#### Keepin' Up With The District

# OCTOBER 2024



# A Message From:

DISTRICT GOVERNOR Bill Skinner



Hello fellow Rotarians in District 7410. It is October and you can begin to feel the crispness in the air, the leaves are changing and beginning to fall. And of course, the end of the month brings us Halloween, the spookiest time of the year. As I travel around the District and my own neighborhood I see outstanding Halloween decorations, many of which are more elaborate than other holiday decorations people put up. October is a fun and busy month.

October in the Rotary year is designated as Community and Economic Development month. I know many of you do projects and fundraisers to help your communities in a variety of ways. We need to continue to do those projects not only in your communities, but through global grants around the world to help make stronger communities for all people, improving lives as best we can. This happens through the

projects we do and our Foundation.

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. It may be time to do a community assessment to see what your communities need that we can help them accomplish. Another pillar 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. If we change projects or a fundraiser remember the first pillar of the Action Plan; Increase Our Image. Shout it from the mountain tops and publish it everywhere. Continue to look for tactics and strategies to enhance the Action Plan which in turn will grow membership and make our Clubs "Simply Irresistible."

World Polio Day is October 24th. There are a lot of Clubs are having fundraisers to contribute to the Polio Plus Fund. We are having the event again this year in Scranton at the University of Scranton. If you have not seen page 16 of this month's Rotary magazine there is a synopsis of last year's event. The event will be held again this year on October 24th. Information is on the website. If your Club is having an event, make sure it is on the website, or you communicate to your AG so they can get it out to the rest of the area. We are very close to eradicating Polio let us make this the year.

Quick reminder of the Multi-District Conference April 4-6, 2025, in Hershey. Conference registration and room registration Information is on the website.

As always, my fellow Rotarians. I thank you for all you do for your communities, District 7410, and the world.

Yours in Rotary,

Bill

# World Polio Day

WORLD POLIO DAY OCTOBER 24, 2024 HELP BOOT POLIO FROM THE PLANET



WORLD POLIO DAY FUNDRAISER
COOPER'S SEAFOOD - SCRANTON, PA
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2024 - 5:00PM TO 8:00PM
Sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of
Scranton, The Abingtons, N. Scranton, Dunmore, and N. Pocono

Pints of Cooper's Brew and Raffle Baskets, proceeds to The Rotary Foundation, Polio Eradication Fund, a 501c3.

DONATE AT ENDPOLIONOW.ORG

#### 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)

- o \$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)
- o 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

#### October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	1	2	:	4	5
Fundraiser for Ukraine Aid			October Bingo			
(Scranton Rotary)			(Newfoundland)			
Crestwood Farmer's Market						
(Mountaintop)						
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
			Reverse Cash Raffle (Hamlin		Rotary Clubs MEAT Up	Taste of the Mountain Wine
			Lake Ariel)		Dinner (Stroudsburgs, The)	Festival (Mountaintop)
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Board Meeting Event	Club Event	Club Meet	ing	ommittee Meeting	Deadline	
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10/9 - Hamlin/Lake Ariel - Reverse Cash Raffle

10/11 - The Stroudsburgs - Rotary Clubs MEAT Up Dinner

10/12 - Mountaintop - Taste of the Mountains Wine Festival

<u>10/24 - The Stroundsburgs - World Polio Day</u>

10/26 - Honesdale - Pet Pawrade

See You There!

Don't see your event on the calendar? Email jpoperotary@gmail.com for instructions on how to add it!



# 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 Pirectory 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 <u>"Connect With Us" business card</u> to pass out to prospective Rotary members.
- -Find a link to take you directly to <u>Rotary Internationals Brand Center.</u> Here you can create and download videos, images, brochures, logos, business cards, flyers and much more.
- -Download a copy of the <u>District Directory</u>.
- -Download your club logo.

## CLUBS IN ACTION



#### Service Themed Presentation

Service Above Self resounds in the ears of every Rotarian worldwide. At a recent Thursday meeting of the Abington Rotary Terry Dietz Senior VP and Marketing Manager at Times Shamrock Communications and former Rotarian gave an inspirational address about SERVICE.

L to R: Deitz and Abington Rotary President Steve Selige.



#### **District Governor Visit**

Visiting the Rotary Club of the Abingtons and seen here second from the right is Bill Skinner who exchanged flags with Abington President Steve Selige. Skinner shared Rotary District news for District #7410.

