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Message from the District Governor
Craig Devenport

Rotary vs. Rotarian. Which do you want to be? At a recent visit to a four club meeting in Hamlin, I was approached by a woman who said I could use this quote " Do you just want to join Rotary or do you want to be a Rotarian?" In my mind there is a difference. To be a member of Rotary can be very easy- join a club, make a few new friends, pay your dues, and enjoy the reputation that others have created by being true Rotarians.

A Rotarian is a person of action. They do things. They help others. They participate. They take that scary step to volunteer for something they may have never done before- knowing that there will be another Rotarian to guide them, to mentor them, to make them feel welcome in the process of serving others.

How do you become that person of action? Step out of your comfort zone. If you might consider helping out you need not wave your hand frantically yelling "pick me, pick me." After the meeting is over you can approach the organizer of the event cautiously and ask for more details before you commit. Once you sign up, show up. Read your communications even though you may not like to read emails. Get ideas from friends. Read your Rotary magazine- or at least glance through it for motivational ideas. Did you notice that three clubs in Pennsylvania were listed in the monthly calendar of happenings in the last three months? Two were in our district: Mountaintop and Honesdale! The third was in the next district to our west- in Coudersport.

In short, please become a Rotarian worthy of the valued reputation that keeps building year after year. Take advantage of the "no experience necessary" opportunity to help your club, the district, and the communities we all serve.

Yours in Service,
Craig Devenport DG

Rotary
District 7410

District Conference
2022-2023
November 4th-5th
Tunkhannock, PA

How Can the District Help You?

Crafted towards helping you achieve your goals for your club.

District Governor
Craig Devenport

Register Now!

What to Expect:

The District Conference Major Speaker lined up to join us is Emmy Award Winning Content Creator, Ryan Leckey!

This Conference is being set up as an "ala carte" style Conference! You will be able to join us for all of the events at a discounted price or just the ones that you choose as priced per option.

Shadowbrook Resort

Friday Afternoon Lunch will accompany Ryan Leckey speaking after.

Friday Evening Dinner will accompany Rose Moore, from the hit TV show, Alone.

Saturday After Lunch will accompany Christina VanDergrift, Motivational Speaker.

IMAGINE ROTARY

Why attend the District Conference?

Make meaningful connections with fellow Rotarians & engage with Powerful Speakers!

Christina VanDergrift

Ryan Leckey

Rose Moore

Register TODAY!

Follow our website for more details

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District Conference

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November 4th-5th
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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 VanDergrift
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.

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Meet our Area 4 Assistant Governor
Mitchell K. Marcus

I hold dual majors. One in Business and Insurance, the other in Criminal Justice / Police Science My post graduate degree is a Master's in Business Administration.

I was a professional musician, a NJ State Corrections Officer, Federal Law Enforcement and a PA State Deputy Waterways Officer.

Currently, I am President of my own insurance agency the Mitchell Group Inc. in Stroudsburg PA. and owner / Director of my own insurance school the Insurance Institute of Pennsylvania. I have over 35 years as a teacher at Hoffstra University, Pace University, and other regional New York City insurance schools.

I hold the following Professional Designations: CPCU - Chartered Property Casual Underwriter, and CISR - Certified Insurance Service Representative.

What I enjoy most is serving my community in both the private and public sector. I have served on many Board of Directors including Treasurer of the Monroe County Parks & Recreation Commission and Supervisor for Middle Smithfield Township.

I am proud to say I have been a Rotarian since 2005 and served as President of the Rotary Club of Mt. Pocono, now on my fifth term (non-consecutive).

In addition, I am also a Free Mason and a member of the East Stroudsburg Elks Club.

Happy October!

This is a shout out to all PRESIDENT ELECTS! This is your year to plan and train for your position of club President next year. It is my job to help and guide you. Make sure you have March 24th & 25th on your calendars. That is the date for your *mandatory* training called Mid Northeast President Elect Training (PETS), located in Whippany, NJ at the Hanover Marriott. Here you will gain training, inspiration and life-long friendships.

