Keepin' Up With The District Message From: DISTRICT GOVERNOR Samantha Maruzzelli





September is Basic Education and Literacy month. The ability to read and write is fundamental to personal development. Not only for children, but for illiterate adults. Imagine what your life would be if you could not read or write. The world would be very isolating and your opportunities very limited. Rotary is making a positive impact on the lives of individuals by offering community literacy programs. Does your community need help? That help could be your club. Learn more on www.Rotary.org.

It is time to sign up for The Rotary Leadership Institute. If you're interested in improving your leadership skills, deepening your understanding of Rotary, and connecting with fellow Rotarians, signing up for the Rotary Leadership Institute could be a valuable step. You'll likely gain insights into effective communication, team collaboration, project management,

and more. Additionally, you'll have the chance to learn from experienced Rotary leaders and share experiences with other participants. Sign up here. October 28th Holiday Inn/East Mountain Inn Wilkes-Barre www.rlinea.org. Let's make this year a record-breaking attendance. JK and Shelly Karavis have done an amazing job organizing and running RLI. Show them your support by signing up!

I have spent the last two months visiting many of our clubs and connecting with dedicated and inspiring individuals in our District. I have gained insight into the unique projects and community service efforts that each club is involved in. I have a better understanding of the diverse ways in which Rotary is making a positive impact in our District and beyond. I hope our visits inspire us to foster open communication, encourage collaboration, and celebrate the achievements of Rotary. Fellowship and building strong relationships among members are key to achieving Rotary's goals effectively. When Rotarians know and trust each other, collaboration becomes not only smoother but also more impactful. Joint projects, interclub meetings, and District events not only enhance the effectiveness of our District's initiatives but also creates a stronger sense of community and shared purpose among Rotarians. So, let's all continue to move forward together.

Rotary International President, Gordon Mcinally is encouraging Rotary clubs across the world to keep continuity in your clubs. Continue your good work. With this in mind, his initiative this year is a focus on Mental Health. This initiative requires sensitivity, empathy, and ongoing effort. Mental health is a crucial area that requires attention. Partnering with organizations like the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) can be a powerful way to create a positive impact in your community. To effectively implement this initiative and create a successful mental health support program we need to follow a step-by-step program. 1. Form a team 2. Identify goals 3. Collaborate with NAMI 4. Plan and execute awareness campaigns 5. Training and workshops 6. Partnerships with local healthcare providers 7. Support networks 8. Resource centers 9. Fundraising and grants and 10. Measure Impact of our initiative. If you would like to assist in setting this up in our District please contact our Chair, Andy Chapman from the Honesdale club at alcrotary@gmail.com.

I look forward to continuing my journey through the District and being in awe of NEPA's finest humans!

Yours in Rotary Service, Samantha Maruzzelli DG















New Newsletter Name!

Thank you to everyone who submitted ideas for the new name of the District Newsletter!

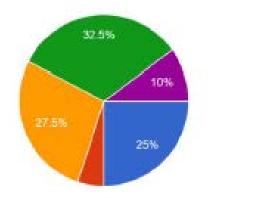
They were all compiled into a survey and voted on by the our membership!

Keepin' Up With The District was the top choice!

Thank you to all who took the time to vote! It was nice to get everyone involved!

-Jessica Pope District 7410 Administrative Assistant

From the choices below, please vote for your favorite name for the District Newsletter. 40 responses

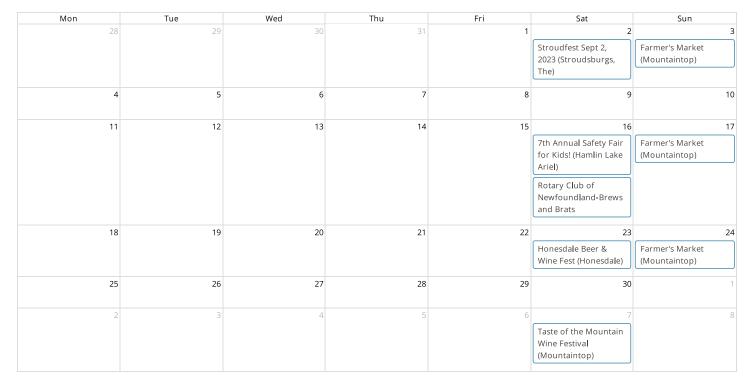






Upcoming Events

September 2023



September 2nd - Stroudfest

September 3rd, 17th, and 24th - Mountaintop Farmers Market

September 16th - Hamlin's Annual Kids Safety Fair

September 16th - Newfoundland Brews and Brats

September 23rd- Honesdale Beer and Wine Fest

See You There!

