



Rotary

April 2024 Newsletter - District 7280



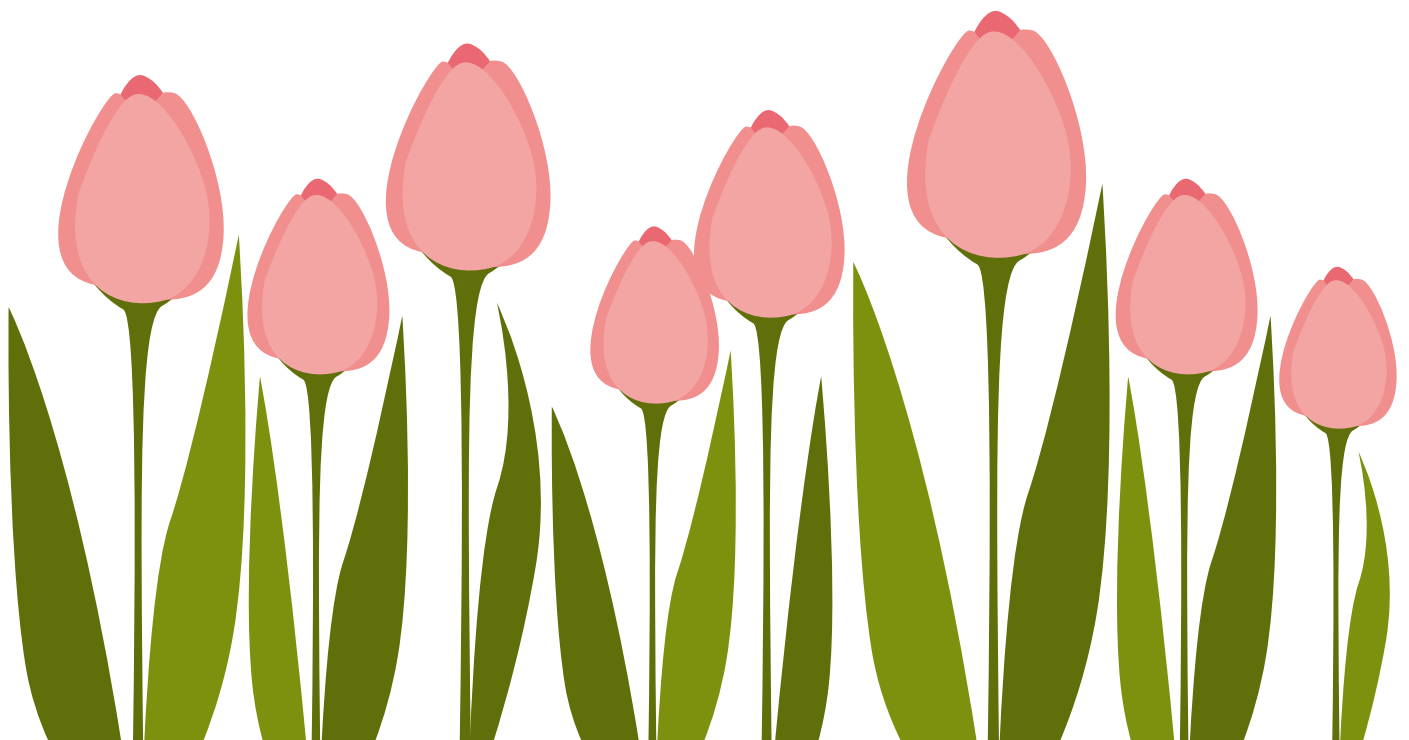
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A Message from your District Governor

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

As the month of March is ending and April spring weather brings new life, I want to encourage everyone to reach out to friends and business associates to join us in the fellowship of Rotary. We as Rotarians do so many great things in our community. Let's shout it from the rooftops! When people see the great things, we do in our community and the world we hope they will want to be a part of it.

