

OCTOBER 2025



Greetings from our 2025-2026

DISTRICT GOVERNOR
Tim Genetti



DISTRICT 7410 NEEDS YOU!

July 1st: 1005 members

September 21st: 1020 members

December 31st GOAL : 1101 members

Fellow Rotarians,

Unlike my previous articles where I have been encouraging more fun in our club meetings, fundraisers and projects, I have some important news to discuss with you this month. I will not sugarcoat this - our district is in danger of being merged if we cannot increase our member numbers to 1,100. This is a call to action, as our District needs everyone's help to address this matter.

District 7410 is unique due to our location and history in the Anthracite Coal Region of Northeastern Pennsylvania. The growth of our nation was built on the labor and sacrifices of the coal miners and their families in this region. It is their spirit that defines the character of District 7410.

As I visit our 41 clubs, I am reminding them to share the joy of Rotary with their friends and neighbors. Now more than ever, people need what Rotary has to offer - friendship, community service, and fun. Remember, membership is the responsibility of every Rotarian.

Can we accomplish this goal? Yes, 100% yes. What is required is that each of our clubs brings in 2 new members before the end of this year. This is an achievable task, but it must be a priority in the minds and hearts of all Rotarians. Most of us were asked to join - now it's our turn to extend that invitation to others who share our qualities of character and commitment.

I believe that by working together, we can reach this goal and secure the future of District 7410.

Sincerely,
DG Tim

WORLD POLIO DAY 24 OCTOBER

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Rotary District 7410

Joins the Global Fight to End Polio

On World Polio Day, Rotarians around the world come together to raise awareness and critical funds to eradicate polio once and for all. Rotary District 7410 is proud to join this global effort with **two special events at Cooper's in Scranton:**

World Polio Medical Speakers Dinner - October 22, 6PM-8PM

Hear from medical professionals who have worked on the front lines of polio eradication and learn why continued vaccination efforts are essential.

Space is limited!

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Pints for Polio - October 24, 5PM-8PM

Enjoy an evening of fellowship while supporting Rotary's Polio Plus campaign.

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

Every dollar raised brings us closer to a polio-free world! We invite all Rotarians, friends, and community members to join us in making history!

Please Join Us To Help Boot Polio From The Planet

WORLD **POLIO** DAY FUNDRAISER

October 24th • 5pm-8pm
Coopers Seafood, Scranton



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POLIO
NOW**
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Sponsored by the Rotary
Clubs of
North Scranton
The Abingtons
Scranton
Dunmore
North Pocono
ROTARY DISTRICT 7410

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

Rotary Leadership Institute

District 7410 is excited to invite you to enhance your understanding of Rotary and its impactful work by attending the upcoming Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) on November 1, 2025. This is a fantastic opportunity for all Rotarians looking to deepen their knowledge and leadership skills within our community.

RLI is designed to inspire, educate, and equip you with the tools to make a difference in your club. The cost for this experience is only \$75.00.

I encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to connect with your fellow Rotarians, share ideas, and explore how we can collectively strengthen our commitment to service.

Please see the attached flyer for additional information and mark your calendar. I look forward to seeing you there!

Timothy Genetti
7410 District Governor

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Learn about Rotary with

ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

RLI is a leadership development program specifically tailored to those in Rotary. Learn more about Rotary and leadership in levels I, II, III, and graduate courses



saturday
november 1st



check in 7:30-8:30
program 8:30-3:30

REGISTER TODAY

rotarydistrict7410.org
JK Karavis (570)574-4246
jkkaravis@comcast.net

Cost - \$75 pp
Lunch included

Holiday Inn East Mountain
600 Wildflower Drive
Wilkes Barre PA
overnight accommodations
available

Rotary
District 7410



Please Join us to Support the

The
Rotary
Foundation



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH
THE HILTON, SCRANTON
1PM-3PM

\$40 per person

Cash bar, silent auction items from clubs,
and matched Foundation points for
donations

[Click Here to Register](#)

SCAN TO REGISTER



Nominate a District Governor

It's time to nominate our next visionary leader for 2028-2029!