Next month I would like to invite you all to Tunkhannock, PA for a PE mixer. It will be a casual social event where we can get to know one another. I want everyone to feel comfortable and excited to lead our outstanding clubs of District 7410 together in 2023-2024! Please join us on November 17th from 6pm to 8pm at the Tri County gathering room located at 5513 SR6, Suite 2, Tunkhannock, PA 18657. Food and beverage will be provided.

I have created us a WhatsApp group called "PEs of District 7410." This will make communicating much quicker and will keep our email boxes from getting too full. Below is the hyperlink to the WhatsApp group.

https://chat.whatsapp.com/B6NcFcijxU50UBHEoMyeo3

I look forward to working with you all. Please RSVP for the social event to samanthamaruzzelli@gmail.com or text 570-885-1810.

Yours in Service,

Samantha Maruzzelli DGE

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.

Rotary Citation

The Rotary Citation awards recognize the hard work clubs do throughout the year. Taking action toward achieving the citation goals helps clubs engage their members, stay relevant in their communities, and run more efficiently. A welcoming and engaging club also reflects the values of Rotary. When clubs achieve citation goals, they contribute to the overall health and culture of Rotary for generations to come. Your Rotary, Rotaract, and Interact clubs can achieve the Rotary Citation by putting the 25 club goals into Rotary Club Central and select at least 13 and achieve those goals and report achievement in Rotary Club Central.

Congratulations to the following clubs for achieving the Rotary Citation in the 2021-2011 Rotary Year

Hamlin Lake Ariel Rotary Club
New Milford Rotary Club
Newfoundland Rotary Club
7410 E-club of International Innovators
The Stroudsburg Club
Tunkhannock Club

I challenge each of our clubs to be on this list for the 2022-2023 Rotary Year.

PDG/RDFC Mary Ellen Bentler

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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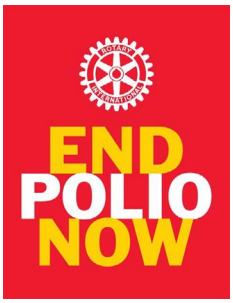
ROTARY DISTRICT 7410 POLIOPLUS SOCIETY APPLICATION



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

Commissioners,

As you have done the past two years, the New Milford Area Rotary Club respectfully requests the favor of a World Polio Day Proclamation from the Susquehanna County Commissioners.

Attached is the template for such. Once again this year the World Polio Day is October 24th.

With the re-emergence of polio in New York state it is extremely important that we keep up the fight to rid the world of this predominately childhood disease.

Very Respectfully,

David Palmer, Membership Chair
New Milford Area Rotary

Rotary International Proclamation

WHEREAS, Rotary is a global network of neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who unite and take action to create lasting change in communities across the globe; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary motto, Service Above Self, inspires members to provide humanitarian service, follow high ethical standards, and promote goodwill and peace in the world; and

WHEREAS, Rotary in 1985 launched PolioPlus and in 1988 helped establish the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, which today includes the World Health Organization, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, UNICEF, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, to immunize the children of the world against polio; and

WHEREAS, polio cases have dropped by 99.9 percent since 1988 and the world stands on the threshold of eradicating the disease; and

WHEREAS, to date, Rotary has contributed more than US$2.4 billion and countless volunteer hours to protecting nearly 3 billion children in 122 countries; and

WHEREAS, Rotary is working to raise an additional $50 million per year, which will be leveraged for maximum impact by an additional $100 million annually from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; and

WHEREAS, these efforts are providing much-needed operational support, medical staff, laboratory equipment, and educational materials for health workers and parents; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Rotary has played a major role in decisions by donor governments to contribute more than $10 billion to the effort; and

WHEREAS, there are over 1.4 million Rotary members in 46,000 clubs throughout the world that sponsor service projects to address such critical issues as poverty, disease, hunger, illiteracy, and the environment in their local communities and abroad;

Therefore, I, _____, [GOVERNOR/LEADER] of the [STATE/PROVINCE/CITY] of _____, do hereby proclaim [24 October OR OTHER DATE] World Polio Day in _____ and encourage all citizens to join me and Rotary International in the fight for a polio-free world.

