan Leckey

Leckey Live - WNEP

Ph.D. in Strategic
Leadership &
Administrative Studies

Featured Speakers



Christina VanDergift

Broker/Owner, Vacation Rental Academy
Author - "Vacation Rentals:
The Ultimate Guide"
2019 Realtor of the Year - North Central
Penn Board of Realtors
2020 Top 100 People - Pennsylvania
Business Central



Rose Moore

Adventurer & Trained Outdoors Woman
Competitor on History Channels hit show:
Alone, Season 8
President/Owner of Non Profit:
This Is My Quest, Inc.

Meet our Area 6 Assistant Governor Patricia Mattes-Mazzei

Patricia (Pat) Mattes-Mazzei joined Rotary in 2015. She had been a Rotary Exchange Student in Mexico, and credits that experience to what she has accomplished in her life.

Her favorite trainings are PETS and The Leadership Programs.

As a Rotarian, Pat is now serving her third year as North Scranton President. She had co-chaired the Outbound Student Exchange Students and is currently serving a three-year term as Assistant Governor for North Scranton, Scranton, Dunmore, North Pocono and The Abingtons.



Meet our new Rotaract Chair!

Haley Bayline

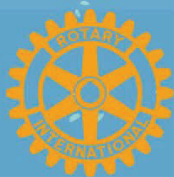
Haley grew up in Port Allegany, PA and graduated from Mansfield University in 2021. After graduation, Haley joined the family insurance agency.

In 2020, she was the Charter President and a Founding Member of the Rotaract Club of Mansfield University. Her passion for Rotary started at a very young age as she is a third generation Rotarian. Her and her family have hosted four Exchange Students and numerous Group Study Exchange team members over the years. After graduating from Mansfield University and RCMU, Haley went on to become the Charter President and a Founding Member of her current Rotary Club, The E-Club of International Innovators, in 2021.

In her free time, Haley enjoys spending time with her family and pets, tending to her houseplants and raising awareness for her genetic disorder, Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome [ehlers-Danlos](#)



Rotary



YOU'RE INVITED TO A

President Elect Mixer

WHEN:

November 17, 2022

From 6:00 - 8:00 P.M.

WHERE:

Tri County Gathering Room

5513 SR 6, Tunkhannock, PA 18657

RSVP:

Samantha Maruzzelli, DGE

570-885-1810



- **FOOD**
- **DRINKS**
- **GAMES**
- **ICEBREAKERS**

The purpose of the event is for each President Elect to get to know each other and to feel comfortable and excited to lead our outstanding clubs of District 7410 together in 2023-24.

CONNECT

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District Committee Needs

The district has some positions that need to be filled with Rotarians throughout the District.

Are you interested in working with the Youth in the District? If so consider one of the following:

Youth Service Chair

Rotaract Chair

Interact Chair

Youth Protection Officer

Are you interested in the Foundation Committee? Consider one of the following:

Annual Fund & Fundraising Chair

Polio Plus Chair

We also need:

Alumni Chair

International Service Chair

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Chair

Also a few years ago we combined Area 5 into Area 4 and 7. It would be great to get an Assistant Governor for Area 4.

The district also needs to build a strong membership committee so if you are interested in being a part of that committee please reach out. If you don't feel you could be a committee chair but are still interested in serving on a committee or know someone that would be interested please don't hesitate to reach out to me or DG Craig, DGE Samantha or DGN Bill.

If you have any questions on any of these committee, please don't hesitate to ask me? Also, just because the committee's above are what is needed don't hesitate to ask about any committee's within the district. The district is here to support the clubs and that can not be done with out members of the clubs on these committees.

PDG Mary Ellen

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Foundation News

As you know, our Rotary Foundation is one of the important aspects of Rotary which sets us apart from our local community service organizations. The Rotary Foundation transforms our support into service projects that change lives both in our communities and around the world.

It is because of your support of The Rotary Foundation each year that we are able to generously award District Grants and Global Grants for your Clubs' Projects!

The 2022-23 Every Rotarian Every Year Giving Challenge!
This Challenge has two parts; every Club must ensure that:

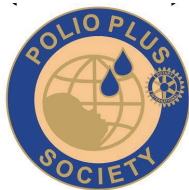
1. 100% of their active members have had donations of at least \$25 made in each of their names to the Rotary Foundation's TRF Annual Fund by January 31, 2023. Often a very easy way to accomplish this is for the Club to gather donations and to submit a donation for each of its members via the online Donation button on MyRotary.org.
2. The Club's total donation to the TRF's Annual Fund reaches an average of at least \$100/member, preferably by May 31, 2023.

