

Keepin' Up With The District



CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD

A Message From: DISTRICT GOVERNOR Samantha Maruzzelli



Happy October friends! I have had a great month visiting clubs and attending fundraisers. I hope you all are able to get out and support other club fundraisers. What a great opportunity to make new friends and get some great ideas for your own club.

Myself and 6 other Rotarians from our District are heading to Toronto for the 2023 Learning to Lead Education sessions with our Zone. We will get to meet Rotary International President Elect Stephanie Urchick. Stephanie is from McMurray, Pennsylvania! I'll tell you about our experience next month.

District 7410 is organizing an event for World Polio Day on October 24th, and having Rotary International Polio Chair Mike McGovern in attendance is a significant honor. World Polio Day is an important occasion to raise awareness about the ongoing efforts to eradicate polio worldwide. This event at the medical school in Scranton will be an excellent opportunity for Rotary members and the community to come together in support of this crucial cause.

I encourage everyone in our district to participate and show their support for this event. Together, we can continue working towards a Polio-free world through vaccination efforts and Rotary's dedication to the cause. Please take a look at the flyer for more details.

It is wonderful to hear that our Rotary clubs are collaborating on meetings, events, and socials. Rotary International encourages collaboration and networking among clubs, as it strengthens the overall impact of Rotary in communities and beyond.

Working together not only fosters a sense of unity but also allows for more effective projects and service initiatives. Keep up the great work, and may your collaboration lead to even more meaningful Rotary activities and positive changes in your community! We are Moving Forward Together!

Sharing personal stories and experiences can be a powerful way to encourage people to join Rotary and understand what makes it such a meaningful organization. My journey with Rotary started when my father joined Rotary, which was six years before I joined. I work in the same business as my father, so I was his Rotary assistant. I picked up trash, worked concession stands, hauled auction items, hosted exchange students and so much more. I was in love with Rotary already when I joined. I was touched by his invitation and I am proud to be a Rotarian. I have been raised to know that it is imperative that you serve your community. But Rotary isn't just about service; it's also about personal growth. I've developed leadership skills, made lifelong friends, and expanded my horizons through Rotary's international programs. It's a place where I've learned, laughed, and felt a profound sense of fulfillment. It is our job as Rotarians to be the invitation and grow our membership. Let's make this our year of growth!

Find someone you want to invite to join Rotary and bring them to our [Bowling Membership Recruitment Event](#) on Thursday, October 19th, 6pm at Chacko's Family Bowling Center. Then stay after and enjoy some Pints for Polio! Sign up on the website.

Hazleton Rotary has started a younger group addition to their club, ages 21-35 who meet once a month usually on a Friday evening. They will be planning 2 to 3 service projects of their own. Hazleton will assist them as well as offer them a reduced member fee. They are planning to have speakers at their meetings who guide this group on leadership, business and other helpful topics. Great idea Hazleton!

Remember to [sign up for Rotary Leadership Institute!](#)

Mark your calendars for November 18th. We will be having a [Foundation Dinner](#). It will be held at The Woodlands in Wilkes-Barre from 2pm to 5pm. You can purchase a bottle of wine with two foundation wine glasses for the original Foundation Donation of \$26.50. The Foundation Dinner will feature Dean Rohrs, a Past Rotary International Vice President, as the keynote speaker. Celebrating Rotarians who have earned their Paul Harris Fellowships is a wonderful way to acknowledge their commitment and contributions to the Rotary Foundation.

These events are not only an opportunity for recognition but also a chance to inspire others to support Rotary's humanitarian efforts and become more involved with service projects. We hope the dinner will be a great success, filled with camaraderie, inspiration, and a shared commitment to Rotary's mission of making a positive impact on the world. It is an Honor for us to have Dean join us for our celebration.

