Keepin' Up With The District

SEPTEMBER 2024

A Message From: DISTRICT GOVERNOR Bill Skinner



Hello Fellow Rotarians of District 7410. We are already in September, month three of the Rotary year. Summer is over, the kids are all back in school, and most of us are back to our regular schedules. Fall is a beautiful time of the year especially here in our District, so enjoy the change of color and cooler weather, as we know what follows.

Speaking about the kids being back in school, Rotary's theme for this month is Basic Education and Literacy. Not only is it the monthly theme but is one of our seven areas of focus. Many projects around the world and in our District, communities are centered around improving the education of our young people and those of all ages that need basic education.

I know many of our Clubs do the dictionary project for third grade students, which has been a cornerstone of this area of focus for years. In thinking about the Action Plan and this month's theme of Basic Education and Literacy, what can we as Clubs and Rotarians do in the four areas of Focus to further improve Education and Literacy?

Can this month's theme Increase Our Impact in our communities? If we are doing service projects related to improving education and literacy, I hope we are maximizing the publicity of those events in every way possible. We should look at all types of schooling opportunities, not just our public schools, what about private schools, charter schools, day cares, after school programs, and those that are home schooled. Thinking outside the traditional box may open a whole new potential for projects and fundraising in this area and help Increase Our Impact.

We can Expand our Reach by not only looking at alternatives in education but asking or doing an assessment of what a school district or educational program may need. I know they are appreciative of the dictionaries we distribute. What else could we do for them besides the dictionaries? Is there something else they may need and cannot get because their budgets have been cut or for another reason? Of course, when talking to schools and students it is always an opportunity to discuss Interact, RYLA, and Youth Exchange. Sometimes we do not think of those as improvements in education and literacy, but they are. Getting our members involved in alternatives to improving education and literacy will Enhance Participant Engagement, not only for them but the educational sources they interact with. Looking for alternative educational opportunities to offer Rotarian help will increase the engagement in our communities and will lead to more collaborative opportunities thus impacting more people and who knows may even create greater awareness of Rotary.

By looking for alternatives to our traditional projects in this area and providing new options enhances and Increases Our Ability to Adapt. By asking, listening to the needs, and then making that happen shows we are truly people of Action and Service, and we are out to make our communities and the world a better place.

Enjoy September, this wonderful beginning of the transition to Fall.

Thank you for all you do as Rotarians for your communities, our District, and the World.

Yours in Rotary, Bill

International Service Committe

One of the missions of the Rotary District 7410 International Service Committee (ISC) as well as all Rotary ISC is to publicize international service initiatives. Indeed, our Rotary District and many of its Clubs are busy in the international arena. This report is intended to publicize many of those to the District members.

MUSHROOM FARMING FOR NEPAL

The original project to develop thirty new mushroom farmers growing either Oyster or Button mushrooms was initiated by our District with a Global Grant number 2128532. Our District 7410 partnered with District 3292, host club, Maharanjgunj of Kathmandu, Nepal. Other Rotary partners in this effort included Kavre Valleu Club in District 3292, Districts 7255 and 7210 in New York, and the Chesterville Rotary of District 7040 in Ontario Canada. The participating clubs of District 7410 included: Hawley Club, Abingtons Club, Scranton Club, Wyalusing Club, Tunkhannock Club, New Milford Club, Pittston Club, Jim Thorpe Club, Wellsboro Club, Mountaintop Club, Hamlin Lake Arial Club, and North Pocono Club. "The project is almost complete now. Some residual funds were approved for use for a dryer so the farmers can dry mushrooms for the 'dried mushroom' market that will extend their profitability and reduce loss through spoilage. The thirty farmers have been highly successful with crops beyond expectations that are saturating the local fresh market. So, the dried market will be the next place to go."

FARM TRACTOR FOR HAITI

"Despite the difficulties in Haiti, the Tunkhannock club has been a major supporter of a tractor purchase in northern Haiti thru Mango Farm. The new John Deere tractor was purchased and delivered last year and currently is plowing fields for fellow farmers near Cap Haitien to enable them to plant and grow more crops. It is a big game changer for the farmers around Lagosette. "

MICROSCOPES FOR NIGERIA

"This global grant will supply much needed functional microscopes to the identified health centers, to aid effective and prompt diagnosis of malaria in patients. The microscopes are easy to use, run on batteries, and are easy to transport to villages." Interestingly this Global Grant was influenced by a proof-of-concept activity by conferees at our District RYLA in 2023. Our District is collaborating on this on-going effort with the Rotary Club of Port Harcourt Airport and five other Rotary Districts.

