

Keepin' Up With The District



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A Message From: DISTRICT GOVERNOR Samantha Maruzzelli



Dear Rotarians,

Happy November! Happy Foundation Month!

Several of District 74101s members attended "Learning to Lead" Zone training in Toronto. Such training sessions play a crucial role in equipping Rotary leaders with the knowledge, skills, and inspiration they need to effectively serve their clubs and communities. Attending breakout sessions on topics like the Foundation, Membership, and Grants is invaluable, as it enables us to better understand and support these key areas of Rotary's work. We look forward to sharing what we have learned to help our clubs.

Congratulations to OGE Bill Skinner for graduating from the training program. Thank you for your dedication to Rotary and your commitment to the organization's ideals of service and leadership. Your efforts are helping to make a positive difference in the world and in our District.

Celebrating Rotary Foundation Month in November is a great way to recognize the incredible work that Rotary International and its members have done to make a positive impact on communities around the world. The Rotary Foundation plays a crucial role in supporting various humanitarian projects, from eradicating polio, to providing clean water, improving education, and supporting peace and conflict resolution efforts.

Continuing to contribute to the Rotary Foundation is essential for sustaining and expanding these initiatives. Your contributions, whether through financial support or volunteer efforts, can truly change the world and improve the lives of those in need. Rotary's commitment to service above self is commendable, and the Foundation is a cornerstone of this commitment. Think about getting your contribution in early this Rotary year to help support the Foundation.

I hope you can attend the Foundation Dinner on November 18th. We have quite the program set up to celebrate our generous members who donate their time, energy, and money to support the Foundation. As DRFC Maryellen Bentler would say, "this is how we make the magic happen!"

October 24th is indeed an important day for Rotary as it marks the anniversary of Rotary's commitment to eradicating polio, a commitment made back in 1985. Since then, Rotary, in partnership with organizations like the World Health Organization (WHO), UNICEF, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, has made remarkable progress in the fight against polio.

Thanks to the dedication and hard work of Rotarians around the world, we've made significant strides in reducing polio cases globally. However, the work is not done. There are still areas where polio remains a threat, and Rotary's promise to the children of the world to rid them of this devastating disease must be upheld.

Education is indeed a key component in the effort to eradicate polio. Making people aware of the importance of vaccination, explaining the science behind it, and demonstrating the positive outcomes can go a long way in building trust and ensuring widespread immunization. It's not only about delivering vaccines, but also about engaging communities and ensuring they understand the benefits of vaccination.

Events like the one organized by District Polio Chair Joe Riccardo and his team play a crucial role in this educational process. By reaching out to both young and old generations, we help build a strong foundation of knowledge and awareness about the ongoing fight against polio. When people have a clear understanding of the progress being made and the impact of vaccination, they are more likely to support and actively participate in the campaign. Thank you, Joe, for your successful program.

We appreciate the efforts of all the Rotary clubs that organized polio events like "Pints for Polio." Every dollar raised through these events brings us one step closer to the goal of ending polio. The collective contributions of Rotary clubs and their members around the world have been instrumental in funding vaccination campaigns and supporting the infrastructure needed to reach every child with the polio vaccine.

NOVEMBER 2023

We are quickly approaching the holiday season. I know many clubs will be hosting service projects to help the needy with gifts, food, and financial support. These efforts come from the heart, and I am proud of you all. Our communities need their Rotary clubs. You are changing the lives of people right in your own back yards. I look forward to your stories and pictures showing us what you have accomplished. Sharing your projects helps all of us to implement your great ideas in our own communities.

Holidays can be a very difficult time for people who have lost loved ones, are lonely, or for many other reasons. Remember to reach out to one another and ask, "How Are You?", then actively listen to their response. Be empathetic and supportive. Kindness can go a very long way for someone who is struggling.

I wish you a Happy Thanksgiving surrounded by Friends and Family!

