

NOVEMBER 2024



A Message From:

DISTRICT GOVERNOR
Bill Skinner



Hello, District 7410 Rotarians. I hope you are all doing well as we transition into the beginning of the holiday season at the end of this month. November in the Rotary Calendar is Foundation Month. We celebrate our Rotary Foundation year-round, but in November we take a special opportunity to create awareness about the great work of our Rotary Foundation programs and to thank and honor our generous donors for making a difference.

The Rotary Foundation's goal is to build its endowment to \$2.025 billion by 2025. The endowment is a fund that allows individuals to combine their gifts to address global needs for generations to come. We are currently just under \$200 million from reaching our goal. Many events are underway such as legacy dinners and other types of events to encourage members to contribute to the endowment.

For the 16th consecutive year, The Rotary Foundation has received the highest rating of four stars from Charity Navigator, an independent evaluator of charities in the U.S. This is an accomplishment of which we should be immensely proud. I thank you all for supporting our Rotary Foundation programs, as through The Foundation we are truly "Doing Good in the World" every day.

We are having a foundation event on Saturday, November 16th. All the information is available on the website to register. Learn more about The Foundation and celebrate the good work it does. It may have already happened by the time you read this, but hopefully you were there.

One last topic for this newsletter; Rotary Action Groups or RAGs. RAGs are independent, Rotary-affiliated groups made up of people from around the world who are experts in a particular field, such as economic development, peace, addiction prevention, the environment, or water.

Action groups offer their technical expertise and support to help clubs plan and implement projects to increase our impact, one of Rotary's strategic priorities. This support includes helping clubs find partners, funding, and other resources. Action groups can also help clubs and districts prepare grant applications, conduct community assessments, and develop plans to monitor and evaluate their projects.

Read more about these activities in the

<https://my.rotary.org/en/take-action/empower-leaders/rotary-action-groups>

When we think about the Action Plan what better way to Expand Our Reach and Enhance Participant Engagement than to let our Club Members know and learn about RAGs. Some of our members are already utilizing their expertise as a member of a RAG and doing even more good in the community and in the world. Take the time to learn more about RAGs and if one might be right for you and your area of expertise.

As always thank you for all you do for your Clubs and Communities, the District, and Rotary!

Bill

PS Have you registered for District Conference April 4-6, 2055 in Hershey?

International Service Committee Aid for Ukraine

One of the goals of the September 29, 2024, fund raising dinner collaborated on with the St. Vladimir Ukrainian Catholic Church (UCC) in Scranton was to raise funds to allow the church to purchase and deliver used ambulances to Ukraine. The first such ambulance was delivered on the evening of November 3, 2024, via a purchase from a used ambulance dealer near Nowy Sacz, Poland. A 2016 Opel Vivaro, fully equipped with all original emergency medical equipment was delivered by the dealer to Lyviv, Ukraine where it was immediately sent to the need identified to the Priest at the UCC. This ambulance is a timely replacement for one recently intentionally targeted and destroyed (a violation of international law) by Russian forces.

The seller of this ambulance was thrilled to hear of its new life/purpose via this Rotary inspired effort and included free winter tires and reduced delivery fees. Stay tuned for ambulance number two, as this humanitarian effort continues.

Service Above Self,
David Palmer, Chair, International Service Committee
Rotary District 7410



ROTARY RESPONDS TO UKRAINE CRISIS

The Scranton Rotary and the District International Service Committee recently dedicated its efforts to Rotary International's encouragement to "organize local humanitarian response initiatives in Ukraine and the surrounding region, find out how to engage with Rotary clubs and districts, find contacts for hosting refugees, and more local efforts." Planning began in the Spring of 2024 for the September 29th Fundraising Dinner dedicated to raising \$50,000 for the purchase of humanitarian medical supplies and used ambulances by the Saint Vladimir Ukrainian Catholic Church in Scranton, to then transport these to Ukraine. Other community organizations and businesses were invited to participate in this effort. Funds and or in-kind services were donated by such entities as The Polish Connection Restaurant, Central Park Flowers, Rotary Club of Duren Germany, Heerlen Rotary Club of The Netherlands, SOS International of Louisville Kentucky, Gerrity's Groceries, Hometown Finds, Weatherly Rotary, Dunmore Rotary, Jim Thorpe Rotary, Hamlin Rotary, New Milford Area Rotary, Tunkhannock Rotary, Honesdale Rotary, Tall Pines Woodstoves and Fireplaces, Gentex Corporation of Simpson Pennsylvania, Spectacular Fireworks, Nicholson Lumber Company, Endless Mountains Health System, Louisville Kentucky Supporters and many more. A \$25,000 challenge grant was matched with current proceeds exceeding \$50,000.