WARSAW CITY POLAND ROTARY ASSISTANCE FOR UKRAINE

This club to club effort began in December 2022 and continues in a steady state to support activites of the Warsaw City Poland Rotary Club in providing humanitarian assistance for Ukrainian refugees in Poland and displaced persons in Ukraine proper. To date inidivudal Rotararians and non Rotarians in District 7410 have donated over \$15,000 to this effort through a funds transfer protocol established by the District and Treasurer.

Since the beginning of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, the Medical University of Warsaw (MUW) has been training Ukrainian medics. MUW has organized a training center at the emergency medical station in Ivano-Frankivsk, and equipped it with, among other, phantoms and disposable equipment, the purchase of which was made possible by the support of private sponsors. Specialists from the Department of Emergency Medical Sciences trained more than 1,000 Ukrainian doctors and feldshers in providing medical assistance on the battlefield in accordance with the NATO TC3 standard.

In Ukraine itself, the effort is focused on humanitarian aid provided to kindergartens in Ukraine in the city of Kryvyi Rih. "Thirty-four Kindergartens and nine children support centers have been provided with children's bedding sets, clothes, socks, toys, towels and oil filled radiators for heat."

The most recent initiative will start new sessions of integrating and oriented professional help for Ukrainian refugee women in Poland, many of which are now single parents.

GLOBAL GRANTS FOR UKRAINE

Rotary District 7410 has participated in two Rotary Global Grants for Ukraine since the start of the conflict in Ukraine in February 2022. The first was a Rotary Disaster Response Grant in collaboration with a number of other Rotary Districts and clubs, including those in Kyiv, Ukraine. This global grant provided aid for the sustainment of numerous hospitals, shelters, and other emergency facilities. The second global grant is providing "Pure Water for Ukraine. Seven industrial size municipal water filtration systems have been built and recently arrived at their destination in Zaporizhzhia Oblast Ukraine, following a year plus long manufacturing effort. Rotary District 7410 is a major player in this effort, along with numerous other Rotary Districts and Clubs. These include Rotarians in Italy, Germany, Poland, Ukraine, Canada, United Kingdom, and the United States. Five Rotary Clubs in our District contributed funds to this effort. They are Hazelton, Stroudsburg, Wyalusing, Dallas, and the New Milford Area. Quoting the Italian Club lead point of contact- "Just got confirmation that the equipment is have left Milano this morning; first destination Lublin in Poland, then forwarded from there to Ukraine. Pictures of the truck with the eight crates leaving is enclosed. The USA contribution to the project has been very significant!"

MEDICAL SUPPLIES FOR UKRAINE

The Scranton Rotary has been collaborating with Saint Vladimir Ukrainian Catholic Church (UCC) in Scranton since the beginning of the conflict in Ukraine. Through various fund- raising events, such as sailboat races, the club has monetarily supported with thousands pf dollars, the regular shipment of humanitarian and medical supplies to Ukraine. The current activity is planning for a fund- raising dinner on September 29, 2024, at UCC to raise funds for the purchase and shipment of such supplies, including two used ambulances. The ambulances will be donated by the Pennsylvania Ambulance Company here in Northeastern Pennsylvania and or via collaboration to purchase used ambulances in Europe with the Heerlen Rotary Club in The Netherlands. The goal for this dinner is to raise \$50,000, half of which has already been obtained with a matching grant of \$25,000 by an anonymous donor. More information on this effort is in this District Newsletter and ClubRunner.

I want to thank the following individuals for contributing to this article: Jodi Crimmel, Tunkhannock RC PDG Marcia Loughman PDG Mary Ellen Bentler Joseph Riccardo, Scranton RC James Baker, Scranton RC Andrzej Ludek, PDG, Chair of RC Warszawa City Club Committee "Help for Ukraine" Alena Shpak, member of the Committee, secretary of RC Warszawa City Riccardo Di Bari, Milano North Italy, Rotary

Yours In Service, DAVID PALMER, Chair Rotary District 7410, International Service Committee













Water for Ukraine

UPDATE ON WATER FOR UKRAINE FILTATION SYSTEMS

We recently received an update on the status of the water filtration systems that our District helped fund via a Rotary International Global Grant. Ricardo DiBari of the Mailano North Rotary in Italy reports.