Each club that achieves \$25 donation to the Annual Fund by January 31, 2023 will be entered into a drawing to receive 1000 Foundation Recognition Points to give a PHF to a member of your club from DRFC Mary Ellen.

Each club that achieves \$100 Per Capita by May 31, 2023 will be entered into a second drawing to receive 1000 Foundation Recognition Points to give a PHF to a member of your club from DRFC Mary Ellen.

We will provide an update on your Clubs' status each month. Please feel free to reach out to DRFC Mary Ellen with any questions. Let's get creative and make this a fun competition.

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.

PolioPlus Society

Our PolioPlus Society is now at 38 members!

With the recent emergence of polio in New York State, it is now more important than ever to renew our fight against this dreaded disease. We can individually help this effort with our annual membership in the Rotary District 7410 PolioPlus Society. So, it is time to renew our memberships in the Rotary District 7410 PolioPlus Society or, if you did not register in our inaugural year last year, you can join now.

Membership is amazingly simple and requires only a \$100 contribution to the Rotary Foundation for Polio. Chances are many of the 1,000 plus members in our district have already donated that \$100 but have not registered to join the society. Joining is simple.

Just fill out the form you see each month in the District Newsletter or on the District Website and send it to me along with a copy of the acknowledgement/receipt you receive from Rotary International after you make your on-line donation, or just send me the check made out to the Rotary Foundation, place "PolioPlus" in the memo section of the check, and I'll take care of the rest.

AND I'll present you your PolioPlus Society pin at a Rotary event of your choice. I have plenty of pins- get one! And if I run out of pins, I'll get more. Come on- make me run out!

As we like to say- Polio, "it is only an airplane ride away." So, it isn't over yet. The key to its eventual demise (like smallpox) is still vaccination of children. Vaccinations..... sound familiar?

END POLIO NOW ...The World is Waiting

Very Respectfully,

David Palmer
New Milford Area Rotary

Pints for Polio

Local fundraiser's aim to wipe out polio

Representatives of Cooper's Seafood House, Cooper's Family Brewing and the Rotary clubs of North Scranton, the Abingtons, Scranton, Dunmore and North Pocono gather Monday at Coopers in Scranton for a fundraiser to help eradicate polio.

Pat Mazzei and Marcia Loughman spearheaded the event, both are members of North Scranton Club. The clubs in our "Area" were all so great to work with and we talked about our next joint project!

A special THANK YOU to Cooper's Seafood Restaurant for donating the space, staff and Craft beer. They made it all possible!



Top, from left, front, Diane Calabro, Marcia Loughman, Patricia Mazzei, Craig Devenport and Mary Ellen Bentler. Rear: Bryan Cooper, James Baker and Jesse Cooper. Bottom, Craig Davenport, left, of Wellsboro, and Alan Mazzei of Scranton talk during the event.



Craig Davenport, left, of Wellsboro and Allen Mazzei of Scranton talk during a fund raiser by Cooper's Seafood House, Cooper's Family Brewing, and the Rotary Clubs of North Scranton, The Abingtons, Scranton, Dunmore, and North Pocono gather for a fundraiser to help eradicate Polio at Coopers in Scranton, Pa., on Monday, Oct. 24, 2022. Jake Danna Stevens / Staff Photographer Coopers

Public Image Committee

Steamtown Marathon Returns!

After a two-year respite due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Steamtown Marathon returned on October 9, 2022. Once again, District 7410 co-sponsored the event, which supports the St. Joseph's Center. This year's Silver Sponsorship of \$1,000 was shared by Rotary District 7410, the Dunmore Rotary Club, and a regional Rotarian owned business.

This year, the District also provided a number of volunteer traffic monitors. The dozen or so volunteers from the Scranton, Abington, Tunkhannock, and New Milford Area Rotary covered the intersection of Blvd Avenue and Market Street in the Greenridge section of Scranton, and Wyoming Avenue and Walnut Street in Scranton from 8:30AM to 2:00PM.

We will be back next year, as the Race Committee has agreed to reserve those two locations for Rotary District 7410!