Zach and I would love to see you at spring assembly on April 20th at the Wanago Country Club. Registration is up and running!

Registration will be up for District Conference it is so important to come and celebrate Rotary with us.

We are still looking for someone to set up for District Governor in the year of 2026-2027. We are here to help, and it is an experience you will cherish the rest of your life. Please contact me if you are interested.





A Message from your District Governor



Please finish your district award forms and get them to me as soon as you can.

I want to celebrate your accomplishments with you!

Thank you
Yours in Rotary,
John A Marshall
District Governor





DISTRICT GOVERNOR NOMINATIONS FOR 2026-2027

All District 7280 clubs are invited to submit District Governor nominations for the 2026-2027 Rotary. Information submitted shall be in the form of a resolution, adopted at a regular meeting of the club. The named candidate must be nominated and approved by a majority of the club members. The resolution shall be certified by the club secretary. A club may suggest a candidate who is a member of another club, so long as the suggesting club first obtains the concurrence of the candidates' club.

Candidates are required to have been a member in good standing for at least seven years and have served a full year as club president. The candidates must agree in writing to have their name submitted.

The club resolution and candidate acceptance letter need to be submitted together and mailed via US Mail to District Governor John Marshall, 4149 Glasgow Road, Valencia, PA 16059.

In accordance with the District and Rotary International By-Law, ONLY club-suggested candidates are eligible to challenge the Nominating Committee's Decision.



BINGO Fundraiser - Erie Rotary

ROTARY CLUB OF ERIE *BINGO Fundraiser*



SUNDAY APRIL 21st


Doors Open at Noon | Bingo Begins at 1 pm

\$30 per ticket | JPTF 3819 West 38th Street, Erie, PA

[HTTPS://WWW.ERIEROTARY.CLUB/](https://www.erieryotary.club/)

Join us for an afternoon of fun and games at our Bingo Event!
Proceeds will benefit Rotary Club of Erie Projects.

Date: Sunday, April 21st
Time: Doors Open at Noon , Bingo @ 1 pm
Location: JPTF -2319 West 38th Street Erie, PA

Rotary 
Erie Club #5136
District #7280

Scan Below To
Purchase Tickets:



- **BINGO**
- **AUCTIONS**
- **RAFFLES**
- **PRIZES**

**You're welcome to bring food and drink.
Invite friends and family for a fun afternoon!**



ShelterBox - District Newsletter

ShelterBox UKRAINE 2 YEARS ON

As we reflect on the two-year milestone of the ongoing conflict in Ukraine, we want to pause and express our heartfelt gratitude for the profound impact of your unwavering support.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WV1pMMLIZAw>

Because of your generosity, **we've supported more than 120,000 individuals** impacted by the war. Since February 2022, **we've completed six projects with five partner organizations**. From aiding internally displaced persons to extending our reach to refugees in Moldova, we've tailored our assistance to meet the unique needs of each community and ensure a deeply impactful and localized response.

Our aid packages have included everything from providing **tarps and repair kits** to fortify damaged homes against the elements to distributing **stoves and winter clothing** to shield families from the biting cold of harsh winters. Each item delivered is not just relief—it's a tangible manifestation of hope and resilience in the lives of those facing displacement.

As we continue to provide relief to those affected by the conflict, we extend our deepest gratitude to you, our generous supporters. Together, we are not just providing aid—we are delivering a place to call home and the promise of a brighter tomorrow to those enduring the hardships of crisis.



We would be happy to virtually or in-person present the latest from ShelterBox at your club meeting, or we can display a table or tent at your community events. Contact ambassadors David & Melanie Sturrock at dtsturrock@gmail.com, 724-991-4750.

Your club and your members can become ShelterBox Heroes at <https://www.shelterboxusa.org/>.