"Two of the five communities in Zaporizhzia Oblast are almost ready to start using their equipment." Three others are addressing a lack of adequate technicians to manage the first use of the equipment, due to their departure for the war front. All five communities, however, expect to be able to start the machines during the month of September." Keep in touch!

Yours In Rotary,

David Palmer, Chair Rotary District 7410, International Service Committee

To view the Pure Water for Ukraine Grant PowerPoint Presentation please visit our website homepage, under Rotary Links on the left side







Rotary Stands - Up for Ukraine



FUNDRAISER FOR UKRAINE

2PM TO 4PM

St. Vladimir Ukrainian Catholic Church 430 North 7th Avenue Scranton, PA

Join us in this charity event, all proceeds will benefit humaitarian relief efforts in Ukraine

Special guests will include Ukrainian soldiers

Entertainment

- Ukrainian music
- Live Ukrainian Dance performance
- Ukrainian Food
 - Raffles

\$35 a ticket take outs available 1-1:45

Purchase tickets at www.centralparkflowers.com





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

o 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.





Rotary Stands - Up For Ukraine WHEN ... Sunday September 29, 2024

St. Vladimir Ukrainian Catholic Church 430 North 7th Ave. • Scranton, PA 18504



Please Join Us!!



2pm to 4pm



Special Guests will include Ukrainian Soldiers Entertainment • Raffles • Ukrainian Music Live Ukrainian Dance Performance



Must Be Purchased In Advance - NO DOOR SALES - SEATING IS LIMITED FOR DINE IN

Upcoming Events

September 2024



9/11 - Newfoundland - Bingo

9/14 - Hamlin/Lake Ariel - 8th Annual Safety Fair for Kids

9/19- Hamlin/Lake Ariel - Yoga for a Cause

9/29 - Fundraiser for Ukraine

See You There!

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

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.

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 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 District Directory.

-Download your <u>club logo</u>.



Waverly Elementary School Guests

Abington Rotary President Steve Selige welcomed Waverly Elementary School's Reading Specialist Julie Klee and Sarah Sokso, the Waverly Elementary Learning Support teacher.

The members in attendance at the Camelot Inn meeting took a keen interest in their topic about reading and teaching reading. They discussed a University of Florida manual that is currently be used as well as reading pen scanner that expedites the reading/learning process.

Pictured (I to r): Sarah Sokso, Steve and Julie Klee.



Mr. Fitzgerald of Waverly spoke about his writing career and the Scranton area coal mining industry. Author of three books, Thanksgiving Breakfast, Dirty Mines and Watergate Amendment John is a notable and interesting speaker about Abington history.

Picture (I to r): Ann Farias (member)John Fitzgerald and John's wife, Pam.



Kathy Whitney returns from Tour of Deployment

Wife of Rotary member Judah Whitney Major, Kathy Whitney, who recently returned from a tour of deployment in Djibouti. She spoke about her time in the Horn of Africa as Battalion Physicians Assistant for the Paxton Task Force.



Guest Speaker - Abington Community Library

The new Executive Director of the Abington Community Library was today's speaker at the Abington Rotary Club meeting held at Camelot T noon. Allyson received her MLIS from Drexel University and came to the Abington Library from the Kempt Library at East Stroudsburg University. A lengthy and very informative Q&A session followed.

L to R: Allyson, Program Chair for the day Ann Farias, and Club President Steve Selige.





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.



8th Annual Wayne County Safety Fair for Kids

Saturday, September 14th will be Hamlin Lake Ariel Rotary Club's 8th Annual Wayne County Safety Fair for Kids!

10am to 1pm at EverGreen Elementary School!

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

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* Enter to Win a Boy's or Girl's Bicycle! Displays and Giveaways as well! *While Supplies



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 [wash@waynecounty.pa.gov].

8th Annual Wayne County Safety Fair for Kids

Hamlin Lake Ariel Rotary is so excited to partner with Namastay Awhile, LLC for a donation based Vinyasa class hosted at the Hamlin Community Library! Donations will benefit local projects.



Thursday, September 19th, 6pm-7pm



Honesdale Rotary Club's "Farewell to Summer BBQ" Marks Fellowship and Future Planning

On a beautiful evening on August 28th, 2024, the Honesdale Rotary Club gathered for a memorable "Farewell to Summer BBQ" at the home of District Governor Nominee Andy Chapman in Lake Ariel. The event saw a fantastic turnout from members who brought food, drinks, and a spirit of fellowship.