Polio Plus Society
Social Media Messages
World Polio Day - October 24th

Please use these sample messages on your Club's Facebook pages to help spread the word about World Polio Day - October 24th!

Join

• Want to be part of a global health legacy? Join with @Rotary on #WorldPolioDay in the fight to #endpolio: endpol.io/wpd

• Join with @Rotary on #WorldPolioDay on 24 October & take action in the global fight to #endpolio: endpol.io/wpd

• Smallpox is the only human disease ever eradicated. Let's make polio the second! Join the fight to #endpolio with @Rotary on #WorldPolioDay: endpol.io/wpd

• We can #endpolio globally! Join with @Rotary on #WorldPolioDay on 24 October: endpol.io/wpd

• A polio-free world is possible, but we can achieve it only by taking action together. Join with @Rotary this #WorldPolioDay to @ EndPolioNow: endpol.io/wpd

Learn

• Get ready for #WorldPolioDay on 24 October! Learn where we are in the fight to end polio: endpol.io/wpd

• #WorldPolioDay is 24 October! Learn how @Rotary & its partners have reduced polio cases by 99.9% since 1988: endpol.io/wpd

• No child should have to suffer from a vaccine-preventable disease. This #WorldPolioDay join with @Rotary to make an impact on the fight to #endpolio. Learn more: endpol.io/wpd

• Only two countries continue to report wild polio cases: Afghanistan and Pakistan. This #WorldPolioDay learn why @Rotary believes we can shrink that number to zero: endpol.io/5rsns

Donate

• How can you triple your impact on #endpolio? Thanks to a 2-to-1 match from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, every donation made to @Rotary to @EndPolioNow will be tripled. Donate today: endpol.io/give

• #WorldPolioDay is 24 October! Donations to #endpolio help @Rotary and its partners reach every child with the polio vaccine to protect them from the paralyzing disease. Donate now: endpol.io/give

• This #WorldPolioDay your donation to @EndPolioNow will save lives and give children a chance at a healthy, polio-free future. Donate now: endpol.io/give

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!

Steamtown Marathon

After a two-year respite due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Steamtown Marathon is back on October 9, 2022. Once again District 7410 is co-sponsoring the event, which supports St. Joseph's Center. This year a Silver Sponsorship of $1,000 has been donated by the Rotary District 7410. In return, District 7410 receives the following benefits:

Radio
Name broadcast during 10 promotional spots on Rock 107

T-Shirts
Logo displayed on 3,000 race t-shirts worn by volunteers

Newspaper
Name listed in display ad in Scranton Times/Tribune

Venue Signage
Logo displayed on sponsor board at Race Expo and Sponsor Reception

Chute Signage
Logo displayed with other Silver Sponsors on one large sign in finish line chute

Race Booklet
Logo featured in the official results booklet for 2022 Steamtown Marathon

Internet
Name listed on www.steamtownmarathon.com web site

Be on the look out for our volunteers participating in this event! They will be in the Greenridge Section of Scranton from 9AM-2PM!

Thank you to Dave Palmer for coordinating these efforts!

Follow Us on Social Media!

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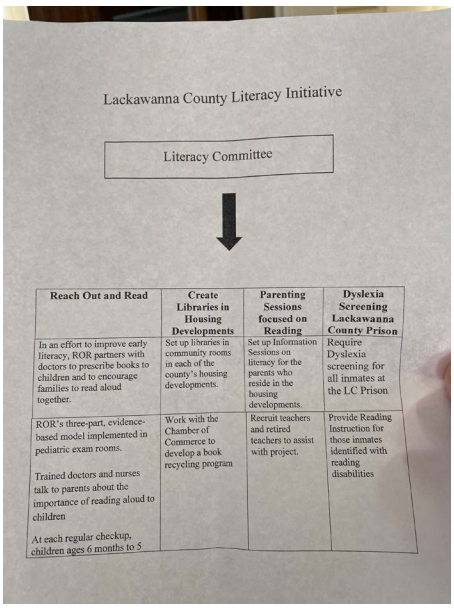
Literacy Initiative in Lackawanna County