Public Image Committee

The Public Image Committee is working hard and has big plans for our District! A few projects to look forward to:

Updated website with a fresh, new look!

Advertising and take-a-way materials for use at events and sponsorships!

Stay tuned!

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Featured Speaker

On Thursday October 13, Richard D. Drust was the featured speaker at the Rotary Club of the Abingtons weekly meeting at the Glen Oak Country Club. As Senior VP Retail Banking Officer he presented information on many aspects of the banking industry.

Seen here: Diane Calabro- Rotary President, Drust and Virginia Johnson, FNCB Branch Manager, Clarks Summit.



Cash Raffle

The Hamlin Lake Ariel Rotary Club held their annual Cash Raffle on October 18th.

It was a great success and the grand prize winner won \$4,000!

They extend a big THANK YOU to the community and to the sponsors for helping to make this such a fun and successful event.



New Members

The Rotary Club of Hamlin Lake Ariel welcomed two new members to the club in October.

Welcome to Rotary, Emory and Jill!

Shelterbox

A ShelterBox HERO is a Rotary Club who has committed to making an ongoing impact in world-wide disaster response. After 3-years of consecutively giving \$1,000 annually,

The Rotary Club of Hamlin Lake Ariel earned a HERO Banner that coincides with their giving to ShelterBox. All HEROs will be listed on the ShelterBox USA website. Being a HERO will provide sustained hope to families in need around the world.



Pints for Polio

October 25th was the date for the Hamlin Lake Ariel Rotary Club's Pints for Polio event!

It was the most successful Pints for Polio event they held, raising \$765.85!



Hazleton Rotary Pedals Against Polio

Hazleton Rotary is part of an international community that brings together leaders who step up to take on the world's toughest challenges, locally and globally. The eradication of polio is one of the longest standing and most significant efforts.

Special thanks to the Greater Hazleton Area Civic Partnership and Lehigh Valley Hospital-Hazleton for their partnership.

Donations were made to the Rotary International fight against polio.



Rotarians Pat Ward, Neal De Angelo III, Lisa Marie Halecky, Joe Cammisa and Cal Herring were among those taking part in the Hazleton Rotary Pedal Against Polio on October 15, 2022, at the Greater Hazleton Rails to Trails.

Rotary Continues to Assist Salvation Army

Erika Yuhas, Lehigh Valley Hospital-Hazleton and Hazleton Rotarians Lew Dryfoos III and Michele Kushmeder helped the Salvation Army in preparing lunch on Wednesday, October 19th. Rotarian Joan Buffington also assisted.

The partnership between Hazleton Rotary and Lehigh Valley Hospital-Hazleton is a new Rotary service project intended to provide healthy meals for Salvation Army Clients on a monthly basis.



"As President, I was looking for new ways to incorporate our "Service Above Self" intentions with some new hands-on experiences." explains Rotary President Lisa Marie Halecky. "We began in July, 2022 and are pleased with the results that the club has enjoyed so far and will continue this project for the remaining 2022-23 Rotary year."

Hazleton Rotary Inducts New Members

Hazleton Rotary Past President Lew Dryfoos inducted three new members into the club at the monthly social held at the Best Cigar Pub on October 22nd..

He encouraged new members to take advantage of their club membership and become active participants in fundraisers and special events, as well as, enjoying club social activities.

New Hazleton Rotarians are Omar Alcantara, sponsored by Tim Genetti, Judy Fuentes and Gary Perna, Jr. sponsored by Lisa Marie Halecky.

For more information on Hazleton Rotary, visit www.hazletonrotary and the Hazleton Rotary Club [Facebook](#) page.



The Hazleton Rotary Club recently conducted a new member induction. Pictured are from left: Tim Genetti, member, Omar Alcantara, Judy Fuentes, Gary Perna Jr.-new inductees and President Lisa Marie Halecky.

Hazleton Rotary Receives 2022 Chamber Award

The Hazleton Rotary was honored to be recognized as the 2022 “Charitable Organization of the Year” at the Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce Business & Community Awards Luncheon. The event was held at The Pines on October 27, 2022.

The purpose of this award is to recognize any Chamber member non-profit organization within the Greater Hazleton Area who has improved the welfare of the community. Judging was based on strength and creativity of the non-profit organization.