Yours in Rotary Service,
Sam



Traveling around the District



Upcoming Events

Calendar

November 2023

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
SHINE Volunteer At South Elementary (Newfoundland)						
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
SHINE Volunteer At South Elementary (Newfoundland)						
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
SHINE Volunteer At South Elementary (Newfoundland)						
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
SHINE Volunteer At South Elementary (Newfoundland)						
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
SHINE Volunteer At South Elementary (Newfoundland)						
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
SHINE Volunteer At South Elementary (Newfoundland)						

District Foundation Soiree

Christmas In The Park
(Newfoundland)

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

[November- Newfoundland SHINE Volunteer Program](#)

[November 18th- District Foundation Soiree](#)

[December 3rd- Newfoundland Christmas in the Park](#)

See You There!

Don't see your event on the calendar?

Email jpoperotary@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.

Foundation



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Please Join Us

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Rotary

District 7410



District Foundation Soiree
presenting
Doing Good in the World

Saturday, November 18th, 2023

The Woodlands Inn & Resort

1073 Highway 315

Wilkes Barre, PA 18702

2PM-4PM

\$35 per person



dinner • cash bar • featured speakers

paul harris fellow & major donors awards • club banner presentation

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Club member, nonmember, or guest, age 31 or over	\$450	\$500	\$595	\$695
Club member, nonmember, or guest, age 30 or under	\$150	\$175	\$225	\$275
Guest age 5-18	\$20	\$20	\$30	\$40
Guest under age 5	Free	Free	Free	Free
Saturday, House of Friendship only	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$100

All amounts are in U.S. dollars.



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Rotary Convention

Fellow Rotarians,

Our 2024 International Convention in Singapore is just beyond the horizon!

Be sure to register prior to Dec. 15th to take advantage of the lower pricing. Visit <https://convention.rotary.org/en-us/> for all the great details and registration.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me, Karen DeMatteo, as I am the District and the Zone Promotion Chair for the convention.

So far we have 7 members from the District signed up for the fun, fellowship and education! [Enjoy this little video](#) that my zone partner and I put together.

Global Grant

I am thrilled to report that Global Grant GG2345372 – “Pure water for Ukraine” continues to progress since our last update in August 2023.

The manufacturing process for the seven water filtration systems is on track in Milano Italy. These filtration units will eventually be delivered to Ukraine via a Rotary club in Poland so that several smaller municipalities can produce clean water for their populations. These filtration units are like those briefed to our District Conference in the fall of 2022, by the Warsaw City Poland Rotary Club.

Quoting the point-of-contact in Milano North Rotary in an e-mail update on October 28, 2023 -

“After obtaining a Global Grant by the Rotary Foundation, during the month of September the funds assigned have been credited on the dedicated account; consequently, as of today, all the funds raised (including the funds coming from the contributing clubs, both Italian and foreign) are available.

The total amount is about 183.000 USD.

After the availability of all funds, we have been finally able to formally proceed with the purchase of the seven water purifiers. Its executive project is now almost completed and - right after - the production of the equipment will start.

As per the original estimation, in 10 weeks all the equipment should be ready to be shipped to Warsaw first and then to their destination of Zaporizhzhia in Ukraine, where we expect them to improve the quality of life of many suffering people.

**We keep working with tenacity and determination to achieve our goal!
We’ll keep you informed of the next main developments of the project; thanks again for supporting it and all the best.”**

The Warsaw City Poland Rotary Club is just one of several Rotary Clubs and Districts that are collaborating in this Global Grant effort, including our own Rotary District 7410 and clubs in Hazelton, Wyalusing, Stroudsburg, Dallas, and New Milford. Additional Rotary Clubs and Districts in Italy, Ukraine, Germany, Scotland, Australia, Oklahoma, and Canada are collaborating in this effort.

I am immensely proud of our Districts role in this effort. Soon our District and its clubs may have another opportunity to participate in a Global Disaster Grant effort. Stay tuned.

Yours In Rotary,
DAVID J PALMER, Chair
Rotary District 7410, International Service Committee



VILLAGE SERIES

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The *VILLAGE® Series* is a family of units that employ the most recent Reverse Osmosis technologies to produce low-salinity water from well or other brackish water source. These units are designed for small and medium-low productions. The units may be installed locally or truck-loaded to provide drinking water (<200ppm) to communities. They can also be optionally tuned for use in industrial applications to deliver low-salinity water. Low power is required while offering high reliability and the advantage of their easy use by non-specialized operators.