OCTOBER 2023



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Traveling around the District



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Upcoming Events

Calendar

October 2023

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
SHINE Volunteer At South Elementary (Newfoundland)						Farmer's Market (Mountain Top) (Mountaintop)
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
SHINE Volunteer At South Elementary (Newfoundland)						Taste of the Mountain Wine Festival (Mountaintop) Farmer's Market (Mountain Top) (Mountaintop)
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
SHINE Volunteer At South Elementary (Newfoundland)						Farmer's Market (Mountain Top) (Mountaintop)
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
SHINE Volunteer At South Elementary (Newfoundland)						Farmer's Market (Mountain Top) (Mountaintop)
Clambake (Newfoundland)		Annual Cash Raffle! (Hamlin Lake Ariel)	Membership Bowling Recruitment Event			Farmer's Market (Mountain Top) (Mountaintop)
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
SHINE Volunteer At South Elementary (Newfoundland)						Farmer's Market (Mountain Top) (Mountaintop)
	Pints for Polio at R Place on 590 (Hamlin Lake Ariel)				Rotary Leadership Institute	
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
SHINE Volunteer At South Elementary (Newfoundland)						

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

[October- Newfoundland SHINE Volunteer Program](#)

[October 11th- Hamlin Annual Cash Raffle](#)

[October 15th, 22nd, 29th - Mountaintop Farmers Market](#)

[October 16th- Newfoundland Clambake](#)

[October 19th- Membership Bowling Event](#)

[October 24th- Pints for Polio](#)

[October 28th- Rotary Leadership Institute](#)

See You There!

Don't see your event on the calendar?

Email jpooperotary@gmail.com for instructions on how to add it!

Public Image

**Be sure to check out the new and improved
[Public Image page](#) on our website!**

[Some features made available:](#)

A photo album of all club logos to download for your needs

The District Directory

A Fillable Business Card to put your contact information, print, and hand out to prospective members

A link to Rotary International Brand Center

A link to the District Facebook Page

This page will be updated as needed with more useful links and documents.

Foundation



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in the WORLD

Please Join Us

for our

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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Rotary Convention



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SINGAPORE | 25-29 MAY 2024

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REGISTRATION CATEGORY	27-31 MAY 2023	1 JUNE 2023 TO 15 DECEMBER 2023	16 DECEMBER 2023 TO 31 MARCH 2024	1 APRIL 2024 TO 29 MAY 2024
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.



Register today at convention.rotary.org

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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.

Rotary  Presents
District 7410

BOWLING

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT EVENT

2023



 \$20
PER PERSON

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19TH
6PM-8PM

 EACH CLUB IS HIGHLY
ENCOURAGED TO
PARTICIPATE AND HELP
GROW OUR MEMBERSHIP
BY BRINGING
PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS
TO THIS EVENT

Chacko's Family Bowling Center

195 N. WILKES-BARRE BLVD.,
WILKES BARRE, PA 18702

INCLUDES:

 BOWLING 

 SHOE RENTAL 

 PIZZA, WINGS, AND SODA 

 BASKET RAFFLES
&
SUPPORT PINTS
FOR POLIO

"STRIKE" UP A CONVERSATION ABOUT ROTARY WITH YOUR LOCAL NEIGHBORS
WHO ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING ROTARY!

REGISTER AT [ROTARYDISTRICT7410.ORG](https://rotarydistrict7410.org) EVENTS PAGE

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WHAT IS RLI??

Rotary Leadership Institute(RLI) is a grassroots coalition of Rotary districts implementing a leadership development program for “potential” leaders in Rotary. While it is an unofficial program of Rotary International, it has substantial support of a number of past Rotary International Presidents and current, past and incoming R.I. Directors.

When is RLI in District 7410?

RLI will be held on October 28th, 2023. Registration begins 7:30am. Sessions for Leadership I, II, III and Graduate will begin at 8:30AM. There will be a lunch break at noon and the sessions will resume at 1:00PM and wrap up around 3:30.

The event will be held at:
Holiday Inn East Mountain Inn
600 Wildflower Drive
Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 18702

If you wish to come the night before, rooms will be available at the East Mountain Inn at a discounted rate of \$129.00 per night, single or double occupancy. Rooms must be reserved by October 1st, 2023 to guarantee the reduced room rate. Rooms can be reserved by calling East Mountain Inn directly at 570-822-1011.

What is the cost for RLI?

Cost for RLI will be only \$125. Cost includes breakfast, lunch, and all your materials for the day.