The club enjoyed triple honors with Rotarians Lani Drobnock selected as “Volunteer of the Year” Memory of Rocco Colangelo Sr.” and Omar Alcantara’s selection as “Young Entrepreneur of the Year”.

President Lisa Marie Halecky says, “We were all so excited when we learned of these awards. It encourages us to double our efforts and continue to work hard for this wonderful place that we call home—the Greater Hazleton Area. We are proud to be Hazleton Rotarians!”.



Honesdale Rotary Sponsors Bloodwork Clinic

For just \$42, anyone can have bloodwork done associated with cholesterol, kidney disease, anemia, diabetes, liver disease and more on Saturday, November 12th at the Grace Episcopal Church, 827 Church Street, Honesdale, 6:00am - 10:00am. Honesdale Rotary is sponsoring the annual blood analysis program with AMBA Wellness. The basic AMBA panel includes more than 20 tests – from triglycerides to creatinine to red and white blood cell counts to albumin and potassium.

“We are pleased to be able to offer this program again, as we have for so many years,” said Betty Caruth, Honesdale Rotary and drive organizer. “It truly helps a lot of people because there are so many important life-saving tests for a reasonable fee.

Pre-registration is required and no walk-ins will be accepted. Personal physician authorization and a photo ID are required.

Optional tests such as PSA, TSH and Hemoglobin A1C need a prescription and will cost extra. Check or money order only will be accepted and made payable to AMBA Wellness Programs.

For more information and to pre-register, call 1-800-234-8888, Monday – Friday, 8:30am – 5:00pm. Please have your doctor’s name and address available when you call. Personal physician authorization and a photo ID are required.

Honesdale Rotary is a service organization and part of Rotary International which works to end polio worldwide, sponsors international exchange students and participates in both local and global social impact projects such as helping food pantries and well water projects. Visit Honesdale Rotary on Facebook. New members welcome!



Wellness Program

Annual Blood Analysis coming to your area!

Sponsored by HONESDALE ROTARY CLUB
Date NOVEMBER 12, 2022
Time 6:00 AM – 10:00 AM
Place GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 827 CHURCH STREET
 HONESDALE, PA 18431
APPOINTMENTS ONLY

Call to make your
reservation today

1-800-234-8888

Operators are available Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 5:00 pm.
 Please have your doctor's name and address available when
 you call. Personal physician authorization is required.

Note: This screening is not covered by Medicare and most other
 insurance companies. **Check or money order only will be
 accepted the day of the program and should be made
 payable to AMBA Wellness Programs.**

Sponsor group may charge a separate handling fee.

PHI forms required for patient copies.

Photo ID required.

AMBA Panel

Coronary Disease

Cholesterol
 HDL Cholesterol
 Cholesterol/HDL
 Ratio
 Triglycerides
 LDL Cholesterol

Diabetes

Glucose

Kidney Disease

Blood Urea Nitrogen
 Creatinine
 BUN/Creatinine -
 Ratio (GFR)

Anemia

Red Blood Indices
 (MCV, MCH,
 MCHC, RDW)
 Hemoglobin
 Hematocrit
 Red Blood Cell Count
 White Blood Cell Count

Liver Disease

Albumin
 Globulin
 Albumin/Globulin
 Ratio
 AST
 ALT
 Total Bilirubin
 Total Protein
 Alkaline Phosphatase

Other Tests

Calcium
 Chloride
 Potassium
 Sodium
 Carbon Dioxide

AMBA Panel

includes all tests listed above - \$42.00

Optional Tests

Test Code

5363	Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA)	\$26.00
899	TSH	\$12.75
17306	Vitamin D - 25	\$25.50
496	Hemoglobin A1C	\$12.25
11290	Insure Colon Rectal Kit	\$21.00

**A separate physician order is required for any
 of the optional tests.** Please present a separate
 physician order at the time of the testing if
 you elect an optional test. There will be no
 exceptions at the program.



Jim Thorpe Rotary Ghost Walks Kicks Off 2022 Season

For 23 years, the Jim Thorpe Rotary has held the annual Ghost Walks from September to December. Lantern-wielding costumed storytellers have shepherded thrill seekers through the historic streets of Jim Thorpe. Men, women, and children, couples and families, stroll around the West side of town, formerly known as Mauch Chunk. Tales of eerie happenings, intermixed with the history of the town are woven together to form an interesting narrative. The people who built these fantastic structures are long gone, but thanks to the art of storytelling, participants in the ghost walks are transported to another time to learn about the lives of past residents – and how they ended.