SHARE Program

SHARE Program Addresses Major Factor in Mental Distress

Loneliness, fears for physical security, the stresses of homelessness and housing insecurity are noted mental health factors for our senior citizens and many others in our communities.

The SHARE program can strongly address these factors and improve the mental health of our most vulnerable neighbors. On October 5, 2023, Larisa Yusko, SHARE Housing Counselor for Monroe, Pike and Wayne Counties briefed the Hawley Club and DG Samantha Maruzzelli and AAG Steve Moulton on the SHARE Housing Program. This program is available in District 7410 Carbon, Lackawanna, Monroe, Pike and Wayne counties.

SHARE is an affordable housing choice that brings together homeowners who want to share their home with home seekers who are looking for housing in exchange for financial compensation, help around the house, or a combination of both. The home seeker receives their own bedroom and agreed upon use of the common areas. Every arrangement is unique depending on the need, preferences and abilities of the participants involved.

The primary intention of the program is to enable seniors to continue living in their own homes by providing them assistance or rental income to sustain their living situation. According to Ms. Yusko, the service has placed 113 individuals since the program's inception. Anyone over 18 is eligible for the program. Either the host or the potential resident must be aged 60 or older. Rotary and Rotarians can be instrumental in improving the lives of many by creating an awareness of the program and encouraging interested homeowners to enroll in the program.

For more information on the SHARE program, contact Larisa Yusko at lyusko@pikepa.org, 570 832 5133, and www.aging.pa.gov/aging-services/housing
Photo: AAG Steve Moulton, DG Sam Maruzzelli, Larisa Yusko, SHARE Housing Coordinator



Polio Plus Society

ROTARY DISTRICT 7410 POLIOPPLUS SOCIETY CONTINUES GROWING

The new Rotary fiscal year continues to witness growth in the District 7410 PolioPlus Society. This growth points to a continued dedication to the elimination of this predominately childhood disease throughout the world.

As of this date, 50 Rotarians have joined the PolioPlus Society sponsored by District 7410, since its inception in 2019. Several pinning's of new members are planned for this fall.

The PolioPlus Society is an opportunity for Rotarians and others to designate at least \$100 in donations each year to the Rotary Foundation, and specifically for the PolioPlus focus area. To date, \$5,900 in donations has been realized from this District initiative.

It is that simple! PolioPlus Society members earn the opportunity to wear a distinctive lapel pin, which is delivered to them in an appropriate club setting or other Rotary event. Go ahead! Join us and manifest your dedication to ridding the entire world of this crippling and deadly child-hood disease. We are almost there! Only two countries, Pakistan and Afghanistan still have the wild polio virus endemic in their country. "Let's get to zero."

If you would like to join this society - fill out the application form on the district website and send it to the point-of-contact noted on the form along with your response from Rotary International acknowledging your donation. If you want to renew your membership, simply send me the acknowledgement you receive from Rotary International

David Palmer, Chair
Rotary District 7410, International Service Committee

RLI Recap

District 7410 recently conducted their Annual RLI at East Mountain Inn, Wilkes-Barre. Nearly 40 Rotarians in 3 different sessions were treated to a day of Rotary knowledge and information. Upon completion of session 3, attendees are provided with a certificate of completion.



Certificates of Completion

PDG Hector Ortiz, RLI Regional Vice Chair, Katelyn Plunkett, Kathryn Murphy, Stephen Moulton, Shelly McAllister, Andrea Chapman, DG Samantha Mazzurelli, JK Karavis, District 7410 RLI Site Chairperson



Plymouth Rotarians Nicolina D'Agosto, Gary Moran, and Lorree Levulis smile for a photo during the RLI recognition luncheon

Rotarians Kathryn Murphy, Gary Bernstein and Claudia Vitiello enjoying their lunch with PDG Dennis Zubler



Rotary Moment

I was introduced to the concept of a “Rotary Moment” early in my Rotary membership by the then Assistant Governor of my area- Norm Kelly of Tunkhannock. Norm’s Rotary Moment message resonated with me that evening and prompted me to reminisce about my own Rotary Moments in the past.