A significant element of the effort included a Rotary tradition of conducting a silent auction with baskets donated by Rotary Clubs, businesses, and individuals. Thirty-three baskets of donated items with a retail value of \$4,186, netted \$4,836 in bids resulting in a total of \$9,022 towards the \$25,000 matching goal. A unique aspect of the \$25,000 challenge grant was the decision by the donor that the retail value of the baskets would count toward the \$25,000 match. Another feature of the baskets was four were full of medical supplies that were going to Ukraine, rather than home with the successful bidder. And the dollar bid on these baskets were going to the effort to buy more medical supplies. The final count for dinner ticket sales included one-hundred and fifty-two (152) dine in and thirty-nine (39) take out. A native Ukrainian traditional vocalist provided entertainment. The Mayor of Scranton paid a visit to welcome all to the city. Two Ukrainian servicemen undergoing medical treatment in Philadelphia through the Revived Soldiers in Ukraine non-profit www.rsukraine.org were honored guests and provided very emotional witness to the audience regarding their experience and journey.

In his October District Newsletter article, District Governor William Skinner encouraged us all to look for opportunities to engage with the Rotary Action Plan. "One of the four pillars of the Action Plan is Expand Our Reach. Use this month to look to collaborate with other Clubs or organizations to do bigger projects and fundraisers that can benefit our communities and our Foundation." Another of the four pillars of the Action Plan is Increasing Our Ability to Adapt. "By assessing needs and changing to an additional or a different project will help us to adapt to an ever rapidly changing world." And finally, "If we change projects or a fundraiser remember the first pillar of the Action Plan; Increase Our Image." I think this fund-raising effort, NAILED IT.

Yours In Rotary,

DAVID PALMER, Chair
Rotary District 7410, International Service Committee



In November 2022, our District leadership approved a protocol for clubs and individuals to donate funds directly to our District Treasurer function for international wire transfer to the Warsaw City Poland Rotary Club. These funds support steady state requirements that continue providing long term relief to Ukrainian refugees and Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs).

To date this District has realized \$15,000 in contributions (including from non-Rotarians) to send to the Warsaw City Poland RC to support this steady state requirement.

Recently, we received an update from the Warsaw City Poland Rotary. Their efforts continue with education programs, employment training (primarily women), childcare facilities, medical training for EMTs, and psychological counseling services. As winter approaches in war torn Ukraine, the club has also stepped up to provide power generators. These are “necessary for heating antibomb shelters, or for operating STARLINK communications or just for light when aggressors are damaging infrastructure.” “Good generators cost \$1,250 USD and they recently collected funds for 8 generators for Krivyi Rog.”

The need continues as this war continues. See your club leadership or contact me to entertain donating to this initiative as soon as possible.

Service Above Self,
David Palmer, Chair, International Service Committee
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GLOBAL GRANT IN UKRAINE PROGRESSING

Recently Riccardo Bari, the primary contact for the referenced Rotary Global Grant in Milano Italy provided us the following update in mid-September.

Despite the challenges of trying to proceed in a war-torn country, the five Ukrainian communities; are proceeding with the installation of the water filtration systems.

Mykhailivka community is at the final stage of installment, the head of the community confirmed it this week.

Preobrazhenska community is at the final stage of installation, they asked for a zoom meeting with the manufacturer to set up the final details before the start. The meeting will take place next week (end of September).

Novomykolaivska community (2 equipments) is currently conducting a tender (they allocated community funds coming from their budget) on well drilling for further installation of the systems.

Bilenke community is waiting for the next session of the local council that will be held in this month of September to allocate the funds from their own budget to buy the storage for water. They plan to install it by the end of this month (September).

Shyroke community (two equipments): the first system is in the process of installment. This process is slowed by the lack of specialists in community (50% were mobilized to the army). They plan to install the first system in September and then proceed to the second system.

Yours In Rotary,

David Palmer, Chair
Rotary District 7410, International Service Committee





Greetings members of Rotary ,

I would like to personally invite you to “An Evening to Experience ShelterBox”, our annual virtual benefit that promises to be inspiring and unforgettable!