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





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.

How do I register for RLI?

Log on to rlinea.org and register under the upcoming classes tab for the October 28th, 2023 District 7410 and begin registration.

QUESTIONS

Contact site chairsJK Karavis570-574-4246 or jkkaravis@comcast.netShelly Karavis570-466-6468 or sheltwin16@aol.comRLI Northeast Regional Vice ChairHector Ortizat richie1166@msn.com





The Open Door Food Pantry

When the need is great, our community comes together to meet those needs. Please donate. We are in need of cereal, tuna, peanut butter, soup, and all nonperishable food items.



Thank you Rotary Club of The

Abingtons for running the latest food drive. This food pantry is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for anyone needing food. It is run by The Gathering Place and community partners.

Donations should include non-perishable food and personal hygiene items.

No One Should Go Hungry.

The Open Door Food Pantry is open 24/7 and is located on Spring St. In the entryway to the Clarks Summit Borough elevator.





Two RYLA students visited the Dallas Rotary Club

President Fred Hunt welcomed two students from Lake Lehman, Cortney Guastella and Addison Kukosky, who had attended RYLA from June 25-29.

They gave a very professional presentation on their week-long leadership camp at Keystone College. They were thrilled with the opportunity to attend the event and enjoyed telling us about their excellent adventure, the things they learned and the friends they made.







Rotary Citation Award

Rotary Club of Hamlin Lake Ariel has been honored with the prestigious Rotary Citation Award for the 2022/2023 Rotary Year! This achievement is a testament to the dedication, hard work, and passion of every single member of their incredible club. They are one of only two clubs to receive this award throughout all of Rotary District 7410!





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



RYLA Attendees

Ella Bentler (North Pocono High School), Carley Garzilla (North Pocono High School) and Jonathan Dwyer (Western Wayne High School) attended the RYLA event at Keystone College in June. They each enthusiastically shared their experiences, memories, favorite speakers, and involvements in the activities during this multi-day event. They were pushed out of their comfort zones, but the rewards and personal growth they expressed were heartwarming to hear.

Cell phones were not permitted, and Carley stated that often information on cell phones draws you down, and without them there was less drama and a more positive experience. They can't wait to return next year as Junior Counselors.







WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

Our mission is to provide the prevention of childhood injuries in our community through education, collaboration, and advocacy. For more information, please contact Mary Ellen Bentler [mebrotary@echoes.net], Terri Ditty [terriditty21@gmail.com], or Leann Wash [lwash@waynecounty.pa.gov].





Club Visits

Hazleton Rotary President Michele Kushmeder, 2022 Hazleton Rotary Memorial Scholarship Winner Molly Znachko, District Governor Samantha Maruzzelli, District Governor Nominee Designate 2023-24 Tim Genetti.

Thank you for visiting our club on August 2nd, District Governor! You are always welcome!



Rotary Socials

Hazleton Rotary holds weekly meetings, but also takes a break for a Rotary Social every month. The last get together was for Pickleball, at Eagle Rock Resort on Friday, August 18, 2023.

Good Times!







Hazleton Rotary Wine and Beer Festival

Hazleton Rotary Wine and Beer Festival made its 3rd appearance at Louis Schiavo City View Park on Saturday, August 26, 12Noon-6:00PM. It was another wonderful and successful Hazleton Rotary Event and fundraiser.

The photos tell the story:



Committee Members included Row 1: Rotary President Michele Kushmeder, Nina Bonus, Pat Owens and Lisa Marie Halecky. Row 2: Jason Brenner, Mark Imbriaco, Rossanna Gabriel, Clara Garcia, Laura Stancu, Mark Ondishin, Pat Korb and Tim Genetti. Not present for photo-Mary Pat Stroia, Omar Alcantara, Anne Frey, Joan Buffington, Donna Dougherty and Pat Ward.





Trying out Rotarian Lew's great invention, The Beer Puppeteer



Happy to report, great attendance



Wine, beer, food and craft vendors made it happen



Wouldn't happen without our hard working members!



All proceeds from this fundraiser benefit Hazleton Rotary's local community and charitable projects.