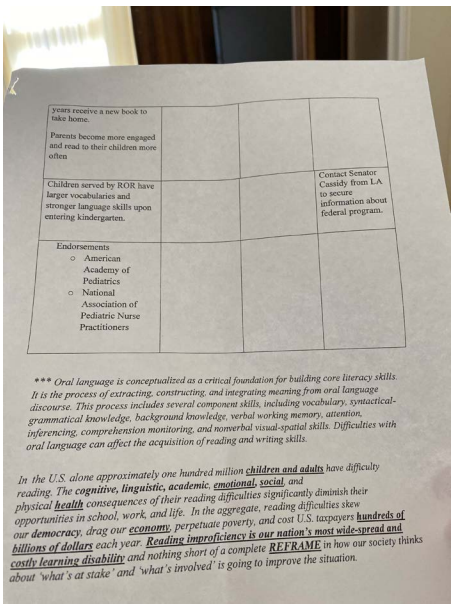
At a recent meeting of the Rotary Club of the Abingtons member Sandie LaManna continued her two part presentation on the work that has begun to address literacy in Lackawanna County. She outlined the local initiative that includes the four parts listed here.



Lackawanna County Literacy Initiative

Literacy Committee

Reach Out and Read	Create Libraries in Housing Developments	Parenting Sessions focused on Reading	Dyslexia Screening Lackawanna County Prison
In an effort to improve early literacy, ROR partners with doctors to prescribe books to children and to encourage families to read aloud together.	Set up libraries in community rooms in each of the county's housing developments.	Set up Information Sessions on literacy for the parents who reside in the housing developments.	Require Dyslexia screening for all inmates at the LC Prison
ROR's three-part, evidence-based model implemented in pediatric exam rooms. Trained doctors and nurses talk to parents about the importance of reading aloud to children At each regular checkup, children ages 6 months to 5	Work with the Chamber of Commerce to develop a book recycling program	Recruit teachers and retired teachers to assist with project.	Provide Reading Instruction for those inmates identified with reading disabilities



years receive a new book to take home. Parents become more engaged and read to their children more often			
Children served by ROR have larger vocabularies and stronger language skills upon entering kindergarten.			Contact Senator Cassidy from LA to secure information about federal program.
Endorsements ○ American Academy of Pediatrics ○ National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners			

*** *Oral language is conceptualized as a critical foundation for building core literacy skills. It is the process of extracting, constructing, and integrating meaning from oral language discourse. This process includes several component skills, including vocabulary, syntactical-grammatical knowledge, background knowledge, verbal working memory, attention, inferencing, comprehension monitoring, and nonverbal visual-spatial skills. Difficulties with oral language can affect the acquisition of reading and writing skills.*

In the U.S. alone approximately one hundred million ***children and adults*** *have difficulty reading. The* ***cognitive, linguistic, academic, emotional, social,*** *and physical* ***health*** *consequences of their reading difficulties significantly diminish their opportunities in school, work, and life. In the aggregate, reading difficulties skew our* ***democracy****, drag our* ***economy****, perpetuate poverty, and cost U.S. taxpayers* ***hundreds of billions of dollars*** *each year.* ***Reading improficiency is our nation's most wide-spread and costly learning disability*** *and nothing short of a complete* ***REFRAME*** *in how our society thinks about 'what's at stake' and 'what's involved' is going to improve the situation.*

District Governor Visits Abington Rotary

Thursday, District Governor Craig Davenport visited the Rotary Club for our weekly meeting at Glen Oak Country Club. He presented the '22-'23 agenda for District #7410 and presented Rotary's current Imagine Rotary flag to the Abington's president Diane Calabro. This year's District Governor is a member of the Wellsboro PA Rotary.

Members and interested potential members are invited to join President Calabro and members for dinner Wednesday September 21 at Colarusso's in Clarks Summit at 6PM to meet Rotarians and learn about their international service club. Please call to make a reservation: Diane at 570-881-7749.