Recently I experienced another Rotary Moment that lasted the better part of two days. From October 23-24 the Scranton Rotary led the way on a World Polio Day event that brought together not only Rotarians but hundreds of non-Rotarians. These non-Rotarians included municipal officials from the City of Scranton, and Lackawanna County, including the Lackawanna County Department of Health. Others came from the Northeast Immunization Coalition, Pennsylvania Polio Survivors Network, Clarks Summit University, Geisinger Medical School, University of Scranton; approximately 200 students and teachers from the school districts of Carbondale, Riverside, Mid Valley, Scranton, West Scranton, Scranton Prep, Forest City, Abington Heights, and Valley View.

Rotarians from Scranton, The Abington’s, New Milford, Stroudsburg, Forest City, Tunkhannock, Hamlin, Hazelton (who am I missing) were also there. And, Mike McGovern, Chair of Rotary International’s PolioPlus Committee!

So, what was the nature of the “Rotary Moment”, you ask?

It was all about collaboration with the community at large and engaging all the facets and focuses of Rotary International in delivering the Rotary International “Call to Action” to eradicate Polio in the world. Indeed the “Plus” in PolioPlus was on full display with outreach opportunities for the district’s multitude of committees and organizations including Interact, Rotaract, Membership, Public Image, Youth Exchange, Foundation, Annual Fund, RYLA, and International Service.

Every one of the seven focus areas of Rotary International were touched on, while emphasizing the eradication of polio in this world.

Scranton Rotary- you hit a “Grand Slam” with this World Polio Day event. Ok, you’re not a baseball fan? You had a “Hat Trick.” Kudos to you all and especially to the event Chairs- Joe Riccardo and James Baker.

Yours In Rotary,
DAVID PALMER, Chair
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CLUBS IN ACTION

Rotary
Club of The Abingtons



Special Visit from a local Weatherman

At a recent weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of the Abingtons the WNEP weatherman Jeremy Lewan, accompanied by his Mom Raquel, did not disappoint!

A native of Bayonne the Stormtracker 16 meteorologist, Rutgers Alum, model, activist, a thrifter, traveler, scholarship recipient and former NBC intern to weatherman Al Roker kept Rotarians glued to his propelling life story. He is an inspiration to all generations.



Visit from Innocent Lives Foundation

On Thursday October 26th the Rotary Club of the Abingtons welcomed Erin Maloney to their noon meeting at Camelot in Waverly.

Erin is a representative on the Innocent Lives Foundation, a non profit organization that uses computer security professionals to unmask predators on the Internet.

As a non-vigilante organization they have a strong relationship with U. S. and International law enforcement agencies. When a child predator's identity is confirmed, a completed report is sent to law enforcement.

Visit Innocentlivesfoundation.com for more information

Pictured l to r: Char Short, Program Chair for the Day; Virginia Johnson, Rotary President; Erin Maloney.





Cash Raffle Recap

October 11th, Hamlin Lake Ariel Rotary Club hosted their annual Cash Raffle event. This fun event included a dinner for 2 AND a chance to win TOP PRIZE \$4,000 or many other prizes!

Sponsors for this event included Century 21 Select Group and NBT Bank, their generous contributions were instrumental in making this event successful. Congratulations to all the lucky prize winners!

Pints for Polio Recap

On October 24th from 6-9pm at R Place on 590, Rotary Club of Hamlin Lake Ariel hosted their annual Pints for Polio event! For a donation, the club offered jello "Polio Shots", a 50/50 raffle and a Halloween décor raffle.

R Place on 590 graciously donated a portion of all draft pint sales towards Rotary's global polio eradication efforts!



Hazleton Rotary Treats for Halloween

Hazleton Rotary was to be found on the Trail of Treats, Hazleton City Recreation Department, City View Park, Sunday, October 29, 2023. A great yearly community event for the area's children! Good times!



Hazleton Rotary Prepares for Kidz Coatz

Some lucky children from the Greater Hazleton Area will be warmer during the upcoming winter season, thanks to the Hazleton Rotary Kidz Coatz project.

Ever since the Kidz Coatz project took off in 2007, Hazleton Rotary has continued the work and effort put into purchasing, sorting and delivering winter coats to area children.