Recent past projects have included Memorial Scholarships for graduating seniors, available since 1989, Trade Scholarships, a new dog and "bite gear" for the Hazleton City Police Department, Christmas Shopping Spree, Kidz Coatz, purchase of 100 carbon monoxide detectors for the Hazleton Fire Department and RYLA camp.





An Early Education and Child Care Center Serving t Jim Thorpe Community Is Becoming a Reality

This fall, the Lehigh Valley Children's Centers, Inc. (LVCC), a non-profit with over a 50-year history of providing quality child care and early education, is opening two pre-kindergarten classrooms serving 40 children in the former St. Joseph's Regional Academy in Jim Thorpe. This is a direct result of planning and support of the Jim Thorpe Rotary Club, the catalyst behind this community grass root initiative.

In 2021, the Jim Thorpe Rotary Club began looking at the challenge of families accessing quality, safe and affordable preschool and child care. There were no child care or early education centers in Jim Thorpe, the County seat of Carbon County. Working with the Lehigh Valley Children's Center Inc. the Immaculate Conception Parish, the Jim Thorpe Area School District and community partners, a survey- Carbon County Child Care and Early Education Survey – was distributed to the Jim Thorpe Community. The goal of the survey was to determine if there was a need to establish a quality, affordable, full-service childcare center, and pre-school in Jim Thorpe to serve Carbon County families.

Two hundred and three families completed the survey. Participants represented all income levels and all facets of the Carbon County workforce were represented: hospitality, health care, retail, local businesses, county government and education. Results from the Carbon County Child Care and Early Education Survey indicated the lack of quality, safe and affordable child care was a barrier to employment for families in Jim Thorpe and surrounding communities. Seventy –four percent of the families reported needing full time or part time child care, 86% of the families are using parents or relative. Many were looking for child care or wanted to work but could not find adequate care for their children. Some families literally had to work out child care arrangements week to week.

The challenges working parents were struggling with included: the cost, a schedule to meet their work needs, quality of care, dependable care, finding care for a sick child and transportation. It is notable that, due to the lack of options for child care and early education in Jim Thorpe and the surrounding communities parents must make tough decisions in their jobs and the child care choices for their children. The pandemic exposed a need for community organizations to work together to help solve the challenges facing our working families. According to Sloane Kaiser, Jessica Coria, Anna Crockett and Erica Ball in the January, 2022 article, The Voices of Care and Education: "High –quality early childhood education is a critical component of infrastructure needed for the economy to make a full and sustaining economic recovery for years to come."

The Jim Thorpe Rotary Club members are excited the process of assessing and prioritizing and meeting a community need will result in increasing the quality of life for working families in Carbon County. The Lehigh Valley Children's Centers Inc. will work with the Jim Thorpe Area School District to ensure children transition into kindergarten with the necessary skills to be successful academically, socially and emotionally.





Mixer with Kingston Rotary

On August 23rd, members of the Kingston club traveled to Mountain Top for a fellowship mixer with the Mountain Top club.

Guest speaker was District Governor Samantha Maruzzelli.

Also in attendance was one of the exchange students we are sponsoring this year, Sebastian, from Chile'.



Photo left to right - Sam Maruzzelli, Dawn Kenzakoski (Pittston Rotary Club), Sebastian, Gary Bernstein (Kingston President) and Kathryn Murphy (Mountain Top President).



Shelli (2nd from left) welcomed by her host mom & Rotarians from the Czech Republic.





PAUL HARRIS AWARDS FOR SUPPORTING INTERNATIONAL DISASTER RELIEF

The New Milford Area Rotary Club presented Paul Harris Award pins and certificates to Joan Flint, Dave Glemboski and Todd Moffett. Each of the recipients are non-Rotarians who played a major role in a five-month effort in preparing a home for the arrival of a three adult member Ukrainian refugee family. Joan Flint is the Property Warden of Saint Mark's Episcopal Church in New Milford, which provides the home rent free for this family. Dave Glemboski is a local self-employed contractor who volunteered his labor in this effort for free. Todd Moffett is a member of the Christ Episcopal Church in Susquehanna Pennsylvania, who provided hours of volunteer effort in preparing the home.

The Ukrainian family is in the United States because of the Humanitarian Parole program offered by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service. David and Annie Palmer of the New Milford Area Rotary Club volunteered as individual sponsors of the family for two years, with the New Milford Area Rotary Club collaborating as a supporting entity.