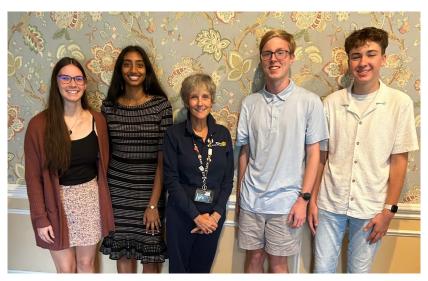
See L to R: Past DG Roger Mattes, Selige, Past DG Gus Vlassis, Skinner and Past DG Marcia Loughman. Anyone interested in Rotary can contact 570-313-7788.



#### Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Camp Visit

Today four students who experienced the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Camp following their sophomore year at Abington Heights High School visited the Abington Rotary Club to share their leadership stories.

L to R: Zorina Boersma, Sona Hanumali, Leah Rudolph (Rotary liaison to RYLA students at Abington Heights High School), David Drurec, Caden Moher. 7788.



#### Jaya Yoga Studio Visit

On October 3rd member Sandie Lamanna invited founder and owner of Jaya Yoga Studio in Clarks Summit Hillary Steinberg to bring her broad-based experience and certifications to the weekly Rotary meeting. Chair Yoga was the theme of the day as dozens of members, people of all ages, backgrounds and skill levels, realized their potential through the power of yoga.

Pictured I to r: Hillary and Sandie. Moher. 7788.





#### Hamlin Cash Raffle

Come join us for a fun night including dinner for 2 AND take a chance to win TOP PRIZE \$4,000 or many other prizes!

#### Prizes:

First Ticket pulled a cash prize of \$100.00
Ticket 195 prize of \$125
Ticket 196 prize of \$325
Ticket 197 Prize of \$550
Ticket 198 Prize of \$1100.00
Ticket 199 Cash Price of \$1,900.00

Ticket 200 Cash Price of \$ 5,000.00

There will also be 10 additional cash prizes throughout the drawing of \$100.00 along with additional prizes.

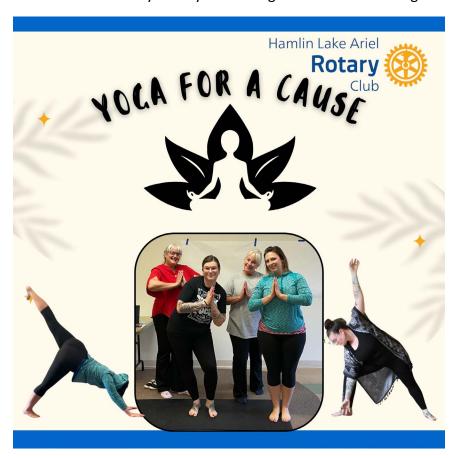


Only 200 tickets available!

Each \$100 donation provides one entry into the raffle and dinner for two (cash bar).

#### Yoga for a Cause

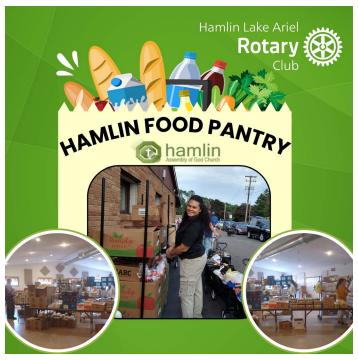
We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Namastay Awhile LLC for guiding our "Yoga for a Cause" night with such grace and expertise. The event was a fun practice and helped raise funds for our Hamlin Lake Ariel Rotary. A special thank you to the Hamlin Community Library for hosting us in their welcoming Community Room.



#### **Food Pantry**

Thank you to our Hamlin Lake Ariel Rotary members for their continued, hands-on support of the Hamlin Assembly of God's food pantry! In assistance to the church, our members help to serve our community in Wayne County, Pennsylvania, where they provide crucial assistance to over 250 families each month, with 335 families registered this year.

Through the support of donations and Second Harvest Food Bank of Lehigh Valley, 20,000 pounds of food is distributed monthly, ensuring that families in need can access essential resources. The food pantry is available the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month.



#### Safe Kids Fair

Thank you to all our vendors at the 8th Annual Safe Kids Fair for their incredible support of our Rotary Club and for making our Kids' Safety Fair such a success!

Our mission is to provide the prevention of childhood injuries in our community through education, collaboration, and advocacy!

This year, our club provided:

Bike Safety - Free Helmets & Fittings\* (Helmets graciously sponsored by Hamlin Hawgs)

Car Seat Safety - Car Seat Check and replacement, if needed.