The evening was not just about celebrating the end of summer but also a productive meeting to work on exciting future events and goals. A significant portion of the discussion centered around the upcoming 2nd Annual Honesdale Beer & Wine Fest, slated for October 13th at the Wayne County Fairgrounds. With live music, craft breweries, wineries, distilleries, food and craft vendors – and even a visit from the famous Oscar Mayer Weinermobile – the event promises to be a day of fun and community spirit. For more details, visit www.honesdalebeerandwinefest.com.

The BBQ was also an opportunity to welcome and meet some distinguished guests – District Governor Bill Skinner of Stroudsburg, his wife, and District Governor Elect Tim Genetti of Hazleton. Their presence added a special touch to the evening as they shared their insights and experiences with the club members.

Reflecting on the summer, the Honesdale Rotary Club celebrated its successful efforts to beautify public spaces in Honesdale. Various projects have been completed, with several still pending, all contributing positively to the community's aesthetics and environment. Additionally, the club has made valuable donations and extended support to several groups and charities in need, including Billy's New Hope Barn, which provides a sanctuary for farm animals near Honesdale.

As the planning ramps up for the Honesdale Beer & Wine Fest, club members are more motivated than ever to bring together the community for a fantastic event while continuing their impactful projects and charitable efforts.

The Honesdale Rotary Club is looking forward to an exciting fall season and welcomes everyone to join them at the upcoming Beer & Wine Fest. Let's toast to the hard work, camaraderie, and community spirit that defines us!

For more updates and to get involved, stay connected with the Honesdale Rotary Club on Facebook.

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.





Rotary Youth Leadership Award - RYLA Conference

Every year the Milford-Matamoras Rotary Club selects a Delaware Valley High School sophomore to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Award-RYLA Conference held at the Keystone College.

This conference is a 5 day, 4 night leadership program for high sophomores who have shown leadership potential in their home, school and community. The conference is designed to introduce participants to thoughts and ideas which will strengthen and develop their leadership skills.

This year's student was Adeline Handy. At Wednesday, August 7th Milford-Matamoras Rotary Club meeting, Adeline Handy spoke to the club about her experience at the RYLA Conference that she attended in June.

Adeline expressed her thanks to the Rotary Club and that her experience was fantastic and learned an tremendous amount skills and also made new friends. The Milford-Matamoras Rotary Club 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.



District Governor Visit

At the Milford-Matamoras Rotary Club meeting on Wednesday, August 14th Shaun introduced Bill Skinner, the new Rotary District Governor for 2024-2025. Bill's district includes 42 rotary clubs across Northeastern PA.

Bill has been a Rotarian for 10 years and founded The Slate Belt Club (Northampton County) and was it's first President in 2012. As a Rotary Leadership Institute Graduate, he has been a speaker at District Conferences and a facilitator at Mid Northeast PETs and is a Paul Harris Fellow.

Bill spoke to the club regarding issues including membership, youth programs, community service projects and foundation initiatives.

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NEW MILFORD AREA ROTARY SUPPORTS SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY LIBRARY AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

August 2nd and 3rd found the members of the New Milford Area Rotary serrving the public at the Susquehanna County Free Library and Historical Society annual major fundraiser known as the Blueberry Festival. The festival is the popular August event in Susquehanna County, including its famous homemade blueberry pies and blueberry buckle. This old-fashioned treat is called a blueberry buckle because the streusel topping and the berries in this moist fruit cake weigh down the batter as it bakes, causing the top to look "buckled."

Though the Rotary food tent didn't provide the blueberry buckle, it did provide the lunch menu that day, which included all American favorites- hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, sausage and peppers, and chili dogs, along with a variety of sodas and water.

Despite mother nature providing weather that curtailed the afternoon each day, record crowds and efforts led to a final tally of (TBA).

The club currently consists of thirty-nine members actively serving the community and world and welcomes new membership. Contact information can be found at www.facebook.com/newmilfordrotary. Or one can contact David Palmer, Membership Chair at davesolopalmer@gmail.com.





NEW MILFORD AREA ROTARY VISITS THE HARFORD FAIR

August 15TH found members of the New Milford Area Rotary having some fun and supporting the rural culture and agricultural heritage at the annual Harford Fair. Each year the club identifies at least two major social events to celebrate, and one of those is the Harford Fair.