On November 14th, join us for an exclusive hour with Kerri Murray, our President, and member of Montecito Rotary Club, along with recently deployed members of our ShelterBox Response Team. Together, we'll embark on a virtual journey to the core of our global relief efforts. Witness how your generous support is transforming lives—from providing emergency shelter to families displaced by violence in Gaza to delivering vital aid in the aftermath of catastrophic flooding in Bangladesh, Hurricane Beryl in Grenada, and Hurricanes Helene and Milton here in the United States.

This evening is more than an event; it's a celebration of the hope and renewal you've helped bring to those in need. The powerful stories of resilience and recovery you'll hear are a testament to the profound impact of your contributions. We're eager for you to experience firsthand the difference you're making and to deepen your connection with the life-changing work you support. If you are new to our organization, this event is a great introduction to ShelterBox. Founded by a Rotary Club in the year 2000, ShelterBox has now delivered aid to nearly 3 million people.

Don't miss this special occasion to share in these incredible moments and to receive our heartfelt thanks for your unwavering support. We look forward to seeing you there!

2024 Annual Virtual Benefit, An Evening to Experience ShelterBox,
November 14th 5 - 6 PM PT / 8 - 9 PM ET Hosted on PayBee

Register here:

<https://paybee.io/vevent.html?eventId=66ba3f8254c520ad63897b97&action=openrsvp>

For additional info visit: 2024 Annual Virtual Benefit: An Evening to Experience ShelterBox
I hope to see you on November 14th!

Thank you,
Bill Tobin

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Rotary District 7410 Polio Plus Application



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

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

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

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

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

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

Name:

Signature:

Date:

Club Name:

Phone Number:

E-Mail:

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

Upcoming Events

Calendar

November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29 Jaycees Halloween Parade (Honesdale) Pints for Polio 2024 (Hamlin Lake Ariel)	30	31 Halloween Party 2024 (Hamlin Lake Ariel)	1	2
3	4	5	6 November Bingo (Newfoundland)	7 End of Day After School Programs End of Day After School Programs	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Flash Meeting November 14th at Father Nailin Hall	15	16 District Foundation Dinner District Foundation Dinner
17	18	19	20	21 Thanksgiving Dinner - Rotary of the Abingtons (The Abingtons)	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 Candy Cane Day	30
1	2	3	4 December Bingo (Newfoundland)	5	6	7

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

[11/14 - Tunkhannock - Flash Meeting](#)

[11/16 - District Foundation Dinner](#)

[11/21 - The Abingtons - Thanksgiving Dinner](#)

[11/29 - Tunkhannock - Candy Cane Day](#)

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.

District Directory

**The 2024-2025 District Directory is available
to view on our website**

[Please click here to view a copy](#)

*The District Directory is housed under the
District Info drop down menu on our
website homepage.*



District Directory

2024-2025

Serving 11 Counties in Northeastern Pennsylvania, USA

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 International's Brand Center](#). Here you can create and download videos, images, brochures, logos, business cards, flyers and much more.
- Download a copy of the [District Directory](#).
- Download your [club logo](#).

CLUBS IN ACTION

Rotary
Club of The Abingtons



Guest Speaker

Today Abington Rotarians enjoyed the company of Sister Mary Alice Jacquinet IHM and the story of Saint Joseph's Center. As the President-CEO she summarized a bit of the past, present and future of this institution that was founded in November 1888 by nine sisters who identified a need in our area.

Seen (L to R): Rotarian Chris Calvey Jr, Sr. Mary Alice and Rotary VP Chris Loftus.



Countryside Conservancy Update

On Thursday November 7th Bill Kern was welcomed to the weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of the Abingtons to share three successful projects from the Countryside Conservancy. Bill has served as the Executive Director since 2010.

L to R: Bill Kern and Steve Selige, Rotary President.





Dictionary Distribution

On October 7th, several Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Dallas distributed dictionaries to more than 300 third graders in the Dallas and Lake-Lehman School Districts. Their gift was well received by the students and teachers. The Dallas Rotarians have been delivering this educational tool to children in the Back Mountain for many years and are pleased to participate in their learning process.

Students in first row from left: Luca Matreselva, Isabella Root, Mila Capelli , Gracelynn Weidner, Averie Root
Second row from left: Teacher Dianne Suchodolski,
Rotarian Maureen Doerfler, and teacher Kacie Skutnik.