Food Drive - Rotary of Cranberry Twp | Sunrise



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Club of Cranberry Twp.-Sunrise



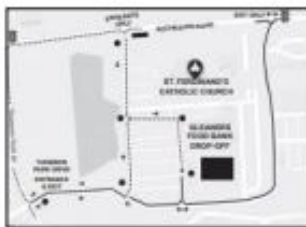
FOOD DRIVE



DRIVE-THRU FOOD DRIVE SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 10 AM - 1 PM

Please deliver non-perishable food items (or other items as listed below) in a bag or box to **Gleaner's Food Bank at 2523 Rochester Road in Cranberry Township.**

A volunteer will be there to unload your car. Or, if you have a food delivery service, please consider delivering from the convenience of your home!



ITEMS NEEDED:

Pasta Sauce, Peanut Butter, Cereal, Canned Meat & Vegetables, Paper Products, Tissues, Paper Towels, Toilet Tissue, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Personal Hygiene Products, Shampoo, Soap
(Gleaners Food Bank is not permitted to accept expired items.)



CASH DONATIONS ARE ALSO WELCOME!
Mail checks payable to: "Gleaners Food Bank"
Gleaners Food Bank, 2535 Rochester Rd., Cranberry Twp., PA 16066

*Our Rotary Club meets on Friday mornings
at the Marriott in Cranberry Woods at 7:30 AM!*

Join Us!

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Golf Classic - Rotary of Cranberry Twp | Sunrise

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Club of Cranberry Twp.-Sunrise



The Cranberry Township Sunrise Rotary
16th Annual Frank Petrone Golf Classic

2024 SUNRISE GOLF CLASSIC

Monday, June 17, 2024

Shannopin Country Club

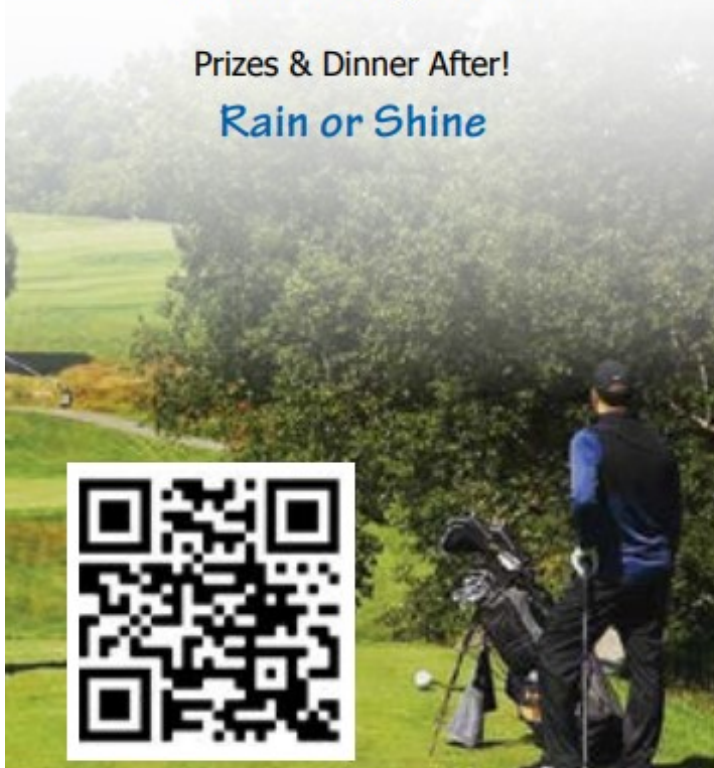
Ben Avon Heights, Pittsburgh

8:00 a.m. Registration

9:00 a.m. Shotgun Start

Prizes & Dinner After!

Rain or Shine



“Who We Are”

We’re your next door neighbor, the store or business manager or owner that you see every day. We are men and women of all ages and backgrounds that come together in our Cranberry Area with a common cause... to better our community and to help those around the world who need a helping hand.

The Cranberry Sunrise Rotary Club is one of the most active service clubs in Cranberry Township and is one of over 33,000 Rotary Clubs in more than 200 countries.