Nominations are open October 1-31, 2025. Encourage qualified Past Presidents to step forward and help shape District 7410's future.

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE AND SUBMIT A NOMINATION](#)

Railriders Baseball Game Recap

We Did It!

100 tickets sold plus a donation of \$20.

The International Service Committee consensus was to send the funds to the Rotary Foundation Annual Fund-SHARE.

As such, a check went out to **the Rotary Foundation for \$1,020 dollars**. The Rotary Foundation Multiple Donor Form denoting each Rotary club's participating members donation (purchased tickets) went with the check as well.

In three years half the amount raised will come back to the District to help fund District Designated Fund (DDF) grants; as does any donation to the Annual Fund-Share.

Nineteen clubs of District 7410 participated. THANK YOU!



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.

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.

Upcoming Events

Calendar

October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 Mady's Kitchen Sept 28 (Stroudsburgs, The)	29	30	1	2	3	4
5 Suky Burgess Memorial Disc Golf Tournament	6	7	8 Annual Cash Raffle! (Hamlin Lake Ariel)	9	10	11 Harvest & Wine Festival
12	13	14 Blakeslee Rotary Club Monthly Meeting (Blakeslee)	15	16	17	18 District 7410 joins The Alzheimer's Walk
19 All You Can Eat Breakfast	20	21	22 World Polio Medical school Speakers Dinner	23	24 Pints for Polio Cupcakes & Cobwebs - Stirring up Good Deeds (Blakeslee)	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 Rotary Leadership Institute Leighton Holiday Craft Show	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8

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

[10/8/2025 - Hamlin/Lake Ariel - Annual Cash Raffle](#)

[10/11/2025 - Tunkhannock - Harvest & Wine Festival](#)

[10/18/2025 - District 7410 - Alzheimer's Walk](#)

[10/19/2025 - Trail - All You Can Eat Breakfast](#)

[10/22/2025 - District 7410 - Polio Medical School Speakers Dinner](#)

[10/24/2025 - District 7410 - Pints for Polio](#)

[10/24/2025 - Blakeslee - Cupcakes & Cobwebs](#)

[11/1/2025 - District 7410 - Rotary Leadership Institute](#)

[11/1/2025 - Leighton - Holiday Craft Show](#)

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Rotary 
District 7410

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

2025-2026 Directory Coming Soon

Public Image Committee

Don't forget!

Visit the [Public Image page](#) to:

-Download a printable/fillable ["Connect With Us" business card](#) to pass out prospective Rotary members.

-Find a link to take you directly to [Rotary Internationals 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



Club Meeting Visit

The Rotary Club of the Abingtons recently welcomed Abington Heights HS teacher who updated the club members at their weekly luncheon meeting at Camelot in Waverly. Adam has a 14 year history teaching French and serving as the liaison to the Rotary Interact students at Abington. A past recipient of a Frank Dolbear scholarship Adam oversees the student activities of nearly 100 members at the school.



Flag Exchange

President Chris Loftus exchanged club flags with Tim Genetti, the District 7410 Governor and James Baker, Assistant District Governor.

Clubs display their own decorative flags at meetings and events. Rotarians traveling to other countries often take these flags showcasing local flair and global friendship.



Attention on Kids Literacy

Internationally, literacy is high on the list of Rotary projects! Worldwide 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate.

Locally, at the Rotary Club of the Abingtons Past President Steve Selige welcomed member Sandie Lamanna and Lackawanna County's Literacy Committee member Patty Hein.

At a recent Wellness Fair Literacy Committee members Sandie and Patty helped to distribute free children's books, local flair, and global friendship.



Surprise Celebration for Dr. Gus Vlassis

Wednesday September 18th seen entering the Clark's Summit VFW is Dr. Gus Vlassis, a longtime member of the Rotary Club of the Abingtons who has served Abington communities, Rotary District #7410 and globally for 57.5 years! Gus joined in 1968.

A surprise celebration chaired by members Diane Calabro and Janet Bevacqua welcomed family, friends, retired and current club members. A power point presentation was prepared and presented by Past District Governor Roger Mattes that included history and photos and a call from former member George Nichols.