QUESTIONS

Contact site chairs JK Karavis 570-574-4246 or jkkaravis@comcast.net
 Shelly Karavis 570-466-6468 or sheltwin16@aol.com
RLI Northeast Regional Vice Chair Hector Ortiz at richie1166@msn.com

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CLUBS IN ACTION

Rotary
Club of The Abingtons



TASTE OF THE ABINGTONS

Rotary Club of the Abingtons

Come help us celebrate the perseverance
of our area restaurants

Sunday, October 22nd
4:00pm - 7:00pm

@ The Country Club of Scranton

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Tickets available for \$30 at the Door

Or online at:
Taste of the Abingtons 2023 | **EVENTBRITE**

Or at the following locations:



FNCB Bank
269 E. Grove St.
Clarks Summit

Classic Properties
324 S. State St.
Clarks Summit

PS Bank
100 Old Lack. Tr.
Clarks Summit

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Education Program

Judah Whitney who was installed as a member of The Rotary Club of the Abingtons in May recently volunteered to be our weekly education program. As a retired Battalion Commander (Group Director) for the US Army Judah gained a vast knowledge of NATO and shared with Rotarians the importance of this political and military alliance that started in 1949 with 12 member countries and currently has 31 members. Sweden is expected to bring the number of members to 32 in 2023. An enthusiastic audience presented numerous questions for Judah. Currently, Judah provides marketing consulting and support research services for Star Point Consulting.

Pictured L to R: Diane Calabro, Rotary's Immediate Past President and Judah.



K9 Staff Visit Abington Rotary

Wayne Johnson who heads up Disciplined Savage K9 and his staff held the attention of every member of The Rotary Club of the Abingtons when they brought their story, their skills and their furry staff member Allie to a weekly meeting at the Glen Burn Diner. At his Olyphant location Wayne and his staff offer Advanced Obedience and Elite Dog Training.

Wayne's military background and training provided a tremendous program for the Rotary meeting.

Pictured: Diane Calabro Immediate Past President, Wayne Johnson, Amanda Jevon, Allie (furry guest), Anthony Pryor and Virginia Johnson, 2023-2024 Rotary President.



CPR Class Introduction

At a recent meeting of The Rotary Club of the Abingtons newly installed member Rich Suraci was introduced by President Virginia Johnson as the week's program speaker. Rich, Kost Tire's Director of Public Relations, has been an EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) for many years. His presentation provided valuable safety information, numerous experiences and the motivation for our members to join up for a CPR class offered by the American Heart Association.

L to R: Rich and Virginia



New Member

On September 21st Richard Buonfiglio transferred his 22 year Rotary membership from a club in New York to The Rotary Club of the Abingtons. Our members welcomed him at their weekly meeting. He was installed by Past District Governor Roger Mattes and welcomed by President Ginny Johnson.

L to R: Ginny, Rich, Roger.





The Young Rotarians

The first meeting of the Young Rotarians was held on Friday, September 1, 2023 at the Pines Eatery & Spirits, 8 West Broad Street, Hazleton.

Greater Hazleton Area young professionals, ages 21-35, who are looking to make new friends and give back to the community are encouraged to attend a meeting to learn more about the group and consider membership. Doug Genetti is the Committee Chairperson for the Young Rotarians.

If you are interested in further information please contact Hazleton Rotary member Tim Genetti at tgenetti@ptd.net

Meetings will be held the 1st Friday of each month at the Pines. Service projects will be decided by the group. The next meeting is scheduled for October 6, 2023



Hazleton Rotary Plants Mums Downtown

Photo 1: Hazleton Rotary President Michele and MMI Preparatory School Interact members Caylee and Nora prepared to plant mums as part of the Downtown Hazleton Alliance for Progress beautification project. The project is intended to prepare downtown for future fall festival activities.