Working with local retailers, primarily Boscov's, brand new coats were purchased for children who need them from all elementary/middle schools in the Hazleton Area School District. Children who will receive coats were confidentially identified by their teachers. Coats will be distributed to the schools later this fall.

Rotarians Rossanna Gabriel and Katherine Silfa are project chairs. Other club members helping today at the HIP Center were Michelle and Tim Genetti, Mary Pat Stroia, Judy Fuentes, Deb Archut, Nevin Baskin, Joan Buffington, Danielle Matarella and Michele Kushmeder.

Rotary President Michele says, "This has always been an awesome project. Through the years we noticed that there were kids going to school who were definitely not dressed for the cold, winter days. It's a great feeling for Rotary to be able to bring this warmth into their lives".



Members of Hazleton Rotary got together to sort and pack Kidz Coatz for school delivery later in the year.

Hazleton Rotary Inducts New Members

Hazleton Rotary held a new member induction at a special meeting on October 20th at The Best Cigar Pub, Drums, PA.

Rotary District 7410 Governor Sam Maruzzelli conducted the induction ceremony, which welcomed the following new members:

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Nevin Baskin, Mountain Valley Family Martial Arts; Anna Diaz Schraud, and Eric Schraud, Primerica Financial Services; Michele Genetti, TALA Inc.; Athena Nicholas, Hazleton Area School District-sponsored by Tim Genetti.

Robert Collado*, Hazleton Consulting Partners-sponsored by Lisa Marie Halecky

Peggy Durako, Collaborative Autism Movement-sponsored by Eileen Perchak

Michael Gaizick, Snyder & Clemente-sponsored by Michele Kushmeder

Anna Gharghoury, M&T Bank-sponsored by Joan Buffington

Tamear Henegain*, Willow Foundation-sponsored by Neal DeAngelo III

Amy Machita, Century 21 Select group-sponsored by Mark Ondishin

Danielle Matarella, Catholic Social Services; Tim Solarek*, Fritzingertown Senior Living Community;

Dr. Alexandra Stroia*, Geisinger; Claudia Stroia*, Eagle Rock Resort; Tessa Peluso*, Hazleton Area School District;

Carmen Cicioni*, Car Men Restoration; Jacob McNelis*, East Stroudsburg Area School District, Marti Joines, Edward Jones-sponsored by Mary Pat Stroia.

Christopher Snyder*, DeAngelo Contracting Services-sponsored by Nina Bonus

Miguel Silfa*, Keystone College student-sponsored by Katherine Silfa

Jace Whitaker*, Wells Fargo Advisors-sponsored by Alan Whitaker

Dr. Bill Spear, Jr.*, Hazle Drugs- sponsored by Bill Spear Sr.

Row 1 L-R: Ana Diaz Schraud, Danielle Materella , Amy Machita, Tessa Peluso, Claudia Stroia, Deb Archut, Anna Gharghoury, Billy Spear, Tamear Henegain, Miguel Silfa

Row 2 L-R: Robert Collado, Eric Schraud, Jacob McNelis, Michelle Genetti, Jace Whitaker, CJ Snyder, Tim Solarek, Marti Joines



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The New Rotarian Committee is led by Mary Pat Stroia. Tim Genetti is the Membership Chair. Their work with the new members is greatly appreciated.

“New members are encouraged to take advantage of their club membership and become active participants in meetings, fundraisers and special events, as well as, enjoying club social activities.” said club President Michele Kushmeder. “A big congratulations and welcome to our new members! I’m so excited for our club and the growing potential to do more great things.”

*Indicates new Hazleton Rotary members who are a part of the Young Rotarian Committee.



Hazleton Rotary Refurbishes Rails to Trails Park Benches

Thanks to Hazleton Rotarians Alan Whitaker and Mark Imbriaco the park benches the club built for the Greater Hazleton Rails to Trails were upgraded and once gain put into tip-top condition for trail users.

The Rotary Club donated four new park benches to the site in 2007 so people can sit and relax as they explore and walk or hike the trail paths.

As a community service, since that time, Rotarians have been repairing the benches as needed.



Our 1st “Taste of the Mountain Wine Festival”!