The Paul Harris recognition was established in 1957 to show appreciation and to encourage and recognize substantial contributions to the community by both Rotarians and other members of the community.



David Palmer, Mary Ellen Bentler, District Foundation Chair, David Glemboski, Todd Moffet, Joan Flint

David Glemboski, Todd Moffet, Joan Flint, David Palmer, New Milford Area Membership Chair







CONNECT



North Pocono Rotary 27th Annual GOLF TOURNAMENT at Elmhurst Country Club **MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2023**



TOURNAMENT SPONSORSHIP

DIAMOND SPONSOR: \$1,000 includes ... Golf Foursome, special signage at hole and full page ad recognition in program.

GOLD SPONSOR: \$500 includes ... Two golfers, special signage at hole and 1/2 page ad recognition in program.

SILVER SPONSOR: \$250 includes ... Special signage at hole and 1/2 page ad recognition in program.

VALUED SPONSOR: \$100 includes ... Special signage at hole and recognition in program.

RENEWING VALUED SPONSOR: \$75 includes ... Special signage at hole and recognition in program.

North Pocono Rotary Promotes Community and International Projects

TOURNAMENT SPONSOR INFORMATION

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Special Info:

Make check payable to: NORTH POCONO ROTARY Mail to: North Pocono Rotary, PO Box 731, Moscow, PA 18444 More Information: 570-862-0585

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FOUR-WAY TEST

"Of the things we Think, Say or Do"

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?

2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?

4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?



FOR MORE INFO CONTACT:

570-862-0585

Thank You for your generous support!



NORTH POCONO ROTARY



Mon., Oct. 2, 2023

Lunch: 12:00 Noon Shotgun Start: 1:00 PM

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Sunday September 24th, 2023 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM @ Sidel's Restaurant 1202 N Main Ave Scranton

Ticket Includes: Wine Tastings, Two Glasses of Wine, Appetizers, and a Chance to Win the Door Prize. Chances to win basket Raffles will be available for a donation. A Portion of proceeds will benefit the North Scranton Rotary's Annual Dictionary Project.

\$35 In Advance \$40 At the Door Buy your tickets at Sidel's Restaurant







Tickets can be purchased by calling JK Karavis at 570-574-4246.

Kids Event

The Rotary Club of Plymouth sponsored a kids event at the Plymouth Alive Kielbasa Festi on Main Street, Plymouth. Kids were treated to face painting, prizes, popcorn, slushies a from a cartoon dog as well.



The Rotary Club of Plymouth poses for a picture with their cartoon dog



Rotarians Tom Hogan and Eric Cheatley prepare for the days events.



Rotary Club of Plymouth President Shelly Karavis prepares a stick on tattoo



Rotarians Ed Yencha, Dan Charney and Dave Yefko pose for a quick picture





Elizabeth Johnson receives a President Plaque

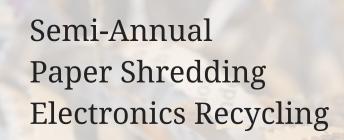
At a recent meeting of Sayre Rotary, Elizabeth Johnson was presented with her President plaque as a thank you for her outstanding leadership over the past two years.

Shown presenting the plaque is the current President, David DeKay. Sayre Rotarians meet weekly on Tuesday at 12:10 pm at the Grill at the Station, 718 North Lehigh Avenue in Sayre.

To learn more about Rotary, you can visit <u>Www.Rotary.org</u>, or "Like us" on Face Book.







Saturday, September 23rd, 2023 9:00 am to 2:00 pm Peppe's Parking Lot Eagle Valley Corners

DES Community Partners in Recycling & The Rotary Club of the Smithfields, are partnering in this community service. Bring all paper, documents and files that need to be shredded. Also, electronics & computers

All Electronics Minimum \$10 each File box of paper \$8 each box

For more information contact Glen Segond at 570 424 6049



Rotary Club of the Smithfields









Our Tunkhannock Rotary Club will be holding our annual Harvest Wine Festival on October 14th, 2023. This event draws over 3000 visitors and is our largest fund raiser. The profits are utilized in many community organizations that we sponsor.

We are letting you know of our needs early so that you can work it into your charitable giving, if you find it appropriate.

We are asking that you consider helping us to offset various high-cost items such as but not limited to the item listed below.