In addition, the public is invited to attend the Taste at the Abingtons to be held Sunday October 30 at the Country Club of the Abingtons from 4-7PM. An array of local food and beverage vendors will offer their signature dishes while guests enjoy music and local friends. Cost: $30.

Highway Cleanup

Saturday September 24th Rotarians from the Abington club set out with gloves and bags to clean a section of Rts 6 & 11 in Clarks Summit PA. Dozens of filled bags lined both sides of this major highway by 1PM.

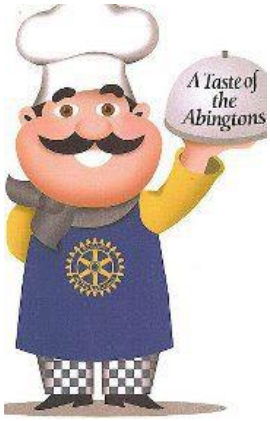
Pictured Rotarians (L to R):
Gail Rees, Janice Bevacqua, Chris Selige, Billy Angel, Virginia Johnson, Tata Mbugua, Beth Caucci, Margaret Crowley (hidden behind Beth), Phyllis Rubarsky, Leah Rudolph, Trip Crowley and Ken Rudolph.

Taste of the Abingtons

The Rotary Club of the Abingtons is presenting the Taste of the Abingtons at the Country Club of Scranton Sunday October 30, 2022 from 4-7 PM. The evening will feature approximately 30 vendors who will present their signature dishes. In addition, sample beverages, music, raffles and a cash bar will be available.
Cost: $30/per person.

Pictured here is the TOTA Committee (L to R):
Chris Calvey, Jr, Phyllis Rubarsky, Maryclaire Kretsch, Billy Angel, Gail Cicerini (co-chair), Roger Mattes, Trip Crowley, Diane Calabro (Rotary President), Ronnie Dende.
Missing from photo: Virginia Johnson (Co-Chair)

We're back!



TASTE OF THE ABINGTONS

Sunday October 30th

4:00 – 7:00

At the

Scranton Country Club

Tickets available for $30 at:

Taste of the Abingtons 2022 Tickets, Sun, Oct 30, 2022 at 4:00 PM | Eventbrite

Come help us celebrate the perseverance of our area restaurants

Rotary
E Club of International Innovators

One Year Charter Anniversary Celebration

The E-Club of International Innovators presents their One Year Charter Anniversary Celebration! Join us via Zoom on November 7th at 7:00 p.m. EST to celebrate this accomplishment! Rotary International President Elect Nominee Stephanie Urchick will join us as a speaker to help commemorate the moment. Please Pre-Register for our celebration using the link below and if you have any questions, please reach out to intlinnovatorseclub@gmail.com. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Register in advance for this meeting:
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIlfu-pqTMuGtP4eIECat5pDiEvt_lQ7x1l

Rotary
Club of Hamlin

District Governor visits Wayne County

On Tuesday, September 27th – the Hamlin Lake Ariel Rotary Club proudly hosted a visit with our District Governor, Craig Devenport! It was their pleasure to host his visit to the area and they look forward to a great year under his leadership!

Fireman's Federation Parade

A great time was had by all on Saturday, September 10th 2022 at the Fireman's Federation Parade in Hamlin by the members of the Hamlin Lake Ariel Rotary Club! Members of the Rotary Club worked together to assemble a float for the parade this year. The float displayed their service projects throughout the years and clouds along with this year's theme "Imagine Rotary". Many hours were spent assembling the float and it was a job well done by all involved.

Safety Fair for Kids

The 6th Annual Safety Fair for Kids by the Hamlin Lake Ariel Rotary Club was a huge success! They extend a huge thank you to everyone who attended and to all of the vendors who share in their mission to prevent childhood injuries in our community through education, collaboration, and advocacy. Over 100 individuals visited the fair and it was a great time for all involved!

PINTS FOR POLIO

Party with a Purpose

END POLIO NOW

R Place on 590
Tues., October 25, 2022
6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

R PLACE On 590

R Place will donate a portion of all draft pint sales to Rotary's global polio eradication efforts.