Despite the rain, it was a great first Wine Festival! This event is one of our major fundraisers. This event supports community programs and international Rotary programs.



RYLA

Three of our Rotarians joined in the leadership training and fellowship in Wilkes-Barre!
Joe Aquilina, Kathryn Murphy, and Claudia Vitiello





New Milford Area Rotary Welcomes Two New Members

The Green Gables Restaurant in New Milford was the setting for the most recent new member induction on October 5th, 2023. Two new members were formally accepted to the Rotary club in the traditional form used to welcome new membership. Newest members, Larysa Bobyr and Roman Bobyr-mother and son reside in New Milford, Pennsylvania; after arriving in May 2023 as new immigrants from Ukraine. Also accompanying them was Larysa's mother Hannah Shmatok. Larysa holds a degree in Nursing and worked as a Psychiatric Nurse in Ukraine. Roman hold degrees in Law, and Technology and worked in the petroleum industry in Ukraine. Both bring a welcomed attitude of service and devotion to community, which will enhance the New Milford Area Rotary focus on education and literacy in the community.

New Milford Area Rotary President Tom Kurosky officially pinned Larysa and Roman at the October 5th club meeting with their sponsors Annie and David Palmer witnessing and celebrating the event. At the conclusion of the pinning, Roman offered these words- "Thank you for inviting us to become members of the club, it is an honor for us, Thank you for your help, I hope we can also help the Rotary club and people who need it." The Club currently consists of 39 members actively serving the community and world and welcomes new membership. Contact information can be found at www.facebook.com/newmilfordrotary. Or one can contact David Palmer, Membership Chair at davesolopalmer@gmail.com.



RYLA STUDENT ALUMNI VISIT NEW MILFORD AREA ROTARY

The New Milford Area Rotary enjoyed a visit by some of its RYLA 2024 student alumni on July 27th, at Green Gables Restaurant Pavilion in New Milford. RYLA 2024 was another remarkable success for the students and the club, with a total of six attendees sent by the club three of the six schools that the club typically sponsors in literacy and education events. Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) is an intensive leadership experience for high school Sophomore matriculating into their junior year.



NEW MILFORD ROTARY HIGHLIGHTS WORLD POLIO DAY

New Milford Area Rotary joined 1.2 million fellow Rotarians world-wide on October 24, 2020 to mark World Polio Day. Launched in 1985 as PolioPlus, the effort has resulted in wild variant polio cases dropping by 99.9 percent since 1988. To date, Rotary has contributed more than 2.1 billion dollars and countless volunteer hours in protecting more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries. Today the world stands on the threshold of eradicating this predominately childhood disease. This wild polio virus variant remains only in parts of Pakistan and Afghanistan.

On October 25, 2023 the Susquehanna County Commissioners joined representatives of the New Milford Area Rotary in presenting a World Polio Day Proclamation and encouraging all citizens to join Rotary International in the fight for a polio free world. This is the fourth consecutive year that the Susquehanna County Commissioners have joined to support this world-wide effort.

To find more information on how you can help in this fight go to <https://rotary.org/en/our-causes/ending-polio> or newmilfordparotary@gmail.com or call 570-498-6637.





Jack Grimes Golf Classic Outing

The Rotary Club of Pittston participated in the Greater Pittston Chamber annual Jack Grimes Golf Classic at Fox Hill Country Club. It was an excellent networking opportunity connecting relationships within the Pittston Community.



Greater Pittston Santa Squad

The Rotary of Pittston will be collecting toys for the Greater Pittston Santa Squad. This organization collects and distributes toys to children in need within the local Pittston and Wyoming Area community. They will also be having their November 21st meeting at the Santa Squad's location at 53 William St, Pittston and we would like to have you to help organize toys and help support staff. Any members that are interested in coming to help on the 21st please contact Rotaryclubofpittston@gmail.com!



*Please consider donating a new
unwrapped toy
to help less
fortunate local families*



New - Unwrapped

Last donation date Monday 11-27





Greater Pittston Santa Squad

Answering the Call to Serve – at 7:00am on Thursday, October 5th Scranton Rotary received a distress call from Childhood Hunger Outreach Program (CHOP) and an email blast went out to Club members and Friends of Scranton Rotary that read:

Due to a communications snafu, CHOP is in desperate need for volunteers THIS MORNING. CHOP needs to pack 700 meals for delivery by NOON TODAY or kids will be out of food thru the weekend.