Fire Safety

Water Safety (FREE PFDs graciously sponsored by Brookfield Renewable U.S!)\*

Toy Safety

Food Safety

**Bus Safety** 

Sun Safety

and More!

Free Hot Dogs, Ice Cream, Popcorn, and Face Painting TWO Free Bicycles to lucky winners!



Thank you to the Hamlin Hawgs for sponsoring the bicycle helmets!

The Hamlin Hawgs are a local non-profit family club revolving around motorcycles.

They participate in several fundraising events throughout the area and annually host the "Annual Andy Boandl Memorial Poker Run" where they raise funds for a local family in need.





Thank you to
Brookfield
Renewable U.S
for sponsoring
the purchase of
our life jackets
for the second
year in a row!



#### Honesdale Rotary Club Poster Reveal a Success Ahead of Fest

Mark your calendars and get ready to raise your glasses as we celebrate the 2nd Annual Honesdale Beer & Wine Fest! This much-anticipated event will take place on October 13th and promises to be a fantastic day filled with local brews, fine wines, and live entertainment.

Poster Reveal Event at Runaway Train Brewery: A Great Success!

We're thrilled to report the recent poster reveal event held at Runaway Train Brewery was a resounding success. The brewery was abuzz with excitement as fellow Rotarians and community members gathered to unveil the stunning event poster designed by none other than the talented Michael Dwyer. As an artist and proud member of the Wayne County Arts Alliance, Michael has beautifully captured the spirit of the Beer & Wine Fest in his artwork.

#### About the Poster:

The poster, which vividly depicts the date, location, and the bands playing at the festival, serves as both an invitation and a keepsake for what promises to be an unforgettable day. Thanks to Quality Printing, the artwork has been enlarged and exquisitely framed. This framed poster will be a highlight of our festival as it will be raffled off, offering attendees a chance to take home a piece of the event.

#### Grab Your Own Piece of the Event:

For those who want to hold onto a memory of this year's festivities, smaller versions of the poster will be available for sale at the event. These posters, an excellent way to support local art and the Rotary Club, make for a perfect memento.

Save the Date!

We encourage everyone to turn out and support this wonderful community event. Your participation helps the Honesdale Rotary Club continue its mission of service and community improvement.

We also want to extend our heartfelt thanks to Runaway Train Brewery for hosting the poster reveal and to Quality Printing for its craftsmanship in framing the poster.

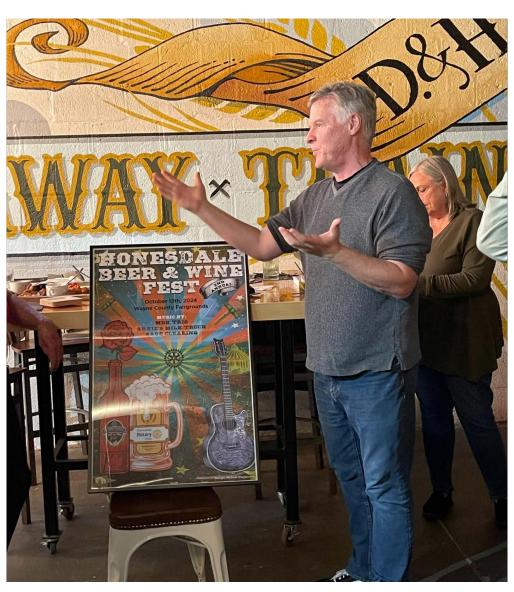
Stay tuned for more details on ticket sales and further event updates. Let's make the 2nd Annual Honesdale Beer & Wine Fest an event to remember!

When: October 13th

Location: Wayne County Fairgrounds www.HonesdaleBeerAndWineFest.com

Submitted by: Honesdale Rotary Club Jim Hamill







#### Take a Spirited Ghost Walk in Historical Jim Thorpe

#### Jim Thorpe Rotary Club Ghost Walks Begin September 6th - November 2024

The Jim Thorpe Rotary Club has provided ghost walks for 25 years which have been enjoyed by thousands of visitors to Jim Thorpe, PA. The one mile trip starts at the Inn at Jim Thorpe, past the Treasure Shop, Millionaires Row, Mauch Chunk Opera House, continues to the Old Jail Museum with stops at the Parsonage, St. Marks and finally down West Broadway to Race Street and ends at Josiah White Park where stories of the Asa Packer and Harry Packer mansion are told. Led by a costumed storyteller, the walk lasts approximately one hour and run Friday through Sunday evenings. Stories of local, supernatural or unusual occurrences are presented.