Seen congratulating Gus is member Noreen Thomas..



New Member Installation

On Thursday Sergio Marzitelli was welcomed as a new member of the Rotary Club of the Abingtons. Seen here are the installing Rotary member and Past District Governor Marcia Loughman, Sergio, sponsoring member Gail Mason Cicerini, Abington Rotary President Chris Loftus and sponsor and Scranton Club member and Past President Justin Shaffern.



What a Day at the 9th Annual Safe Kids Fair!

Our 9th Annual Safe Kids Fair was a wonderful success! Over 125 children and their families joined us for a day filled with fun, learning, and community connection. From hands-on activities and crafts to important safety education, it was inspiring to see so many families come together to focus on keeping kids safe.

This event would not have been possible without the generosity of our sponsors. A heartfelt thank you to Brookfield Renewable N.A. for sponsoring the purchase of PFDs, ensuring children in our community have life-saving protection around the water. We are also grateful to the Hamlin Hawgs for sponsoring helmets to help keep little ones safe while riding bicycles, and to Hamlin Outdoor Service & Supply LLC for donating the river rocks that brought creativity and smiles to our children's craft project.

We also extend our sincere appreciation to all the local businesses and community programs that participated and shared their resources with families throughout the day. Your support allows us to continue our mission of preventing childhood injuries through education, collaboration, and advocacy.

As we look ahead, we are already excited for next year—our 10th Anniversary Safe Kids Fair! We can't wait to celebrate this milestone with even more activities, resources, and community spirit.



Karaoke for a Cause – October 21

Mark your calendars! On Monday, October 21, the Hamlin Lake Ariel Rotary Club along with DJ Emma Dilemma will host Karaoke for a Cause, an exciting evening to raise funds for Rotary International's mission to eradicate polio worldwide.

In addition to singing your favorite tunes, guests can take part in our 50/50 raffle and enjoy some fun with our Jell-O "Shots". It's a great way to add a little extra excitement to the night while supporting an incredible cause. Rotary has been working to eliminate polio for more than 35 years, and every dollar raised at this event helps provide critical vaccines for children across the globe. Together, we are making history and bringing the world closer than ever to being polio-free.

So grab your friends, warm up your voices, and join us for a night of music, fun, and impact—all for a cause that truly matters!



KARAOKE
for a Cause

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!

R Place on 590
Hamlin, PA

Tuesday, October 21st
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Hosted By:
Emma Dilemma

R PLACE
On 590

Hamlin Lake Ariel Rotary Club logo and silhouettes of a woman and a man singing into microphones.

SPONSORED BY



All proceeds from this event
will be donated to EndPolio.org

CAN'T ATTEND?

You can also **DONATE HERE!**

SCAN



Rotary Donates to Brandon's Forever Home

On September 24th, Hazleton Rotarians and Young Rotarians enjoyed a fun Social event at Booty's Place.

A request was made that attendees bring, if they chose, items to be donated to Brandon's Forever Home, Hazleton. The response was tremendous! Clothes, school items, diapers and monetary contributions were among the donated items! "Thanks to all who contributed to this voluntary effort. Your kindness and generosity will go a long way to helping with a noble cause. In addition, thank you to Freeland American Legion Post 473 – for their very large monetary donation." explained Social Chair Stephen Seach. "The Greater Hazleton Area is very generous with one group helping another with its efforts."

That's what Rotary is about—United for Good!!





ROTARY CLUB OF JIM THORPE



GHOST WALKS

#walkwithghosts

A beautiful guided walking tour through the Victorian village of Jim Thorpe. Hear the chilling stories and legends of the town's history as you walk down the sidewalks and meet the previous residents of the Little Switzerland of America.

They loved it so much, they never left!