Though the members conduct some informal business, it is primarily a fun event to meet our friends and neighbors from throughout Susquehanna County and the entire Endless Mountains region. The "Magic of Rotary" is the business of that day.

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Members pictured left to right: Andrew Kelemen, Jackson; Peggy Foster, Jackson; Steve Spero, Brackney; John Reynolds, New Milford; Annie Palmer, Hop Bottom; David Palmer, Hop Bottom; Karen Voigt, South Abington Township



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





NORTH POCONO ROTARY



Mon., Oct. 7, 2024 Lunch: 11:00 AM Shotgun Start: 12:00 Noon OPEN TO THE PUBLIC





319 Gardner Road Moscow, PA 18444



NORTH POCONO ROTARY 28TH ANNUAL



Elmhurst Country Club OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!





SPONSORS: \$150

Includes Sign for Your Business on a green

REGISTER by Sept. 30th \$150 PER GOLFER FOURSOME: \$600

Includes Lunch, Cart, Green Fees, Refreshments on Course & Dinner

Golfer & Sponsor Information:

570-862-0585



North Pocono Rotary 28th Annual GOLF TOURNAMENT at Elmhurst Country Club



MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2024

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.

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North Pocono Rotary Promotes Community and International Projects

TOURNAMENT SPONSOR INFORMATION

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Phone:

Address:

Special Info:_

Email: ____

Amount:

Make check payable to: NORTH POCONO ROTARY

More Information: 570-862-0585

Mail to: North Pocono Rotary, PO Box 731, Moscow, PA 18444





Thank You - Back to School Item Drive

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Back To School Item Drive! We were able to fill 120 backpacks with a variety of items. Thank you to Tony's Pizzeria for allowing us to assemble the backpacks in their dining room.





Back to School Fair

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 175 backpacks as well as the 3000 school items to families in need.

Special thank you to Tux from the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins for stopping by providing excitement to everyone who attended. Needless to say our members appreciated the visit at our booth!.







School Backpack Contest Winners 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.

The club is inviting the three winners to their meeting on September 17th for their prize of a premium back pack full of school supplies for their upcoming school year.







Rotary Club of Pittston participates in the Plains Rotary Golf Tournament

Thank you to the Rotary Club of Plains for having us at their 1st Annual Lewis "Lew" Sebia Memorial Golf Tournament! It was a fantastically ran event with a beautiful venue and weather.





PSU Fall Mum Fundraiser

WE ARE! Penn State Fall Mums coming soon by the Pittston Club!

PENN STATE NITTANY LION MUMS

Limited Edition Collectors 8" PSU Pot and White Mum

\$15.00 Per Pot or Two for \$25.00

Orders due by September 30th





For more information Contact:

Or Reach out to us at:

www.facebook.com/rotaryofpittston, rotaryclubofpittston@gmail.com or Carmen Ciampi at 570-239-7534

Proceeds benefit future community service projects!

Meet the Rotary of Pittston at the Pittston Art Walk

Friday September 13 from 5:00pm-9:00pm the Rotary of Pittston will be attending the Pittston Art Walk to promote Rotary to the Pittston citizens.



September Special Guest

A very special thank you to Michelle Klaproth for being our guest speaker on September 3rd. Michelle is an active member of the Wyoming United Presbyterian Church where she leads several outreach programs and community events. She was able to fill us in on their tutoring program for kids in grades K-4th.

They are always looking for tutors and currently have about 20 children in the program. She was also able to inform us on their food pantry and cake box donation project.





Rotary Welcomes MMA Fighter to Meeting

The Rotary Club of Plymouth recently had Olivia Ford and Shawn McFadden at a recent meeting. Olivia is the #1 ranked Mixed Martial Arts fighter in the United States for her age and weight class. Currently, Olivia is a senior at Western Wayne High School. She attended a competition in Louisiana and competed against girls from all over the United States. Pictured are

Shawn McFadden, coach and trainer, Olivia Ford, mixed martial arts competitor.

Rotary President Shely Karavis, Eric Cheatlety, Debra Popovich, Gary Moran, Daniel Charney, Marissa, Charney, Lorree Levulis, Nicolina D'Agosto and JK Karavis



Cheatley Celebrates Birthday

Rotarian Eric Cheatley recently celebrated his 40th birthday at a recent meeting at Hop's and Barley, Luzerne. Cheatley was treated to a steak dinner, cake and a great evening of Rotary fellowship.