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International Innovators



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**OUR CLUB IS SEARCHING
FOR 2 STUDENTS TO
SEND TO RYLA**

Do you know of any cyber school or homeschool students in the area that may be a good fit? Send them our way!

Students must be sophomores to attend

intlinnovatorseclub@gmail.com

Reverse Cash Raffle

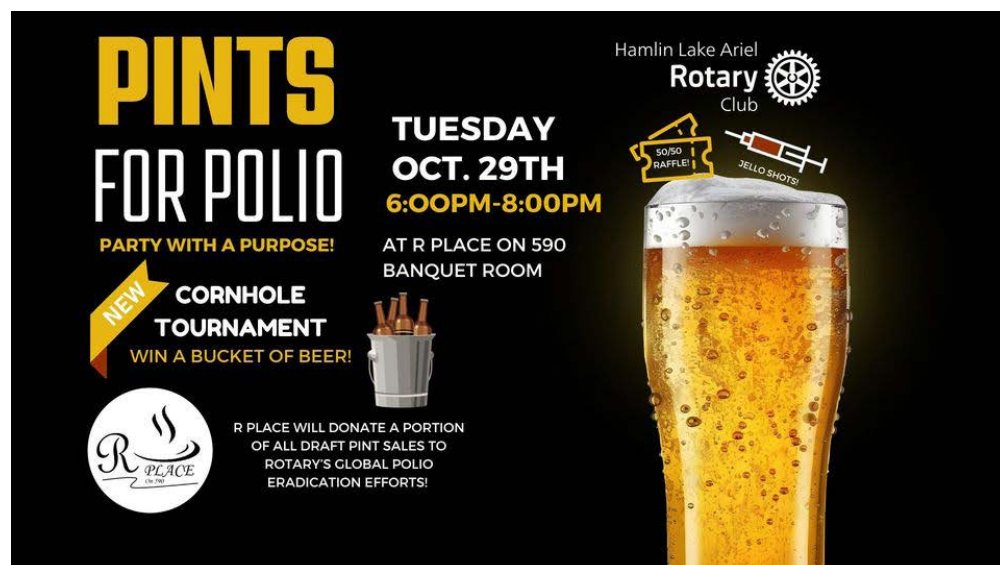
The Hamlin Lake Ariel Rotary Club's annual Reverse Cash Raffle was a fantastic success! With only 200 tickets sold, attendees enjoyed an evening of excitement as everyone vied for the top prize of \$5,000. We extend our heartfelt thanks to our incredible volunteers, generous sponsors, and RPlace on 590 for hosting this memorable event. Everyone's support made a meaningful impact on our community. Congratulations to all prize winners, and thank you for being part of this wonderful night!



Pints for Polio

Rotary's Pints for Polio event is a community-driven fundraiser aimed at raising awareness and funds for the global fight to eradicate polio. Through donations and contributions made during this event, we support the Rotary International's End Polio Now campaign, bringing us closer to a world free of polio.

A heartfelt thank you to RPlace on 590 for generously hosting our event and providing a welcoming venue for our cause. Your support helps make a meaningful difference in our mission to end polio worldwide. Thank you for standing with us!



Trick or Treat through Hamlin After Party

Hamlin Lake Ariel Rotary's Post-Trick or Treat Party was a fantastic celebration for families following the Trick or Treat Through Hamlin event! Community children and their families joined us for pizza, snacks, a bounce house, games, and Halloween activities, making it an evening full of laughter and fun. We extend a special thank you to the Hamlin Fire Company for generously sharing their space with us, helping make this event a success. We're grateful to be part of such a supportive community!





Hazleton Rotary Joins in the Halloween Fun

Hazleton Rotarians Anna Kosko Gharghoury, Rossanna Gabriel, Danielle Matarella, Deb Archut, Joanie Buffington and Michelle Genetti had a great time passing out treats to all the ghosts and goblins who showed up for the Trail of Treats at City View Park on Sunday, October 27th.

Rotary's theme was "Welcome to the Hazleton Rotary Circus-the Greatest Club on Earth" highlighted by a circus tent.

Special thanks to the MMI Interact students who packed 800 bags of candy to be given to all the kids who showed up at the park.