The cost of the ghost walk is \$15 adults and \$5 for children.

Tickets are available on the Ticket Leap link: <u>jim-thorpe-rotary-club.ticketleap.com/ghost-walks-2024/</u> and on the Jim Thorpe Rotary website homepage.

Funds from the ghost walks support an 8 week summer camp, preschool, Christmas for needy families, high school scholarships, Rotary Youth Leadership Camp and support of over 35 local community organizations.





#### Milford September Fest

The Milford-Matamoras Rotary joined with the John H Wallace House Bed and Breakfast for some fun and refreshments at the Milford September Fest. The Brittles, a Beatles tribute band, performed a fantastic show and entertained over 120 guests. Throughout Milford the energy of our community was truly magnificent, and everyone had an outstanding day. Pictured left to right Shaun Burger, Rotary President and John Messer and Linda Messer owners of the John H. Wallace House. Milford-Matamoras Rotary 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.



#### Delaware Valley School District Basketball Hoop Shoot

Milford-Matamoras Rotary Club held its annual 2024 Delaware Valley School District Basketball Hoop Shoot in March. Students participated by making as many baskets in a 3 minute period as possible. Then they add their numbers to their sponsorship form and went back to their sponsors to collect their pledges.

This year's event helped support our Delaware Valley High School Senior Scholarship Program. Milford-Matamoras Rotary Club presented Chloe Magee with a special gift for her outstanding effort in raising \$1108.00 for this event. She is truly an amazing student and we thanked her giving her valuable time to help our Rotary Club initiative.

Pictured left to right Dr. Jayson Pope, Delaware Valley Assistant Superintendent, Christine Kerstetter, Rotary member, Chloe Magee and Brian McCarthy, Dingmans Delaware Middle School Principal. Milford-Matamoras Rotary Club meets every Wednesday at 12:15PM at the Dimmick Inn in Milford. Anyone interested in becoming a member contact Shaun Burger at 570-517-6654 or come visit us at a meeting.



#### Join Milford on World Polio Day

Come join Milford-Matamoras Rotary Club on October 24th at the Dimmick Inn from 4PM to 8PM to help eradicate Polio.

With a \$20.00 purchase of a polio wristband, beer and pizza will be provided throughout the night. Polio, or poliomyelitis, is a paralyzing and potentially deadly infectious disease that most commonly affects children under the age of 5. The virus spreads from person to person, typically through contaminated water. It can then attack the nervous system. Rotary has been working to eradicate polio for more than 35 years.

Our goal of ridding the world of this disease is closer than ever. As a founding partner of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, we've reduced polio cases by 99.9 percent since our first project to vaccinate children in the Philippines in 1979. Rotary members have contributed more than \$2.1 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect nearly 3 billion children in 122 countries from this paralyzing disease.

Rotary's advocacy efforts have played a role in decisions by governments to contribute more than \$10 billion to the effort. Today, polio remains endemic only in Afghanistan and Pakistan. But it's crucial to continue working to keep other countries polio-free.

If all eradication efforts stopped today, within 10 years, polio could paralyze as many as 200,000 children each year.

Pictured from left to right Ernie Olsen, Rotary member, Allan Schatz, Rotary member and Shaun Burger, Rotary President. Milford-Matamoras Rotary Club meets every Wednesday at 12:15PM at the Dimmick Inn in Milford.

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#### NEW MILFORD AREA ROTARY WELCOMES A VISITOR

The regular meeting on September 5th included a visit by Saige Perry of the Susquehanna Depot area. Saige is an alumni of the Rotary District 7410 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) conference in the past and a matriculating medical student. Paige is currently a fourth-year medical student at Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM) and set to graduate from medical school in June of this year with a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree.

Saige grew up in Susquehanna, PA and first became involved in Rotary when she attended RYLA in 2015. She later went on to become a RYLA counselor and then the program director for RYLA 7410 for two years, helping to plan events. In 2017 she received a Rotary scholarship from the New Milford Area Rotary upon high school graduation. At college, Paige chartered a Rotaract Club and became a member of the Rotary Club of Ebensburg, PA for several years.

Paige is currently performing her clinical rotations in Binghamton, New York and offering to become involved again in the New Milford Area Rotary Club and give back to her community.