Get your jello SHOTS and TEST tube shooters!

Rotary Club of Hamlin Lake Ariel

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

Rotary
Club of Hazelton

Rotary Continues to Assist Salvation Army

Hazleton Rotarian Eileen Perchak assisted the Salvation Army in preparing lunch on September 20. The Rotary Club is partnering with Lehigh Valley Hospital-Hazleton in providing healthy meals for Salvation Army Clients on a monthly basis. Other Rotarians participating were Dave Haupt, Donna Barna and President Lisa Marie Halecky. This is a new "Service Above Self" project that began in July, 2022 and will continue for the remaining 2022-23 Rotary year.

Rotary
Club of Honesdale

Show Off Your Pet in the Rotary's Halloween Paw-rade!

Do you like to dress up your pet for special occasions? Is your pet truly "the cat's meow"? The Honesdale Rotary is inviting you to join their Halloween Pet Paw-rade on Saturday, October 29th, from 1pm- 3pm in Honesdale's Central Park at 10th and Church Streets. Prizes will be awarded for the best – silliest, scariest, most creative—costumes. Pet gift giveaways while they last!

"This is a fundraiser for two really good causes," said Karen Mander, co-organizer of the event with Georgia Solotoff. "Billy's New Hope Barn which offers a home and compassion to abused and neglected farm animals. The Barn is named in fact for the owner's pet, a billy goat named Billy! "And secondly, we are hoping to contribute to the construction of a dog park in Honesdale, where dogs can mingle and run free in a safe natural setting."

Entry fees are $15 for one pet, $20 for two pets and $25 for multiples.

Event sponsors include Pet Central, Chewy, Fins & Feathers, Tractor Supply, Honesdale Agway and Wayne Memorial Hospital.

Honesdale Rotary is part of Rotary International, which counts close to 1.5 million members worldwide. The local club has contributed funds, goods or manpower to the Wayne County Food Pantry, Honesdale Little Baseball, renovation of the Fred Miller Pavilion in Honesdale, Treasure House, clothing drives for those in need and more. Internationally the club participates in the global fight to eradicate polio, the Rotary International Student Exchange Program, and, most recently, co-hosted a fundraiser to help Ukrainian refugees.

For more information about Rotary, visit Honesdale Rotary on Facebook.

This annual event benefits the community. This year it will benefit prevention programs of drug abuse and suicides.

Platinum sponsors were Lehigh Valley Health Network and the American Lung Association.

Photos include participants ready to leave the start line, Rotarians at the basket raffle tent, and Race Director Joe Aquilina awarding a medal to Police Chief Royce Engler, who is also a Rotarian.

Event chairperson Joe Aquilna awarding a medal to Police Chief Royce Engler, who is also a Rotary member and was a 5K participant.

Rotary
Club of Jim Thorpe

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.

Rotary Club of New Milford

Rotary Club of Plains

Ukraine Relief Aid

This past spring my New Milford Area Rotary joined with the Plains Rotary to send monetary contributions to a Rotary Club in Warsaw Poland Other clubs and individual Rotarians in District 7410 also contributed to the Ukrainian disaster relief efforts through direct club to club efforts and via the Rotary International Disaster Response Fund that was specifically targeted for Ukraine.

Since then, our District and leadership have begun an effort with five other Rotary District s and Rotary International to facilitate a Global Grant to facilitate continuing relief efforts in Ukraine. A combined District grant will result providing $125,000. This grant is for housing and bedding for the Ukraine community. The community this grant will address has 7,000 people and only shelter for 156 of them. District 7410 is the overall lead District . Paperwork has been approved at Rotary International and we are just waiting for the funds to be issued.

This effort does not preclude individual Rotary clubs from aiding this critically urgent effort, made more critical by the impending start of winter in the Ukraine.

Recently the Rotary Club in Warsaw, Poland, mentioned above, reached out with a request for additional monetary assistance. I have simply cut and pasted that request below, so as not to lose any of the spirit of this request from fellow Rotarians in Poland.