“What We Do”

Our Sunrise Rotary Club of over 40 members, are passionate about serving our community, our friends, our neighbors, visitors and guests of our wonderful community.

Our Community Service Projects include:

- VOICe
- Cranberry Community Playground
- Gleaners Local Food Bank
- Educational Scholarship Programs
- Dictionary Project and Distribution to ALL 3rd Graders in our Community
- And many, many more....

Internationally we are involved and instrumental in:

- Fighting for the worldwide eradication of Polio Providing clean Drinking Water to those in need
- Involvement in Caring Hearts to help those in Mexico who are in great need.
- World Education projects.
- and again... many, many more.

None of this is about us, but about what Rotarians stand for... *Service Above Self*

Join us in this opportunity to support and be part of our community activities today by being part of this amazing and enjoyable fundraiser.

Interested in being part of Cranberry Sunrise Rotary... see any of our Rotarians, or mention it at the registration table at this event.



Rich-Mar Sponsors 13 Students at World Affairs Conference - Rich-Mar Rotary



The Rich-Mar Rotary Club enabled 13 students and two chaperones from Pine-Richland and Mars High Schools to take part in the 53th Annual World Affairs Institutes for Youth Changemakers, held March 5 at the University of Pittsburgh. This year's by-youth, for-youth World Affairs Institute highlighted "Navigating Climate Intersections" - how climate change and its impacts affects all areas of daily life. Through interactive workshops, panel discussions, and performances, the students explored how to navigate our new climate reality and chart a path to a more secure and sustainable future for all. About 200 students (sponsored by 34 Rotary Clubs), and 125 adults (including at least 19 Rotarians) from western Pennsylvania took part.



Rich-Mar Sponsors 13 Students at World Affairs Conference - Rich-Mar Rotary (continued)



The opening remarks from Rotary were made by a high school Interact member who is the Interact District 7305 Governor. After several introductory sessions for all participants, the adults moved to separate sessions covering Global Climate Action, Public-Private Partnerships and the Green Economy, and Innovative Technical Solutions.

Rotary International is a long-time co-sponsor of this Institute, and members from many local Rotary clubs and Interact Clubs are involved. Our local students were very positive about the Institute and thanked Rich-Mar for making their attendance possible. We will have a report from some of the students at a future club meeting.



Rich-Mar Sponsors Water Wells in Vietnam and India - Rich-Mar Rotary

Private Viewing for Rotary Club Members Eyes Only. For Internal Use. Only due to safety concerns. Please do not forward or post this article to the Internet.

Andy Fraley, from the Ingomar Living Waters Ministry of the Ingomar United Methodist Church came to our meeting on March 6th and shared with us what they were able to accomplish with the support we gave them during the past two Rotary years - the drilling of two water wells, which are now providing clean safe drinking water to 2,000 people.

Well #1 is in Lang Vay Village, Vietnam



500 people live around Lang Vay Village, Vietnam. It is in the northernmost part of former South Vietnam, 10km from Laos. Water sources were a fishpond and a local creek. Both were polluted by runoff from surrounding cassava and pig farms. Detectable levels of pesticides were found in both the pond and creek. People suffered from skin rashes, digestive issues, liver problems, kidney stones. \$2,000 paid for a borehole well, submersible electric pump, tower and storage tanks.

Rich-Mar Sponsors Water Wells in Vietnam and India - Rich-Mar Rotary (continued)



Well #2 Is in Jagat Singh Wala Village, India



About 2,000 people live around Jagat Singh Wala Village, India. The previous water source was polluted and recently it has dried up during the dry season. The next village is 3km away, but distance and overcrowding causes people from Jagat Singh Wala to take chances with dirty water. Diarrhea, Dengue Fever, Cholera, and Skin Rashes were common among those who drank the dirty water. \$2,000 paid for a borehole well and an instant-on submersible electric pump. A local church has agreed to provide for maintenance of the new well.