Young Rotarians Group-Hazleton Rotary Complete Beautification Project for City

Young Rotarians-Hazleton Rotary Doug Genetti, Marty Joines, Jace Whitaker, Claudia Stroia and Tim Solarek, with a lot of help from the Department of Public Works-City of Hazleton, planted eight new trees on Broad Street. Not available for photo-Dr. Billy Spear

There is a popular poem by Joyce Kilmer called "Trees" where the first line reads as follows: "I think I shall never see a poem lovely as a tree----" Multiply that by eight and you can see the future beauty of the new trees gracing Hazleton's downtown!

The Young Rotarians-Hazleton Rotary Club have initiated and completed a beautification project for downtown Hazleton as one of their top service initiatives. The project was done in cooperation with the Tree Shade Commission and City Parks & Recreation Department. Hazleton Rotary provided the funding.

Research shows that "Urban forests" are critical to cities, serving as city infrastructure that lower temperatures and associated energy costs to cool our houses and buildings, reduce air and water pollution, and improve human physical and mental health.

A tree canopy can be one of the most effective tools in addressing a wide range of urban challenges. Trees are the only infrastructure that grows stronger and more effective with age!

According to the City Parks & Recreation department at least 60 trees are needed in downtown Hazleton and this Rotary project will initiate fulfilling that need.

"It's a great feeling to know there are people that care about the community. This is a wonderful project to beautify the downtown." Commented Mayor Jeff Cusat. "Hazleton Rotary is proud to continue our long tradition of helping the community when and where it can. We are very pleased to see our younger Rotarians taking the lead on this project and seeing it through to completion. " says Hazleton Rotary President Alan Whitaker.



Photo 1 – Jace, Marty, Tim and Doug looking forward to the growth of trees they planted to brighten downtown Hazleton in future years.





New Member Induction

On Wednesday October 9th the Milford-Matamoras Rotary Club inducted Dan and Flora Connolly as new members to its club. Dan and Flora are the owners of Solar Bear Energy in Milford. They are committed to provide an honest and upfront consultation about solar and energy storage options for our community resident and businesses. We are very excited to have both Dan and Flora as members of our club and they come with great experience. Pictured left is Jamie Dyksta, Rotary member, Dan Connolly, Solar Bear Energy, Shaun Burger, Rotary President, Flora Connolly, Solar Bear Energy and Candace Mahala, Rotary Member. Milford-Matamoras Rotary Club meets every Wednesday at 12:15PM at the Dimmick Inn in Milford. Anyone interested in becoming a member contact Shaun at 570-517-6654 or come visit us at a meeting.



Pints for Polio

On Thursday, October 24th the Milford-Matamoras Rotary Club hosted their annual Pints for Polio event at the Dimmick Inn in Milford. With a donation of \$20.00 beer and pizza were provided to all attendees. Our club wishes to thank the Dimmick Inn for their fantastic job hosting and generous donation. Our club also would like to thank everyone who attended and helped us raise \$650.00 to continue the battle against polio. A great time was had by all. The cause was to raise funds to help support Rotary's polio eradication efforts which is the largest most ambitious global public health program in history. These funds help us protect children from a paralyzing disease. Milford-Matamoras Rotary Club meets every Wednesday at 12:15PM at the Dimmick Inn in Milford. Anyone interested in becoming a member contact Shaun at 570-517-6654 or come visit us at a meeting.



Cheers for John Kanyuck!

Our member, John Kanyuck, has for years coordinated the Farmers' Market at the Crestwood High School parking lot. Every Sunday from July through October. The number of vendors has grown over the years. It's a must stop for local residents.

Plus, the profits benefit the Food Pantry! Here is John pictured with the vendor tents in the background. Great job, John, coordinating this Rotary project!



Welcome, Ashley Breznak!

Ashley is one of our newest members! She currently works as a Human Resources Manager. Shown is Club President Kathryn Murphy placing the pin on Ashley!



Also welcome, Representative Alec Ryncavage!

PA Representative Alec Ryncavage recently joined our Club. Welcome Alec!and thank you for all you do for our community! Photo shows long term Rotarian, Kevin Hooper, minutes before placing the pin on Alec.



Rotary Youth Exchange Program

Shelli Selby recently told us all about her experiences as an Exchange Student sponsored by our club. Shelli spent 10 months in the Czech Republic. She said where she lived was very walkable and had great transportation. She also was a member of a band. She is very grateful for the experience of being an Exchange Student. She now has a friend from every continent because of this experience. Pictured is club president Kathryn Murphy presenting Shelli with our club banner.