No need to call for space, just show up

With Ty Holmes, Scranton Rotary 1st VP, coordinating efforts to pack and deliver these meals to area schools, over 30 volunteers showed up by 9am and +1200 meals were packed! PA State troopers and local Scranton Police offered to provide delivery escorts.



Left to right - Joe Riccardo (NY Yankees cap), Ty Holmes (Navy Shirt), Sue Coccodrilli, (Big smile!) Scranton Rotarians



Left to right - standing - John Rosengrant (lime shirt), Tammy Fedorchak (bid smile) Scranton Rotarians, seated - team from Katie's Place Clubhouse, Friends of Scranton Rotary

Steamtown Marathon

District 7410 Clubs provided Steamtown Marathon racecourse safety/security at the recent Oct 8th event. With Scranton Rotary taking the lead to coordinate volunteers, over a dozen Rotarians came out to brave the cold and wind to make the race a successful and safe race at the mile 23 intersections in the Green Ridge Section of Scranton. Scranton Rotary, Rotary Club of the Abingtons, Tunkhannock Rotary, Hazleton Rotary and New Milford Rotary members volunteered and had great fun while serving the community.



Left to right - Tim & Michelle Genetti, Hazleton Club, Char Short, Abington Club



Left to right - Bob Courtright and John Mack-arey, Scranton Club



A particularly moving picture and inspiring moment - a blind and deaf runner assisted by a companion runner, Rotarians making it safe for all runners with all capabilities.



Interim Meeting Location for Tunkhannock Rotary

Towards the end of Aug, President Elaine Walker was informed by Shadowbrook that the Resort had been sold and that the restaurant and meeting facilities would be closed down for renovations until April 2024. Thus, the Club needed to find a new venue for its weekly meetings.

District Governor Samantha Maruzzelli offered the club the use of the Tri-County General Insurance (TCGI) Conference Room for brown bag meetings until a new location can be found or Shadowbrook reopens. So, Tunkhannock Rotary meetings will continue in person and via Zoom at the TCGI Conference Room at 5513 Sr 6, Tunkhannock, PA at 12:15 PM every Thursday until further notice.

Welcome to 4 New Rotarians

At the Sep 14 Rotary meeting at TCGI Conference Room, Membership Chair Mary Tempest inducted 4 new members into Rotary. Frank Orlando was sponsored by George Gay, Matthew Piontkowski was sponsored by Dave Wilson and Kristine Werkheiser and Ryan Werkheiser were sponsored by Jill Tague.



George Gay, Fred Orlando, Dave Wilson, Matthew Piontkowski, Kristine Werkheiser, Ryan Werkheiser and Jill Tague

Community Outreach for Drug Take Back Event

As usual, Tunkhannock Rotary performed community outreach leading up to the Drug Take Back Event on Saturday, Oct 28 sponsored by the Wyoming County District Attorney's Office. The pharmacies that participated this year included: CVS and Rite-Aid Pharmacies in Tunkhannock and Lech's Pharmacies in Laceyville and Nicholson.

This semi-annual event is very important for the proper disposal of unused or expired prescription drugs, since 80% of new drug abusers got their first drugs from a home medicine cabinet or a friend's. 80% of American home medicine cabinets contain at least 1 dangerous prescription drug.

Prescription drugs are ending up in our drinking water. People are disposing of drugs by throwing them in the garbage or flushing them down the drain.

Since this program began in Wyoming County in 2010 and Rotary began to perform the community outreach prior to each Take Back Event, over 4,234.55 pounds of drugs have been collected for proper disposal by local law enforcement.

RYLA Attendee Speaks at Rotary Meeting

The guest speaker at the Aug 3 Rotary Luncheon at Shadowbrook was Natalie Eve Bolcavage, a student at TAHS, who attended the 2023 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards conference at Keystone College June 25 to 29. She thanked the Club for sponsoring her.

