



Message from the District Governor Mary Ellen Bentler

I cannot believe it is September already and schools are back in session. September is Basic Education and Literacy Month in Rotary. Enhancing literacy skills is critical in our pursuit of reducing poverty, improving health, and promoting peace. Empowering people through education is among the boldest goals we have as Rotarians. Starting this month, consider how your club can Serve to Change Lives through literacy: support local organizations that offer free programs to support adult literacy, or provide teachers with reading and writing material. As Nobel laureate Malala Yousafzai has noted, "One child, one teacher. One book and one pen can change the world". This challenge is coming right from RI President Shekhar's message.



Remember the training team is doing a "Serve to Change Lives" training series on the first Wednesday of each month. I hope you did not miss the September session with a speaker from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation.

Save the date for Rotary Leadership Institute NEA on October 16, 2021, at Lackawanna College in Scranton. JK and Shelly Karavis have done a great job putting this together. RLI is a great way to increase your knowledge of Rotary so out this on your calendar.

We are in the planning stage of District Conference, but I will tell you that are looking at May 5, 6 and 7 in 2022. The conference will be in Ithaca, NY. Much more to come.

Congratulations to the Leighton Rotary Club on there 100 Years Anniversary as a Rotary club. There Charter date was September 1, 1921, so 100 years of dedication to the Objects of Rotary and commitment to the ideal of Service Above Self.

I want to Thank Dave Palmer and the Polio committee for the work they did for the RailRiders Srike out Polio game on August 15th. Ticket sales were light, but it was still a good day to spend some time with other Rotarians from other clubs and talk to community members about Rotary and Polio eradication. Keep your Eyes opened because Dave and his committee have future events. Great job to Kin Roberts from our Stroudsburg club on throwing out the first pitch.

I'm excited to be doing club visits to share what is happening in the District and the world of Rotary and to find out what your club is doing to "Serve to Change Lives". Most of all I am looking forward to meeting and spending time with the great Rotarians in our clubs.

In Service to Rotary,
Mary Ellen

Membership Committee Update

Hello Rotarians,

Our number has dropped a bit this month to 1099. We must continue to Grow Rotary. The Alumni Club will be charted very soon. If you know any past RYLA participants, Interact members, Exchange students, children of Rotarians, or any younger potential member who wants to meet virtually, reach out to Karen DeMatteo at Karenandrotary@gmail.com

Engaging your Club's newest members

At the beginning of each Rotary year, many clubs welcome new members. Because members are most likely to leave Rotary in their first few years of membership, it's important to engage them right away. Pair them with a Rotary mentor, learn about their interests, and involve them in club activities. To complement your efforts, Rotary will send a series of email messages to members in their first year to tell them about opportunities to get involved in Rotary beyond their clubs. The messages will mention resources such as Rotary Basics and include information about Rotary Fellowships, Rotary Action Groups, and The Rotary Foundation. Together, let's make sure members have a fulfilling Rotary experience!

Each month we would like to Spotlight a new member. Please send a photo and a short bio of each new member to Jessica Pope at jpoperotary@gmail.com

The District is working on some District wide membership events. We will keep you posted on our progress. If you would like to join our membership team please contact samanthamaruzzelli@gmail.com.

Yours in Service,
District 7410 Membership Committee

New Member Spotlight

Katelynn Nichols is a new member of Tunkhannock Rotary. After growing up in Meshoppen, Katelynn attended Keystone College where she graduated with an Accounting degree in 2009. Katelynn has worked as a CPA at Cawley, Johnson & Sanders PC in Clarks Summit since 2015, and has recently become partner at the firm. When not working, Katelynn enjoys disc golfing with her husband, Randi, spending time with her family, and being out doors as much as possible.

The Rotary event she looks forward to the most is the annual Harvest & Wine Festival!



PLAY BALL FOR POLIOPLUS

Sunday August 15th found Rotarians and others enjoying a day at the ball game with the Scranton Wilkes-Barre Railriders, after a year plus of restrictions, due to the COVID pandemic.

Some social distancing restrictions were still in effect but did nothing to stop the fun and joy of this American tradition. Rotary District 7410 was the Community Organization of the Game (COG), allowing us to show the Rotary flag and story.

Kin Roberts of the Stroudsburg Club threw out the ceremonial first ball of the game, while DG Mary Ellen Bentler provided the COG interview telling the story of Rotary.

The tickets bought that day by our effort raised \$774 for PolioPlus, not including the match by the Gates Foundation. That match will realize \$2,322 for PolioPlus. Ten Rotary Clubs in the District participated. Scranton led the way with \$240 for 40 tickets sold. Rounding out the top three were Stroudsburg with \$174 for 29 tickets sold, and Tunkhannock with \$114 for 19 tickets sold. Rounding out club participants were Hamlin, New Milford, North Pocono, New Foundland, North Scranton, Blakeslee, and Slate Belt. And thank you to the public that purchased 13 tickets for the cause.