Pictured are Eric Cheatley and girlfriend Laura Keller


Rotary Club of Plymouth hosts End of Summer Soiree

The Rotary club of Plymouth recently conducted their annual "End of Summer Soiree" at Grotto Pizza, Harvey's Lake. Despite the rain, nearly 70 Rotarians and family showed up for the event. Rain washed out the boat ride, but there was plenty of Rotary fellowship.

Pictured below are the Past District Governors who attended the event.

From Left: Paul Muczynski, Mary Ellen Bentler, Samantha Maruzzelli, Marcia Loughman, Joseph Loughman, Art Peoples, Rotary Club of Plymouth President and host Shelly Karavis





Dr. Robert Bishop, PDG Paul Muczynski, and John John pose for a photo

Youth Exchange at End of Summer Soiree

Youth Exchange was well represented at the End of Summer Soiree. Pictured below from left are Dawn Kenzakoski, Inbound Youth Exchange Chairperson for District 7410, Dexter Sullivan Rotech, outbound exchange student to France, Igor Petek inbound exchange student from Croatia hosted by the Rotary Club of New Foundland, Anika Sehne, Outbound exchange chair and exchange student to France in 2016/2017, Matteo Bracher, Exchange student from Switzerland hosted by the Rotary Club of Tunkhannock, Anne Sehne, Rotary District 7410 Youth Exchange Chair. Missing from photo is Bertille Roth, exchange student from France hosted by the Rotary Club of Towanda.



Rotary Recognizes Contributors

The Rotary Club of Plymouth recognized Gerald Boney and The Grille Inc for their generous contributions to the Rotary Club of Plymouth during the holiday season.

From left, Rotary President Shelly Karavis, Gerald Boney, Marty Seitz from the Grille and Thomas Hogan, immediate Past President.





Pedals for Progress

Stroudsburgs Rotary is changing lives abroad by partnering with Pedals For Progress with a bike and sewing machine collection on Sat Sept 7 at Odd Lot in East Stroudsburg. A \$20 donation is appreciated at the time of dropping off your goods. Please see flyer regarding details. We appreciate any way you could assist, either by helping disassemble the steering wheel and wheel, by monetary donations to help with shipping costs or with physical donations.

2nd location drop off is at Peppe's with the Smithfields Rotary at their recycling day.



StroudsburgsRotary.org RotaryoftheSmithfields.org P4P.org For more information, contact Leslie: LeslieEUnderhill@gmail.com / 570-460-2304



Service Only Club

We are also starting up a Service only club. So please help spread the word if you know anyone interested in our area. Please see & share the flyer.



Why Join Us?

Are you looking for a meaningful way to get involved and make a positive impact in your local community but can't commit more than a few hours per month? The Stroudsburgs Rotary is excited to announce the launch of our brand new Service Club, and we want you to be a part of it!

Our Service Club offers a flexible and inclusive environment where everyone can contribute in their own unique way while only committing 1-2 hours per month. Together, we can transform our community, one act of service at a time.

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HS Leadership Luncheon

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2024 Stroudsburgs Rotary 6th Annual High School Senior Leadership Luncheon

In attendance will be selected H.S. Senior Class Future Leaders from Stroudsburg, East Stroudsburg (North and South), MCTI, and Notre Dame High Schools

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Welcoming New Members

We welcomed 2 new members. Timaki Johnson from Family Promise, and a corporate alternate for Underdog Cyber Defense, Shilkys Lopez.







We are thrilled to officially induct Timaki Johnson as the newest member of our Rotary club! Timaki has been a regular at our meetings for the past year, actively participating and contributing to our community service efforts.

As the Program Director at Family Promise, Timaki brings a wealth of experience and passion for helping those in need. We are excited to have Timaki's fresh perspectives and energy as part of our Rotary family. **Timaki** Johnson Executive Director Family Promise of the Poconos, Inc.



Rotarian Congratulations!

Our 3 prestigious awards given out at our Spring Fling were given to: Amy Leiser, Rotarian of the Year Leslie Underhill, Service Above Self Award Enid Logan received the Buzz Bensinger Award









Tunkhannock Rotary Paul Harris Awards and Rotary Donates to Patriot's Cove

Tunkhannock Rotary members visited Patriot's Cove in Noxen on Tuesday, August 13th for several presentations.

Rotarian Stacy Huber (U. S. Air Force veteran) presented Jeff Swire (U. S. Army veteran), the founder of Patriot's Cove, with Rotary's annual donation to the Cove.