The Rotary Youth Leadership Award conference (RYLA) is a program for High School Sophomores who have shown leadership potential in their home, school, and community. The conference is designed to introduce participants to thoughts and ideas which if utilized, will strengthen and develop their leadership skills.

Natalie (below) summarized her experience in this way: "I met so many wonderful people that will remain lifelong friends. It was one of the best experiences. I am very grateful for RYLA and Tunkhannock Rotary to be able to attend such an amazing event. Thank you!!"



Rotarians Participate in Golf Tournament

On Aug 19, several Rotarians participated in the 25th Annual Kevin Kitchnefsky Foundation for Spinal Cord Research Golf Tournament at Stonehedge Golf Course in Tunkhannock.

Rotarians Laura Charles and Mary Tempest were on the lady's team and Peter Sehne was on the men's team. A great time was had by all and a very worthy cause was supported.



*Shirley Fackler, Laura Charles, Mary Tempest
and Sandy Flynn*

Rotary Supports Wyoming County Fair

In lieu of a Rotary meeting on Thursday Aug 31, members of Tunkhannock Rotary worked the ticket gates and parking lots at the Wyoming County Fair.



3 of the many Rotarians who worked the Wyoming County Fair

Brother's Keeper Quilting Group

Tunkhannock Rotary was honored to have 2 visits from the My Brother's Keeper Quilt Group with local spokesperson Ida Ferguson providing information and answering questions related to the activities of the group on Aug 24 and Sep 7. Ida related that they are not a club, but individuals and groups desiring to help the homeless by making simple sleeping bags from recycled fabrics. The sleeping bags are then distributed FREE to people who are cold on the street, including those in Scranton, Binghamton and Syracuse. In Scranton, they are distributed through the Community Intervention Center.

She explained how the sleeping bags are made and that they are always in need of donated materials, monetary donations for desperately needed deliveries and for individuals and groups to help make the sleeping bags. Among the materials needed are: men's neckties, clean blankets, sewing needles, thread, sample size toiletries, socks, men's underwear, hats, gloves and scarves.

At the first meeting, Ida and her quilters showed some of the sleeping bags they had in progress and a few Rotarians stayed after the meeting to help work on them. At the Sept meeting, Rotarians brought materials needed by the group especially men's ties that they use to tie up the sleeping bags once completed. If anyone would like more info or to make a donation, please feel free to contact Ida Ferguson at 607-742-2179.



Left: Ida Ferguson Right: Rotarian Laura Charles (center) helping the quilters with this sleeping bag.

Cemetery Flag Replacement

On Sat. Sept 9, a group of Rotarians assembled at Sunnyside Cemetery in Tunkhannock to replace/change the faded, torn or missing American flags on the veteran's graves. Rotarian co-organizer George Gay mentioned that the storm that had torn through the area prior to Sept 9, had badly damaged or destroyed many of the flags, so this activity was happening at an opportune time.



Tunkhannock Rotary Harvest & Wine Festival

On Saturday Oct 14, Rotarians hosted the Tunkhannock Rotary Harvest & Wine Festival at Lazybrook Park on Route 6, east of Tunkhannock, from 11 AM to 5 PM. Despite the very rainy weather, there were wine, beer and hard cider vendors along with food, services, craft, clothing and gift vendors. The hardy souls who attended the "rain or shine" Festival had a great time and really enjoyed the music provided by PopStar Drive and Kartune and even danced between the rain drops.

Tunkhannock Rotary thanks all those who attended the Festival and the Festival sponsors for their support of this major fund-raising event.



Left: Festival Chair Terri Detrick, Right: District Governor Samantha Maruzzelli and Past DG Mary Ellen Bentler



Harvest & Wine Festival

Thank You 2023 Sponsors!
Your generous support helped make the festival a success!
In spite of the rain...a good time was had by all!

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Tunkhannock Rotary Polio Speaker

Although the Tunkhannock Club does not meet on Tuesday's when World Polio Day was commemorated on Oct 24, Tunkhannock hosted as its guest speaker on Thurs. Oct 26, Carol Goodman from the Wyalusing Rotary Club who is a polio survivor. She gave a very informative and outstanding presentation on polio and its consequences for those infected.



Carol Goodman