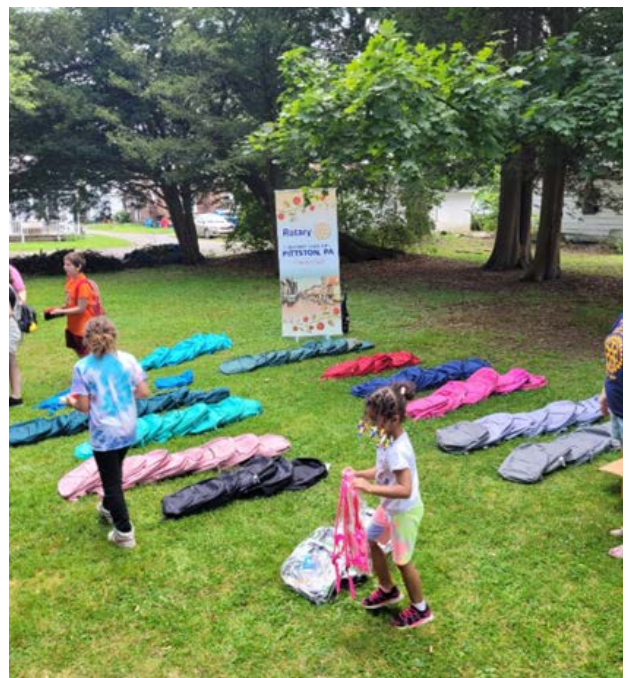
Photo 2: Rotarians Danielle, Rossanna, Michelle, Interact members Caylee, Nora and Hayden and Rotarians Vianney and Mary Pat help Yoshie(DHAP) unload flowers and pumpkins for decorating downtown Hazleton.



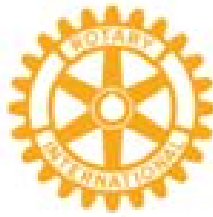


Club Visits

The Rotary Club of Pittston had a successful Back to School Item Drive in the month of July. With the help of the community the club was able to collect over 3000 school items. The club then participated in the Wyoming United Presbyterian Church's Back to School Fair. At the event the club was able to give out 200 backpacks as well as the 3000 school items to families in need.



Rotary
of Pittston



KEYSTONE
MISSION

BUILDING A COMMUNITY OF HOPE

DONATIONS

Rotary Club of Pittston is collecting items for the Keystone Mission in the month of October. All donations will be given in the beginning of November.

Items Needed:

Gently used clothing

Jeans/Athletic Pants (No Dress Pants)

Sneakers and Work Shoes

Coats and Sweatshirts

Hats, Gloves, and Handwarmers

NEW Only

Men and Women's Underwear



For more information please reach out to us at:

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rotaryclubofpittston@gmail.com, or

Carmen Ciampi at 570-239-7534

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Paul Harris Fellow

The Rotary Club of Plymouth recently conferred a Paul Harris Fellow to Ed Yencha. This is the 3rd Paul Harris Award for Yencha. Ed has been a member of the club since 1963. Ed serves as a mentor and resource for all members of the Club.

Pictured are Plymouth Rotarian Janet Franchella, Yencha and Rotary Club of Plymouth President Shelly Karavis.



End of Summer Soirée

The Rotary Club of Plymouth recently conducted their annual "End of the Summer Soirree" at Grotto Pizza, Harvey's Lake. Rotarians were treated to boat rides and cocktails compliments of the Sobek family from the Rotary Club of Wyoming.

There were a number of Past District Governor's at this even along with District Governor Sam.

Pictured from Left are PDG's Art Peoples, Paul Muczynski, Bill Speare(seated), Carol Hemphill(standing), Marcia Loughman(forward), Mary Ellen Bentler(rear), District Governor Samantha Mazurelli, and Past District Governor Joseph Loughman.

Over 70 Rotarians from multiple clubs attended this event. It was a great evening of Fellowship.



Chicken BBQ

The Rotary Club of Plymouth conducted their 65th annual Chicken BBQ on September 17th at the Larksville American Legion. Guests were treated to a chicken dinner with all the fixins.

Picture #1: Joe McHugh (friend of Rotary), Rotarians Eric Cheatley, Mike Klopotoski, Frank Ondish and Brian Vnuk man the fire preparing the chickens.

Picture #2 Rotarians Gary Moran and Dan Charney fill the take out bags for the day.

Picture #3 President Shely Karavis, Rotarians Janet Franchella, Lorree Levulis, Debra Popovich, Nicolina D'Agosto, Deb Klopotoski and Mary Jo Charney work the take out stand and prize booth.



Exchange Students

The Rotary Club of Plymouth recently hosted their End of Summer Soiree at Grotto Pizza, Harvey's Lake. The meeting was attended by three of our District's exchange students.

Sebastian Fuentes Munoz- waving- from Chile and hosted by Mountain Top and going to WB area school district.