Rotarian George Gay (U. S. Marines veteran) presented Jeff with a Paul Harris award for his devotion to Patriot's Cove. his dream that he began to turn into reality approximately 7 yrs ago.

Finally, fellow Rotarian Joe Peters (Wyoming County District Attorney) presented George Gay with a Paul Harris +8.



L to R: George & Trixie Gay, Stacy Huber presenting donation to Jeff Squire and Joe Peters.

Tunkhannock Rotary Foundation Received Grant from Wyoming County Community Health Foundation

At the Aug 22 Rotary Meeting at Sunny Pink Apple, the Tunkhannock Rotary Foundation was presented with a grant for \$2,500 from the Wyoming County Community Health Foundation (WCCHF) to support the community outreach efforts for the Drug Take Back and Narcan Distribution Programs.

The WCCHF identifies, selects and invests in programs and organizations that improve the health and wellness of people in the Wyoming County, PA area partially through its Grant Application Program.



Seated L to R: Rotary Past President Elaine Walker, Rotarian Carol Ziomek and WCCHF Executive Director Shealynn Shave. Standing L to R: Rotarian Brian Vnuk, WCCHF Board Member Kate Krispin, Rotarians Gina Suydam and Laura Charles, WCCHF Chairman Gary Tewksbury, Rotarians D.A. Joseph Peters and DTB Outreach Chair Terri Detrick.

Tunkhannock Rotary Received Grant For Festival

Tunkhannock Rotary has been the recent recipient of a \$4,000 grant from the Wyoming County Room Tax Fund and the Endless Mountains Visitors Bureau, which will partially fund advertising for the Oct 12, 2024 Harvest & Wine Festival at Lazybrook Park.

Preparations for Harvest & Wine Festival

Plans are well underway for the Saturday Oct 12 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 <u>www.tunkhannockrotary.org</u> 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, Keystone Caps 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 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, 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. Tickets can also be purchased at Eventbrite for the Sunshine Tent. The Sunshine Tent Ticket includes a guaranteed chair at a table (that seats 8) under a large tent. There are no other amenities. Sunshine Tent tickets start at \$40 but will be \$45 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.

Rotarians Volunteered at Triton Carnival and Wyoming County Fair

As part of honoring the Club's commitment to "Service Above Self", Tunkhannock Rotarians recently volunteered at 2 county wide events.

Tunkhannock Club members volunteered to help before and during the Triton Fire Company Carnival in Tunkhannock on July 30 through Aug 3. This is the major fundraiser for the fire department each year.



Rotarians making pizza boxes and Sandy Lane making pizza sauce for Triton Carnival

Club members also helped out at the Wyoming County Fair held Aug 28 through Sept 2 at the Wyoming County Fairgrounds in Meshoppen, PA.



Rotarians volunteering at Wyoming County Fair

Tunkhannock Sponsored Teams for the Kevin Kitchnefsky Golf Tournament

Rotary sponsored 2 teams for the Aug 18 Kevin Kitchnefsky Golf Tournament at Stone Hedge Golf Course in Tunkhannock. This event is a fundraiser for the Kevin Kitchnefsky Foundation for Spinal Cord Research which is actively working to raise awareness and funding for research toward a cure for paralysis. The teams were headed by Mary Tempest and Peter Sehne.



L to R: Mary Tempest, Sandy Flynn , Louise Adams and Shirley Fackler



L to R: Cris Barbacci, Peter Sehne, Robert Andrejko and Brian Hastings



Wyalusing Rotarians Host Disc Golf Clinic

On August 24th, the Wyalusing Area Rotary Club held a "Free Disc Golf Clinic" at the Community Park for anyone interested in learning how to play this entertaining game.

Approximately 20 people, from the ages of seven to 80, attended to learn the basic rules about disc golf, taught by Randi Nichols of Tunkhannock. Several people already knew a little about the game, but for most, this was a new experience.

Disc sets were provided for participants to use, and several people purchased their own that day. Some participants are planning get-togethers to play in the future, and there was even talk of a league. Another free clinic is planned for late September or early October.

Randi Nichols, who spreads the word throughout the region to all ages about the fun of disc golf, is shown offering some helpful tips at a free clinic in Wyalusing.



Sisters Keon and Emma Naugle, of Wyalusing, take aim during disc golf instruction at Wyalusing's Creekside Park on Aug. 24th.