” At the moment we are preparing new projects that only can be possible if we will be able to collect additional funds."

We are working on following project:
- Maintenance of refugee shelter at St. Faustin pilgrim’s house. It needs additional suport of circa 2500 USD monthly (less than 100 USD per capita).
- First four months after war Polish government assured financing for all bodies taking care of refugees. Now it is ended and we are financing it from collected donations, but funds are smaller and smaller.
- Delivery of hospital mattresses to Ukrainian hospitals. We have cooperation with UK company delivering second hand but particularly good hospital beds to Ukrainian hospitals. Each beds needs new mattress that costs 120 USD. We have financed 3 truckloads where 50 beds and mattresses are loaded but demand is growing, and funds are) now.
- We are trying to provide to areas where infrastructure is damaged potable water filters. In many places people are using water from streams or ponds what is dangerous, but they have no option. We have two clubs from Minnesota and non-Rotarian sponsors collecting amount of 15000 usd necessary to purchase in US and deliver to Ukraine 1000 water filters. One filter will provide clean potable water to family.
- We need funds to provide more food in form of instant soups and canned meat. Best way is to buy it in Poland at manufacturers cost and we know how to deliver it to Zaporozhija and further to East Ukraine.

We are receiving more individual demands needing immediate reactions and we try to convince our Rotarian friends to contribute, as no smallest penny is spent otherwise than for direct help.

We are ready to make zoom video conference with district or club leaderships. It gives much better possibility to explain why help for Ukraine is necessary now and will be necessary for long time from now.”

If you or your club are interested in assisting in this effort and or being briefed via zoom video conferencing, contact me at Davesolopalmer@gmail.com or 570-498-6637 and I will put you in contact with the Rotarian point-of-contact in Warsaw Poland

Rotary
Club of Plymouth

Annual Chicken BBQ

The Rotary Club of Plymouth conducted it's 64th Annual Chicken BBQ on Sunday September 25th, 2022. Drizzle and rain did not dampen the spirits of Rotarians and hungry attendees. Customers were treated to a chicken bbq dinner with baked potato and all the trimmings.

The sizzle of the chickens on the grill... Yum!

Rotarians Janet Franchella and Lorree Levulis work the take out stand and battle the rainy weather.

Rotary President Thomas P Hogan and fiancée Suzanne Pickering pose for a photo working the take out stand.

Rotarians JK Karavis and Brian Vnuk man the grill preparing the culinary delights

ROTARY CLUB OF PLYMOUTH
ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER

The Rotary Club of Plymouth will be conducting their Annual Spaghetti Dinner on
Sunday November 13th, 2022 at the
Plymouth American Legion, 33 Center Avenue,
Plymouth, Pa. 18651
12-4
Eat in and take out are available.

Dinner includes spaghetti and meatballs, tossed salad, dinner roll and dessert.

Tickets can be purchased at
NEPA Foot and Ankle, Dr. Shelly Levulis
75 Washington Avenue,
Plymouth, Pa. 18651
570-287-1955

Or by calling Rotarians JK Karavis at 570-574-4246 or
Thomas P Hogan at 570-592-4118

Rotary
Club of Pocono Mountains

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Harvest & Wine Festival

Saturday October 8, 2022

11 am - 5 pm at Lazy Brook Park

All Day Entertainment
POPSTAR DRIVE &
INSIDE OUT

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Ticket sales begin 08/16
Must be 21 to attend

Presented by the
Rotary
Club of Tunkhannock

$30.00 - ADVANCE TICKET SALES
Includes Commemorative Wine Glass

$45.00 - ROTARY LOUNGE
Includes Commemorative Wine Glass, Wine Tasting & Sales
by Nimble Hill Winery - 70 seats available

Tickets available at the gate
General Admission $40.00 • Rotary Lounge $50.00

For additional information and to order tickets,
visit - www.tunkhannockrotary.org

Tunkhannock Receives Rotary Citation 2021-22

Past President Mary Tempest received on the Club's behalf a Rotary Citation for 2021-2022 from Past District Governor Mary Ellen Bentler. The Club was recognized for achieving their goals set in Rotary Club Central.