RYLA

Alexys Hazeltine attended this year's RYLA program. She told us all about it at a recent meeting, and said it was the 'experience of a lifetime'. Pictured is Alexys in the RYLA t-shirt with Kathryn Murphy.



Bill Skinner Travels to Mountain Top!

New District Governor, Bill Skinner, made a stop at our first meeting in October. Bill gave a heartfelt talk about his vision. He would like to see more collaboration, more social events, get youth programs back again, and continue to support foundation. He also explained the four pillars of Action Plans. Also joining Bill at the meeting was Assistant Governor, Brian Vnuk. Shown is Bill during his talk.



District Governor Visit

Wine Fest/Taste of the Mountain!

Our club's second annual Wine Fest/Taste of the Mountain was held in October. Contrasting with last year's all day rain, this year we had a beautiful, sunny day. Many of our community projects benefit from this event. Pictured are club members at the event.



RLI Training

Two of our club members, Claudia Vitiello, and Joe Aquilina, attended the RLI training held last month in Wilkes Barre. It was a wonderful opportunity to learn more about Rotary and for fellowship! Here they are pictured with Mary Ellen Bentler.





NEW MILFORD AREA ROTARY CONDUCTS ANNUAL FALL HIGHWAY LITTER PICKUP

Fifteen members and friends of the New Milford Area Rotary conducted the annual Fall highway litter pickup on October 6. The section of highway is a three mile stretch of U.S. Route 11 south of New Milford Borough. Thirty bags of litter, twelve automotive tires and miscellaneous items were collected for disposal by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. Conducted twice a year by this club, the litter pickup is related to the Rotary International focus area on the environment.

The club currently consists of thirty-nine members actively serving the community and world and welcomes new membership. Contact information can be found at www.facebook.com/newmilfordrotary or NewmilfordpaRotary@gmail.com



RW1 Front: Grant Palmer, Declan Palmer, Waylon Palmer
RW2 Middle: Annie Palmer, Brian Palmer, David Palmer, Kate Farrell-Kurosky, Cohen Orlandini, Jamie Orlandini, Roman Bobyr, Karen Voight, Peggy Foster-Kelemen
RW3 Back: George Connor, Andrew Kelemen, Brian Lione





North Scranton Rotary Club

Posted by Kathy Casarin

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This Monday the [North Scranton Rotary Club](#) delivered breakfast, lunch and dinner to the CIC Community Intervention Center. It takes a village. Thank you to everyone for assisting with the planning, organizing, cooking and delivery!

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Plains Rotary Dictionary Project

The Plains Rotary distributes dictionaries to the Plains Solomon Elementary School and Bear Creek Charter School. This year we donated 110 dictionaries to Plains Solomon and 75 dictionaries to Bear Creek Charter. The photo was taken at Plains Solomon Elementary showing Plains Rotarians Mario Giovanelli and Joe Grilli with 3rd grade students.





Newest Tunkhannock Rotarian Inducted

The Rotary Club of Plymouth recently welcomed six new members from a membership promotion held earlier in the year.

Pictured are First Row Renee Bomboy, Raymond Motyka, Pat Motyka, Jeff Bomboy, Maureen Murphy, all new Rotarians.

Second Row Immediate past President Thomas Hogan, Rotary Club of Plymouth President Shelly Karavis, Area 7 Assistant Governor Brian Vnuk and Jim Murphy, new Rotarian



Guest Speaker

The Rotary Club of Plymouth welcomed Plymouth Librarian Laura Kelly to a recent meeting. Laura spoke of the library's mission and advances made in the library in the last year. Pictured from left are

Rotarians Ray Motyka, President Shelly Karavis, Eric Cheatley, Laura Keller, Librarian, Janet Franchella, Jeff Bomboy, Pat Motyka, and Renee Bomboy.



Press Box Recognized for Community Service

The Rotary Club of Plymouth presented their prestigious “Service Above Self” Award to the Press Box, Plymouth. The Press Box has been a long time supporter of the Rotary Club of Plymouth and their efforts in Plymouth and surrounding neighborhoods. Pictured are Rotary President Shelly Karavis and Michael Shusta Jr, Press Box



New Member

Mayor Sherry Cordes recently became a member of the Rotary Club of Plymouth. Cordes serves as mayor of Edwardsville. The Rotary Club of Plymouth provides community service to Plymouth, Larksville, Edwardsville and surrounding communities.