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









#### "Service Above Self" Drawing Contest

Congratulations to Kyleigh, Gabriella, and Moishy for placing in our School Backpack Drawing Contest! The Pittston Club held their first "Service Above Self" drawing/coloring contest for youth K-6th grade. Congratulations to 1st place Kyleigh age 12, 2nd place Gabriella age 9, and 3rd place Moishy age 6.



#### Rotary Club of Pittston participates in the Plains Rotary Golf Tournament

Special thank you to the Rotary Club of Dallas PA for having us at their 42nd Annual Golf Tournament at Irem Temple Country Club. A beautiful day with a delicious banquet afterwards.

Also, congratulations to Pittston Club member Mark Bugelholl for winning the Men's Longest Drive

Competition.



#### Keystone Mission Winter Item Drive

The month of October the Rotary of Pittston will be collecting winter clothing for the Keystone Mission! Please reach out to us if you have any donations. We will be dropping the items off in November.



# NATIONS

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

# **Items Needed:**

Hoodies / Hooded Sweatshirts
Winter Coats
Winter Clothing
Lightly used/new Shoes & Work Boots
New Men & Women's Underwear

\*No dress clothing please\*



For more information reach out to us at: www.facebook.com/rotaryofpittston, rotaryclubofpittston@gmail.com, or Carmen Ciampi at 570-239-7534 Scan for full list of items!

#### September Pittston City Second Friday Art Walk

Thank you to Downtown Pittston Partnership for having us tonight at the Pittston City Second Friday Art Walk! It was a beautiful night and we are excited to be part of it again next year!



#### October Special Guest

Special thank you to District Governor Bill Skinner and Assistant District Governor Brian Vnuk for joining us at our meeting this past Tuesday. Brian was able to inform us on districts goals and this years theme "The Magic of Rotary".









#### Newest Tunkhannock Rotarian Inducted

At the Sept 11 Flash Meeting at Lazybrook Park, our newest Rotarian, Amy Bohm was inducted into Rotary by Membership Chair Mary Tempest. Amy was sponsored by President Ann Way. Amy is the Outreach Coordinator at the Tunkhannock Public Library.



L to R: Amy Bohm, Membership Chair Mary Tempest and PDG Samantha Maruzzelli

#### Rotary Flash Meeting at Lazybrook Park

On Wed Sept 11, the weekly Rotary meeting was a flash social meeting at Lazybrook Park. Members played cornhole, pickleball and socialized with members and families also in attendance. Pizza, drinks and desserts were served. The weather was gorgeous, and a great time was had by all.





## Tunkhannock Prepares for Harvest & Wine Festival, Drug Take Back and Narcan Distribution Outreach

Tunkhannock Rotarians are doing final preparations for their Saturday Oct 12 Harvest & Wine Festival. Entertainment will be provided by PopStar Drive and Kartune. Over 50 wine, food and other vendors will be on site. Tickets and further information can be found at www.tunkhannockrotary.org.

The Club is also beginning its community outreach for both the semi-annual Drug Take Back Event run by the Wyoming County District Attorney's (DA) Office on Sat Oct 26 and the DA's Free Narcan Distribution to be held at the Dietrich Theater in conjunction with a special event at the Theater also on Sat Oct 26.





#### PSU Fall Mum Fundraiser

Wellsboro Rotary's District grant for the 2023-2024 year was to provide toolkits to graduating seniors: Levi Marmara, Will Brooks, Sarah Seeling and Nathan Plunkett that were involved in the Carpentry and Construction class. The toolkits are outfitted with all the necessary tools to be able to jump right into their careers in the construction trade after graduation. Carpentry and Construction teacher Drew Seeling had a vision of being able to offer Wellsboro high school students a hands-on program that taught them skills and set them up with experience to pursue a career in the trades. It started with 10 kids that built he and his wife a shed at their house, to a complete house project in Wellsboro a few blocks from the high school.

They broke ground in 2019 and the goal is to finish and sell the house by next June. It consists of a 3 bedroom main home with an apartment on the second floor as well as a studio apartment above the garage. The proceeds of the sale will go back into the Wellsboro Area Education Foundation to help fund the next project, whether that be another new build or a remodel of an existing home. Levi, Will, Sarah and Nathan have all worked on the house throughout high school and shared what they liked best about the project. They all agreed that they enjoyed learning to do lots of different skills, giving them the opportunity to find out what they're good at and what they like best. But most importantly, they liked the team building skills and exercises and found out that working together was one of the most rewarding parts of the program.

What a great life lesson! The Rotary Club of Wellsboro is honored to be able to help foster the dream for these students as they embark on their careers.