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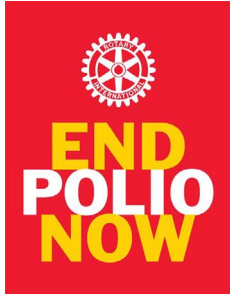


*Kin Roberts of the Stroudsburg Club
throwing out the ceremonial first pitch*



*DG Mary Ellen Bentler giving the
Community Organization of the Game interview that day*

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.

Public Image Happenings!

Be on the lookout for our **BILLBOARD!**

The Public Image Committee is excited to share that Rotary District 7410 will have a digital billboard advertisement on display for one month, starting September 27th!

The billboard location will be on Route 6 in Dickson City. Right by Shorten Homes & Wegman's.



District Conference 2020-2021 Recap

Check out our website to [view a recap of the District Conference](#), courtesy of [@The Home Page Network](#)



CLUBS IN ACTION

Thursday educators gathered to present the current pervasive situation regarding trauma in children and how it affects their education, home life and the community. School psychologist Dr. Sandie LaManna and member of the Rotary Club of the Abingtons spearheaded the presentation and was assisted by Nate Barrett, Superintendent, Hanover Area School District and member of the Pennsylvania State Board of Education.

Left to right: Dr. Maggie Vitali, Assistant Superintendent, Abington Heights School District, LaManna and Barrett.

Part II will be presented Thursday August 26th at the Rotary Club, Bedford Fire House, 321 Bedford Avenue, Clarks Summit.





Wine Tasting
at
Maiolatesi Wine Cellars

32 Cabernet Drive, Scott Township, PA.

Rotary
Club of North Scranton,
Pennsylvania



Sunday, October 31, 2021 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
A portion of the proceeds to benefit
NATIVITY MIGUEL SCHOOL OF SCRANTON

Includes: Wine Tastings, Two Glasses of Wine and Appetizers
Basket Raffles and Door Prize
\$35.00 In Advance \$40.00 At The Door
Go to our Facebook page for tickets.



Tunkhannock Rotary Welcomes 5 New Members

At the July 29 Rotary Luncheon at Shadowbrook Inn & Resort, Membership Chair Ron Furman inducted 2 new members into the Club. Scott Walburn was sponsored by Norm Kelly and Dellana Diovisalvo was sponsored by Jeannie Brady. In Jeannie's absence, Ann Way stood by Dellana for her induction.



L to R: Norm Kelly, Scott Walburn, Ann Way, Dellana Diovisalvo and Ron Furman

At the Aug 5 Luncheon, Membership Chair Ron Furman inducted 3 new members into Tunkhannock Rotary. David Carichner and Cathy Franko were sponsored by Ann Way and Tenny Rupnick was sponsored by Harry Sharpe. Unfortunately, Harry was not able to attend the meeting but asked the members of Rev. Tenny's congregation at the Tunkhannock United Methodist Church to stand with her during her induction.



L to R: David Carichner, Ann Way, Cathy Franko, Ron Furman, Tenny Rupnick, George Gay, Ruth Gorski, Norm Werkheiser, Jim Welch, Frank Oliver, Dave Wilson, Sandy Lane and Rick Miller

Dr. Daniel Williams Spoke on COVID-19 Vaccines

Dr. Daniel Williams was the guest speaker at the Aug 19 Tunkhannock Rotary luncheon at Shadowbrook Inn and Resort to educate Rotarians on the COVID-19 vaccine. Dr. Williams described the different vaccines, how they were produced and how they work in the body. He considers them to be a modern miracle in terms of how fast they were able to get them to the public and how well they are working.

Of all people who have tested positive for COVID-19, 4 in 100 will end up in the hospital while 1.5 of 100 will die of it. This may seem like a small number, but it is 10 times as deadly as the flu. For many who get COVID-19, it may be the worst illness they've ever encountered. For those that have been fully vaccinated but have a 'breakthrough' case of COVID-19, 4 in 10,000 will be hospitalized and 1 in 1,000,000 will perish. So, he stressed how worthwhile it is to be vaccinated.

Dr. Williams also described how the COVID-19 variants develop through "replication errors" and how the Delta variant is comparable to the high contagion level of chicken pox. For those already fully vaccinated with the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, he highly recommended getting the COVID-19 booster shot approximately 8 months after their second inoculation with the same vaccine as their initial immunizations. If they have not yet gotten the COVID-19 vaccine, he recommends that they prioritize getting it over the flu vaccine right now.



Wyoming County Emergency Management Agency Director Gene Dziak, who was also in attendance, mentioned that the EMA is considering setting up booster vaccine clinics as they did for the first round of immunizations. The boosters will also be available at some local pharmacies and medical centers.

The Tunkhannock Rotary's Vaccine Support Committee coordinated volunteers to help with the previous EMA orchestrated COVID-19 vaccine clinics and is committed to help similarly for any future booster vaccine clinics.

In the meantime, the focus of this Committee is to encourage people to "Speak to Your Health Care Provider". They are planning 2 public education events on Sept 16 and 21, which will include local doctors and representatives from the local Department of Health and EMA, who will be available to answer questions regarding immunizations for vaccine-preventable diseases, especially COVID-19.



Congratulations to the Tunkhannock Club for celebrating its 96th Anniversary this year!