Club president, Jeanne Miller, a member for over 20 years explains: “The wonderful thing about the Jim Thorpe Rotary Ghost Walk is that not only is it a fun experience, it also supports the children and families in our community.

What many may not realize is that this endeavor is a charitable operation. Jim Thorpe Rotary has organized the Ghost Walks since 1999 and have raised over \$190,000 to fund local community programs such as a free 8-week long summer camp for children, scholarships for graduates, a Christmas clothing drive for needy children, and funding local charities and organizations.

Clem McGinley notes: “It’s a very popular activity that requires a lot of volunteer effort/coordination with all our Rotary members and guides (who run the walks). The Ghost Guides are excellent and the success of Ghost Walks is directly attributable to them. Our current guides are Casey Parker, Eric Bloom, and Kelly Fritz, with Mindy Mankyo filling in as needed. Of course, there are many other guides who have contributed over the years, and deserve credit too.”

In 2021 alone, the Ghost Walks entertained more than 1,000 people. Bob Stevenson & Mary Mulligan and Clem & Sophie McGinley have done most of the coordination: scheduling Ghost Hosts & Ghost Guides, selling tickets by phone, managing finances, etc. This year, the club is excited to announce that they have moved the ticket sales online to make it easier for participants and organizers alike.

Tickets for the 2022 Jim Thorpe Ghost Walks go on sale online starting this Friday, August 26. Visit <https://www.jimthorperotary.org/> for more information.

Tickets: \$15 (13+); \$5 (12 and under). Not recommended for children 7 and under. Rain or inclement weather may cause cancellation.

Club Updates

The Jim Thorpe Rotary Ghost Walks in Old Mauch Chunk remain as popular as ever. Since the last week in September, almost 1,000 adults and children have participated in the Walks. A private Walk for Rotary members was held on September 13; 18 members and others attended. Ghost Walks season will end on November 12.

Our Mad Money Raffle winners were announced: three individuals were awarded prizes of \$500, \$300, and \$200. The raffle's profit of \$2,600 will help support our multiple charitable and youth programs.

The Christmas Giving program is progressing. Names of needy children are being collected and we have committed \$8,000 to the program. The majority of the funding will come from our club funds but other donors have contributed too. 160 children will receive \$50 GAP gift cards.

The club made the following donations: \$4,500 to the Lehigh Carbon Community College SHINE Program; \$500 to Polio Plus; \$200 to the Grace Methodist Church's before and after-school program, and \$200 to the Jim Thorpe Lions Halloween Parade.

We continue to work on establishing a comprehensive childcare program with the Lehigh Valley Children's Center and local partners. Funding in the amount of \$414.50 was committed to obtain an inspection and Certificate of Occupancy for the potential location of the program.

The club welcomed three new members this month: Peg Kalogerakis, advisor to the Carbon Career & Technical Institute's Interact Club; Rob Presley, Superintendent of the Jim Thorpe Area School district; and Annabel Fugueroa, owner of Donerd's Donuts on Broadway, in downtown Jim Thorpe.



Rotary Club of Mountain Top Donation to Mountain Top Hose Company

A donation was made to the Mountaintop Hose Company No. 1. The donation, which will be used to purchase supplies, was from the profits from the Rotary annual "Steam Train Trip from Mountain Top to Jim Thorpe" held this past July.

In the photo are Kevin Hooper, Past President, Dave Hourigan, and Michelle Reilly, coordinator of the Train project and Club Services Committee.



Rotary Club of Mountain Top Donation for Backpack Food Program

This month a donation check was presented to the Fairview Elementary School in Mountain Top. The donation will help fund the school's backpack program, which provides supplemental food to students in need. The donation was made possible from profits of the club's annual raffle.

In the photo from left are Carolyn Boone, Fairview Backpack Coordinator, and Kathryn Murphy, Club President.



Rotary Club of Mountain Top Welcomes New Members!

Our club is pleased to welcome new members Tylene Dodge and her sister Carrie Hausherr! Tylene is Assistant Branch Manager of the Fidelity Bank in Mountain Top, and Carrie works for Sundance Vacations in Wilkes Barre. Welcome!

In the photo are Tylene Dodge, Kathryn Murphy, Club President, and Carrie Hausherr.