Rich-Mar Sponsors Water Wells in Vietnam and India - Rich-Mar Rotary (continued)



BEFORE



AFTER



ADULTS AND CHILDREN ENJOYING THE CLEAN, SAFE DRINKING WATER.

Thank you Rich-Mar Rotarians for Making These Wells Possible. You are changing peoples' lives for the better.



Shred It - Rich-Mar Satellite Rotary



SHRED YOUR DOCUMENTS



Rotary

**Your local Rotarians are hosting a mobile shredding truck.
For Individuals and Businesses**

What:

Bring your old paper documents, such as bank statements, credit card statements, confidential reports, papers, newspapers, magazines, mail, photos, file folders and blueprints to be safely destroyed by Shred-it Document mobile shredder *without having to leave your vehicle*. No need to remove staples, paper clips, rubber bands or small binders. We can NOT shred plastics, batteries, fabrics, clothes, or metals.

When:

Saturday, May 4th

8:30am to 11:30am
Rain or Shine

Where:

Mars High School

520 PA-Rt. 228, Mars, PA 16046
Next to the Tennis Courts

Why:

Benefits the **Rich-Mar Rotary Satellite Club's** projects for the disadvantaged of Butler and Northern Allegheny counties and helps get rid of unwanted documents.

Cost:

Donations gratefully accepted! Your generosity is appreciated and will enable us to greatly impact those in need in our communities.

For more info on Shred-it Document Destruction, visit: www.shredit.com





Polio Update - World Health Organization



World Health Organization

Wild Polio Virus Summary:

The number of wild polio cases for 2024 as of Mar. 20, 2024 is 2. There were 2 in Pakistan.

The total number of wild polio cases for 2023 were 12. There were 6 in Pakistan and 6 in Afghanistan.

The total number of wild polio cases in 2022 were 30. There were 2 in Afghanistan, 20 in Pakistan, and 8 in Mozambique.

The total number of wild polio cases in 2021 were 6. There was 1 in Pakistan, 1 in Malawi, and 4 in Afghanistan.

The total number of wild polio cases in 2020 were 140. There were 84 in Pakistan and 56 in Afghanistan.



Human Trafficking Seminar - Portersville Prospect Rotary

WEDNESDAY
APRIL 17TH 6:30-7:30 PM

HUMAN TRAFFICKING: **YES, IT'S IN YOUR BACK YARD**



THE ASSERVO PROJECT



*A SEMINAR ON
MODERN-DAY SLAVERY*

**ROSE E. SCHNEIDER
FAMILY YMCA**

2001 EHRMAN RD.
CRANBERRY TWP., PA 16066
APRIL 17TH, 6:30-7:30 PM

For more information, please visit
theasservoproject.org or contact
blutz@theasservoproject.org

Learn what **HUMAN TRAFFICKING** is, where it is & what you can do.

Ask questions & learn from local experts

Appropriate for teens through adults

To Register



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(877-728-3994)



Annual Ethics Symposium - Erie Rotary

Rotary Club of Erie

March 2024



The See-Way



ETHICS SYMPOSIUM 2024

Thank You So Much



Rotary 

- 1 Is it the **TRUTH**?
- 2 Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- 3 Will it build **GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIP**?
- 4 Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

THE FOUR WAY TEST
OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY, DO





Annual Ethics Symposium - Erie Rotary (continued)

KUDOS to Karen Staab and the Ethics Symposium Committee. They did a fabulous job!! Our 13th annual Ethics Symposium was held Tuesday, March 5th at Mercyhurst University.

A record number of students (169) enjoyed the day and began thinking about ethical behavior. Students came from 14 Erie County schools, including Cathedral Prep, Collegiate, Corry, Erie County Technical School, Fairview, Ft. LeBoeuf, Girard, General McLane, Harbor Creek, Iroquois, McDowell, North East, Northwestern, and Seneca. This project was a lot of work over MANY months and Karen was a great leader. I cannot thank Karen and the committee enough. Please enjoy photos throughout this newsletter and on our website.