Botond "Boti" Batyky - in white sweatshirt- from Hungary and hosted by Tunkhannock Tanguy (pronounced Tongee)- in dark shirt and standing -from France and hosted by Tunkhannock.

The boys are available for Club visits. Please reach out to Anne Sehne @asheneyeo3@gmail.com to schedule a meeting.



New Member

The Rotary Club of Plymouth recently inducted a new member at a recent meeting. Nicolina D'Agosto was sponsored by President Shelly Karavis for membership. Nicolina resides in Edwardsville, Pa. and has already taken an active role in the Club serving on the Plymouth Public Library Board.

Pictured are: seated Rotarian Ed Yench, Nicolina D'Agosto and Rotary President Shelly Karavis
Standing Rotarians Deb Popovich, Brian Vnuk, David Yefko, Mary Jo Charney, Lorree Levulis, Eric Cheatley and Thomas Hogan.



ROTARY CLUB OF PLYMOUTH ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER

The Rotary Club of Plymouth will be conducting their Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday November 5th, 2023 at the Plymouth American Legion, 33 Center Avenue, Plymouth, Pa. 18651 from 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

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58TH ANNUAL
Barrett Township
HALLOWEEN
Parade

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22 AT @ 2PM

RAIN DATE: OCTOBER 29

Free



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Don't miss Barrett Township's longest running tradition. Fire trucks, live music, creative floats, antique cars, spooky guests and more!

Parade begins at the former Barrett Elementary Center & continues through Barrett Township along Route 390, ending at the Mountainhome Methodist Church.

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Global Grants

Stroudsburg's Rotary with the assistance of PDG MaryEllen Bentler of District 7410, Stroudsburgs Rotary Foundation chair, Tricia Wingerter, and co sponsor District 1080 in the UK, were able to secure a Global Grant in the amount of \$32,400 for Ana Olszewski, an undergraduate of the Naval Academy studying Cyber Operations, and graduated with a minimum of a 3.7GPA. Ana was accepted into Cambridge University's MPhil in Technology Policy and will enhance her education as a graduate student in the UK. She is a resident of Shawnee on the Delaware.

From India, Anil Srivatsa, the Charter President of the world's first cause based Rotary Club of Organ Donation RID 3232, shared with our club his mission of UNITING ROTARY FOR ORGAN DONATION. He touched many members' hearts and we have 2 Rotarians, Mike Raub and Ed Kmetz that are spearheading this to bring awareness to our area.

Stroudsburgs Rotary prepared a wonderful BBQ/Picnic luncheon for our wounded Veterans. Project Healing Waters, in conjunction with Trout Unlimited who assist in teaching fly fishing to our Vets and then they head to the creek to fish. On hand was a volunteer from Trout Unlimited making flies throughout the day. Our Veterans were able to enjoy peace of mind and a full belly at McMichaels Creek, at the home of Rotarian Ray Starner. This is our 7th year and we appreciate all the volunteers that came out, set up, cooked, served and cleaned up. A big shout out to Rotarians and owners Charlie and Ginny Kirkwood and Rob Howell, General Manager of the Shawnee Inn, for supplying and setting up the tables and chairs, and Big Brown Fish for matching our Rotarians Trout purchase to stock the creek. There were lots of bites. TY To our Trout sponsors and to Ray Starner for the use of his property. TY to Jo's food pantry for a variety of food items and all the Rotarians that either purchased or prepared food.

Pocono Mountains United Way was one of the recipients of our \$2,000 local grant, which was then matched by District 7410 with a \$2,000 grant. This grant along with donations from 27 other businesses and organizations helped PM United Way purchase and give away 3,140 backpacks to local students in Monroe County. There were many giveaway opportunities at different locations throughout Monroe County. Pictured are Todd Nemura, Rotarian and Director of Resource Development of PM United Way, along with Rotarian Mike Raub and other local volunteers.

Welcome to our newest member Chiffon Bourjolly, pictured with husband / Rotarian Lee Bourjolly, and Satellite Chair Gene Prospero.

Sharing Rotary with our community at Stroudfest and raising donations for Lahaina, Hawaii. We raised over \$1,000 with popcorn donations, water & cookie sales, and balloon twisting donations. A special thank you to Shawnee Inn for baking all of the cookies, volunteers that helped package the cookies and to all our volunteers that came out and helped that day.



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