Tunkhannock Welcomes 2 New Members

In Sept. 2 new members were inducted into the Tunkhannock Rotary, Donna Wald and Michael J Markovitz. l to r: Donna Wald, Membership chair Mary Tempest, Michael J. Markovitz and President Mike Markovitz.

Welcome to New Exchange Student

Tunkhannock welcomed its newest exchange student Mark Holovacs from Budapest, Hungary. He enjoys watching football here. So far, school is good.

At a recent Rotary meeting, he gave an introduction to Hungary, including some highlights of their culture and traditions. He also discussed some of the traditional foods. Mark mentioned that he can cook goulash and loves Hungarian food, but is enjoying American food right now.

Tunkhannock Rotary to Sponsor New Rotaract Club

Recently, 2 members of Tunkhannock Rotary, District 7410 Governor-Elect (DGE) Samantha Maruzzelli and District and Club Membership Chair Mary Tempest, attended Rotary's Zones 28 & 32 Learning to Lead Symposium in Toronto.

Not only did DGE Samantha get a chance to interact with Rotary International's President Elect Gordon R. McInally, but she and Mary attended one of the sessions that discussed both university and community based Rotaract Clubs.

As a result of this session and with the approval of the Board of Directors of the Club,
Tunkhannock Rotary is seeking young adults ages 18 and older who are interested in becoming part of a community based Rotaract Club in Wyoming County.

The first informational kick off meeting regarding this new community based Rotaract club will be held on Monday, Oct 17 at 6 PM at the Tri County Gathering Room, 5513 SR6, Tunkhannock, PA 18657. If you are interested in being a part of this new exciting endeavor for Wyoming County, please text 717-201-4045 to R.S.V.P.

Rotary International's President-Elect Gordon R. Mcinally with District 7410 Governor-Elect Samantha Maruzzelli

OCTOBER 17, 2022

ROTARACT KICK OFF

TAKE ACTION THROUGH SERVICE

How? We are starting a community based Rotaract Club in Wyoming County sponsored by the Tunkhannock Rotary club.

Join the global movement of young leaders who are developing innovative solutions to the world's most pressing challenges.

Rotaract clubs bring together people ages 18 and older to exchange ideas with leaders in the community, develop leadership and professional skills, and have fun through service.

COME BE A PART OF THE CHAMPION KICK OFF TEAM!

TRI COUNTY GATHERING ROOM
5513 SR6, Tunkhannock, PA 18657
6:00 P.M.
Text 717-201-4045 to R.S.V.P.

CONNECT

RotaryDistrict7410@gmail.com

Rotary
Club of Wyoming

Past President's Night

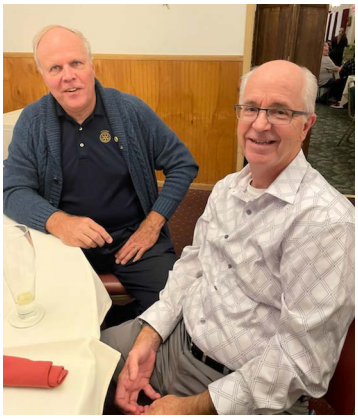
The Rotary Clubs of Wyoming and Plymouth conducted a past President's night at Perugino's, Luzerene.

Clubs gave a history of their presidency over the years and some past presidents no longer active in the club attended. It was a great night of fellowship for these two strong clubs.

Wyoming Rotarian Chris Borton and wife Karen pose for a quick photo

Plymouth Rotarians Brian Vnuk and Janet Franchella having a great time

Plymouth Rotarians enjoying a fabulous program



Wyoming Rotarians Brian Zaborney and Dr. Darrell Evans enjoying the fellowship of Rotary

RYLA Participant Katherine Potter and Mom Bridget spend some time with project chairperson Frank Sobeck

Wyoming President Dan "Squire"Mulhern addresses the group

Plymouth Rotarians Dan and Mary Jo Charney