Soaring 20s Casino Night Fundraiser Update - Saxonburg Area Rotary

Soaring 20s Casino Night was the Bees Knees!

The Soaring 20s Casino Night, hosted by the Saxonburg Area Rotary Club (SARC), was held on Saturday, March 2, 2024, at the Butler Country Club in Butler, PA. Over 100 people attended the inaugural fete which raised over \$17,000, far exceeding the goal of \$10,000. Attendees were welcomed with 1920s themed décor and a swanky balloon display which was donated by LWP Balloon Creations, music by Rikki Woodling from Cabaret DJ and Karaoke who donated her services and is so excited about what SARC is doing in the community that she is joining the club. Once attendees noshed on some delicious food, they headed to the gaming tables courtesy of Elite Casino Events LLC. The tables were full of camaraderie and laughter whilst attendees learned to play and enjoyed their fake winnings. Throughout the evening people made good use of the Selfie Station where they could use props and capture their memories and text themselves the photos.

Funds were raised through sponsorships that covered the initial cost of the event, a 50/50 raffle, a basket raffle, silent auction, and the Gobsnacker raffle. The Gobsnacker was a secret raffle where attendees purchased tickets not knowing what the contents were, just that it was worth over \$800. Once revealed, the winner was awarded a personal SARC trolley crawl to Hotel Saxonburg, The Fieldhouse, and Hardwood Café.

The event was such a smashing success that everyone is already talking about next year. The committee is thankful for all the sponsors, donors, volunteers, and attendees that made the event a memorable experience. Members of the committee were Marla Klabnik (RIC), Cathy Wiltrout (RIC), Matt Klabnik, Phil Wain, Patti Durci, Jim Knapick, Judy Ferree, and the SARC board.



Pittsburgh Pirates Joe Klimchak - Cranberry Township Rotary | Sunrise

JOE KLIMCHAK

IN-GAME HOST, PITTSBURGH PIRATES

JOEKLIMCHAK.COM

Let's talk about CONNECTION.

I help unlock people's natural ability to powerfully persuade, move and inspire others.

"The inspiring and high-impact message that Joe presented at my team meeting helped me achieve my key objectives of keeping the meeting fresh and fun, while also driving important learning and advancing our communications skills. My team found his personal story fascinating and left with critical insights on how they can be better speakers."

Steve DeCaspers
Vice President, Marketing at Brightspeed

I believe public speaking is the great separator. You can spend years accumulating knowledge, building skills and raising your talent level but all of that takes you only so far if you can't communicate it.

I help people become more impactful, engaging and persuasive communicators in work and life by sharing hard lessons learned in my 30-year journey as a public speaker.

- Joe Klimchak

The **Cranberry Sunrise Rotary Club** will be hosting Joe Klimchak, In-Game Host for the Pittsburgh Pirates

Friday, April 26th / 7:30 am - 8:30 am

The Pittsburgh Marriott North, 100 Cranberry Woods Drive Cranberry Twp., PA 16066

For more information visit: cranberrytwpsunriserotary.org

Guests are welcome! We hope you can join us to meet Joe and hear his message!



Toast Seminar - Cranberry High Noon Toastmasters Club

TOASTMASTERS
INTERNATIONAL

Do you need to Communicate More Clearly?

The way you
communicate impacts
every part of your life
and career.

Join us at this one hour
seminar and learn
how to:

- ▶ *Raise a toast with panache.*
- ▶ *Write an intriguing speaker's introduction.*
- ▶ *Create a compelling elevator pitch.*

Monday, April 22, 2024
12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.