Pictured below are Mayor Cordes, new Rotarian, and Shelly Karavis, Rotary Club of Plymouth President.



Rotary District 7410 Conducts RLI

Rotary District 7410 conducted their annual Rotay Leadership Institute on October 26 at East Mountain Inn, WB. Rotarians participated in three levels of instruction. Facilitators included past District Governors who provided discussion on many Rotary topics. Pictured on this years participants.





Wild Game Night Dinner

Stroudsburgs & Smithfields Rotary had a very successful wild game night dinner. They were about 35 in total, half Rotarians and half guests.

Stroudsburgs Rotary used this as a fundraiser for Polio, and the Smithfields is using it for their grants to give back to the community. It was a wonderful evening. Special thanks to Rotarian Dave Fox for donating all the wild game, and our chefs and caterers from the Smithfields.



Community Dinner

Stroudsburgs Satellite club Spearheaded the community dinner for Mady's Kitchen at St. John's Church in Marshall Creek. The service approximately 90 attendees.

They served breakfast for dinner and everyone had a great time.



Wild Game Night Dinner

Stroudsburgs Rotary had their first polio awareness event at the Pocono Cinema and Cultural Center in East Stroudsburg. Monroe County commissioner Sharon Lavedure gave the proclamation, declaring Oct 24 as World Polio Day in Monroe County.

Polio survivor Carol Goodman spoke and shared a PowerPoint presentation, we also had 4 YouTube video clips, one on the history of Rotary and Polio eradication, one on post Polio Syndrome, one sharing the iron lung story and the last video was why it's important for Rotary to continue our efforts to eradicate Polio.

We then concluded with our panelist, Dr. Ramlah Vahanvaty, a local pediatrician, and Vitale Pool, Medical Director at Sanofi Pasteur Vaccines USA.

Special thanks to all that attended and brought snacks.





Wild Game Night Dinner

On October 12th, 2024, the Tunkhannock Rotarians kicked off the Fall Season with their annual Harvest & Wine Festival at Lazybrook Park. Rotarians and the community could not have asked for a better fall day. The sun was shining. Music was playing. Wine was flowing. The backdrop was picturesque. The club wishes to extend a big thank you to every Rotarian, sponsor, community member, and Festival attendee that made this year's event a success.



Since the Festival, Rotarians have continued to contribute to the community by holding a roadside clean up on Thursday October 18th. When you drive down Route 6, the Tunkhannock Bypass, you will notice their efforts. Following the roadside cleanup, the Club participated in their annual Dictionary Distribution. This project was started in 1997. Since that time, as of October 30th, 2024, the Club has handed out 4,896 books. In the year 2025 the Club will be over 5,000. This is a small project that is making a difference and reaching a large number of children.

Lastly, Rotarians joined forces with local law enforcement for a semi-annual Drug Take Back Event and Free Narcan Distribution that was held on October 26th, 2024, throughout Wyoming County. Many thanks to the parents, grandparents and other citizens who took the time to empty their medicine cabinets of unused pills and opted to pick up Narcan. These efforts help battle an epidemic and assist in saving lives.





Rotarians Hand Out Fantastic Facts To Wyalusing Third Graders

September is designated as Basic Education and Literacy Month by Rotary International. With that theme in mind, the Rotary Club of the Wyalusing Area, chose September to donate dictionaries to every third-grade student in the Wyalusing Elementary School.

One hundred and three students received their own copy of The Student Dictionary, a 567-page dictionary with many pages dedicated to facts that students love learning about. The facts included topics like the presidents, states, countries, measurements, and even the longest word in the English language.

This year's donation marks the second year that local Rotarians have made this donation, and they will continue doing this every year. Rotarians participating in the distribution were Mary Skillings, Wes Skillings, Todd Salsman, Jeannie Woodruff, Wendy Gaustad, Greg Culver, Christine Heyman, and Carol Goodman. Jon and Michele Naugle, who were unable to attend, were instrumental in ordering the dictionaries and making sure the books were available for distribution by their fellow Rotarians.

Carol Goodman quizzes exuberant Wyalusing third graders about information they expect to find in the dictionaries they were about to receive from the Wyalusing Area Rotary Club.