Weekends | September - November

*100% of
proceeds benefit
the Jim Thorpe
community!*



**Space is
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Scan the QR Code
to reserve
your spot now!



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Paul Harris Recognition to Stephen Spero of Brackney

The Green Gables Restaurant at New Milford was the venue for a formal Paul Harris Fellow award presentation during a regular meeting of the New Milford Area Rotary on October 1, 2025. Club member Stephen Spero was presented with his third Paul Harris Fellow award in recognition of his in-kind contributions and volunteer efforts over many years as Project Chair for the annual Blueberry Festival. This annual event is a major fundraiser for the Susquehanna County Historical Society and Free Library Association. His “Service Above Self” efforts, and leadership have contributed to good-will in the community and the promotion of education and literacy. Education and Literacy is one of the seven core focus areas of Rotary International.

The Paul Harris Fellow recognition is named for Paul Harris, who founded Rotary with three business associates in Chicago in 1905. The Paul Harris Fellow presentation was established in his honor in 1957 to express appreciation for a substantial contribution to the humanitarian and educational programs of The Rotary Foundation. Those programs include an array of community service projects that save and invigorate the lives of people in one’s community and world and enhance international friendship and understanding. Foundation programs provide educational opportunities, food, potable water, health care, immunizations, and shelter for millions of people. These activities are funded, implemented, and facilitated by Rotarians and Rotary clubs around the globe. Stephen resides in Brackney, Susquehanna County with his wife.

The New Milford Area Rotary currently consists of thirty-seven members actively serving the community and world and welcomes new membership. Contact information can be found at newmilfordparotary@gmail.com



New Milford Area Rotary Grants \$4,000 to True Friends Animal Welfare Center

The regular meeting of the New Milford Area Rotary at Green Gables Restaurant in New Milford was setting on September 17th for a formal presentation of a \$4,000 Rotary District 7410 District Designated Fund grant. Dory Browning, Executive Director of True Friends Animal Welfare Center based in Montrose formally accepted the donation from New Milford Area Rotary President Peggy Foster. The grant is designated to replace and upgrade the exercise yard fencing for the animals to exercise and recreate in, without requiring a restrictive leash.

The grant includes a matching feature for any community corporation and businesses that would like to donate toward this effort that focuses on two of Rotary's seven focus areas- Growing Local Economies and Protecting the Environment. If any business entity would like to contribute toward this effort or discuss membership in the Rotary, please contact newmilfordparotary@gmail.com The New Milford Area Rotary consists of thirty-seven members from throughout Susquehanna County actively working to improve the community and world through service projects and volunteerism.





Rotary Club of Plymouth Mourns Loss of Member

The Rotary Club of Plymouth lost one of their members. Nicolina D'Agosto passed suddenly on August 30th, 2025. Nicolina was a newer member of the club and was active in many of the club's events. She leaves behind two sons and a grandson. Please keep her family in your prayers.





Exchange Student

Meet our exchange student, Martin. Martin is visiting us from Manta, Ecuador. He is part of the senior class at Tunkhannock Area High School. Martin's favorite thing is soccer which led him to join the Tunkhannock varsity soccer team. Martin has been a great addition to the team and quickly made his mark as a standout player. So far his favorite American food is buffalo chicken dip. The club is enjoying getting to know Martin and looks forward to learning more about his culture while sharing ours.



Harvest Festival

We hope to see many of you at the Harvest and Wine festival. The weatherforecast looks perfect. The festival is the club's biggest fundraiser of the year with all proceeds staying local. This year, funds raised from the festival will be put toward the construction of a permanent stage/bandstand at Lazy Brook Park. The addition of the stage will be an asset to Wyoming County.

Harvest & Wine Festival



Saturday October 11, 2025
11 am - 5 pm at Lazy Brook Park

All Day Entertainment
POPSTAR DRIVE AND
GRACIE JANE SINCLAIR & THE BAND

\$30.00 - ADVANCE TICKET SALES
Includes Commemorative Wine Glass

\$75.00 - ROTARY LOUNGE
Includes Commemorative Wine Glass
Wine Tasting & Sales by Nimble Hill Winery
Light Snacks provided - 100 seats available

Presented by the
Rotary
Club of Tunkhannock



Tickets available at the gate
General Admission \$40.00 - Rotary Lounge \$80.00



HAPPY
HALLOWEEN