Meeting Location:

Hope Lutheran Church
8070 Rowan Road,
Cranberry Twp., PA 16066



This event is hosted by the **Cranberry High Noon Toastmasters Club**
RSVP to chntoast@gmail.com

<https://cranberryhighnoon.toastmastersclubs.org>

| toastmasters.org



Welcome to New Members - New Castle Rotary



Pictured left to right: Todd Fennick, Kimberly Cramer, Marianne Riehl, and Club President Heather Armstrong

The Rotary Club of New Castle welcomed four new members on Monday. They are corporate members – Todd Fennick of Fennick Financial Services; Kimberly Cramer of J. Bradley McGonigle Funeral Home; and Gregg Paladina of the New Castle School District. The fourth new member, Marianne Riehl, is an individual member.



Welcome to New Members - New Castle Rotary



Friday, May 3, 2024

Doors Open at 6:00PM

St. Michael's Church Hall, 432 Center Avenue, Butler

Fill your freezer with winnings!

Bring a cooler!

\$20.00/person

Ticket includes door prize drawing, light buffet, and mixers. BYOB.
Additional raffles for meat, grilling items, and more all evening.

sponsored by:

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Tickets available for purchase at butlerrotary.org

Proceeds benefit the Rotary
Butler Cultural District & Charities

Rotary
Club of Butler PM





Working with New Castle Public Library to Support Summer Reading - New Castle Rotary



Rotarians Renee Altman (auxiliary member), Diane Courey Jacob, Bruce Waldman, Gregg Paladina, and Kathy Graziani.

A \$3,000 grant from the Rotary Club of New Castle and Rotary District 7280, is being given to the New Castle Public Library in support of their New Castle READS project that will support early literacy by providing reading materials to children in kindergarten through second grade at the Harry W. Lockley Early Learning Center ("Lockley" Elementary School) in New Castle. The goal of the project is to promote literacy and the importance of it to students and their guardians alike.

The New Castle READS program is modeled after the New Castle Public Library's 2023 Wilmington READS program. The goal is to spark the students' interest in reading in their communities through active programming and literacy.



Working with New Castle Public Library to Support Summer Reading - New Castle Rotary (continued)



Rotarians Nick and Marianne Riehl, guest/President of Friends of the Library Ginny Pagliaro, Robert and Heather Armstrong, Paul Bucciarelli (auxiliary member), Bill Fitts, and Dale Perelman.

For this project, the Rotary Club will provide books for each student to keep. The grant funds grade-specific school assemblies on May 8, 2024 where storyteller Tim Hartman will hold interactive storytelling performances. Rotarians and teachers will help the students select their books following the assemblies.

Rotary Club members met at the Library on Monday to put labels in approximately 1,600 books that will be donated to students following the assemblies. Books were purchased through the grant and donated by Lifelong Learning Choices. For more information about the New Castle Rotary Club, please go to <https://www.newcastlerotary89.org/>.



Night at the Races - Allegany Rotary

NIGHT AT THE RACES

WHEN

APRIL 6, 2024

DOORS OPEN AT 5 PM

RACES BEGIN AT 6 PM

WHERE

VETERANS MEMORIAL

4743 PA-155 PORT ALLEGANY, PA 16743

**FEATURING · 11 HIGH-DEFINITION DVD HORSE RACES PROJECTED ON A
BIG SCREEN**

**\$2 BETS (WIN ONLY) FOR EACH RACE, GAMES OF CHANCE, 50/50, DOOR
PRIZES, LIGHT SNACKS, CASH BAR, AND FOOD FOR PURCHASE**

CONTACT: SUSAN FLINT 814-598-1942 OR SLBF04@GMAIL.COM



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ALLEGANY ROTARY
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ONLY 165 TICKETS**

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TICKETS**

\$15 PRE-SALE

\$20-RESERVED SEAT

AT THE DOOR

\$20

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CHRISTOPHER**

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888-244-0662**

Jason@makemoneywithraces.com

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OLDER TO ATTEND
NO OUTSIDE ALCOHOL IS
PERMITTED**