We will acknowledge your contribution with your business name and or your chosen item of support in our program and on posters at various locations on the grounds. An article is also placed in the Tunkhannock Paper to recognize sponsors.

High-Cost Items:		Levels of Sponsorship:	Greater Than	Sponsor Tickets
Wine Glasses	\$3600	Sponsorsnip.	111411	TICKCIS
Entertainment	\$5000		****	
Advertising	\$4000	Platinum	\$2000	12
Porta-Johns	\$3990	Gold	\$1000	10
Security	\$900	Silver	\$500	8
Tents/Tables/Chairs	\$1500	Bronze	\$250	4
Park Rental	\$2000	Copper	\$100	2
Band Shell	\$2500			

Please direct questions to the Sponsorship Chairman, David Weingust at <u>dweingust@gmail.com</u> or Festival Chair, Terri Detrick at 570-499-7194 tdetrickrotary@yahoo.com.

Tunkhannock Rotary Harvest & Wine Festival Sponsorship Tax Receipt

_____ made a contribution of ______to the Tunkhannock Rotary Club on ______. Tunkhannock Rotary Club Rotary Federal Tax EIN 23-6298168 Solicitor



Congratulations

Congratulations to Tunkhannock Rotarian Ron Furman (left), who received his Paul Harris +4 pin from Club President Elaine Walker at the Aug 24 Rotary Luncheon at Shadowbrook.



Rotary & Friends Support Operation Smile

Every year, Tunkhannock Rotarian John Hovan has spearheaded the collection of money from Rotarians, family and friends to help support the mission of Operation Smile. Operation Smile operates in more than 60 countries "to heal children's smiles and transform lives across the globe". Many of these children are suffering with cleft lips and cleft palates.

This year, enough money was collected to provide surgeries to 186 children to correct their facial defects.



Tunkhannock Welcomes 2 Exchange Students

At the Aug 17 Rotary Luncheon at Shadowbrook, club members had the opportunity to welcome our first of 2 new exchange students Botond Batyky (called Boti), who is 16 and from Budapest, Hungary. In addition to his parents, he has 2 little brothers and a cat. His sport is water polo.

At the Aug 24 meeting, he indicated that he will try football as his first sport at Tunkhannock Area High School.

At the Aug 24 Rotary Luncheon, our newest exchange student Tanguy Verrier from France was welcomed by the Club. He is from a small town in the champagne region of France. The first sport he is trying at school will be cross-country.



Botond Batyky (left) and Tanguy Verrier



Tunkhannock Rotary Harvest & Wine Festival

Plans are well underway for the Saturday Oct 14 Tunkhannock Rotary Harvest & Wine Festival at Lazybrook Park on Route 6, east of Tunkhannock, from 11 AM to 5 PM. There will be wine, beer and hard cider vendors along with food, services, craft, clothing and gift vendors.

The 2 bands that will rotate during the day are booked, so if you are fans of PopStar Drive and/ or Kartune, this Festival is for you and remember to bring your dancing shoes.

Advance sale tickets are available online at Eventbrite with links and additional information at www.tunkhannockrotary.org or on our Facebook pages. General admission tickets, which include a complimentary wine glass, wine tastings and bottled water, start at \$30 but will be \$40 at the gate.

Tickets are also available in Tunkhannock at Gay's True Value, Community Bank, Nimble Hill Winery and from any Tunkhannock Rotarian. Tickets purchased at Tunkhannock sites, at the gate or from Rotarians are cash or check sales only. Credit cards cannot be used.

Tickets (100 only) can be purchased at Eventbrite for the Rotary Lounge, which includes early 10:30 am entry through a separate gate, tent with covered tables & chairs, complimentary wine glass, plate with wine glass holder, bottled water, charcuterie snacks and Nimble Hill wine tasting and sales in the tent. Lounge tickets start at \$50 online but will be \$60 at the gate.

No coolers, no food, no alcoholic or outside beverages, no firearms and no pets will be allowed through the entry gates upon advice from security, legal and insurance advisors. Photo ID may be required for pick up & admission, since this is a 21 plus event. The Festival will take place rain or shine and tickets are non-refundable.

The Festival is always looking for sponsors, so any businesses or individuals who would like their names presented to thousands of Festival attendees, should consider becoming sponsors. See the sponsorship form for categories of sponsorships, benefits and recognitions.

