



Rotary

February 2024 Newsletter - District 7280

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A Message from your District Governor

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Now that the holidays are behind us, we are getting ready for our President Elect Training. Our AG's and our President Elects will be learning what they need to have a successful year. So please register as soon as possible. Every club is charged for this training so please send someone.

We had a very successful membership summit on the 27th of January. Everyone that attended from District 7305 and 7280 learned a lot about the new ways of creating innovative club and improving their club's membership.





A Message from your District Governor (continued)



Our fall workshop is April 20th, 2024. District Governor Elect, Zach Covington will be sending out a registration link. The fall workshop will be held at the Wanango Country Club. The address is 314 Chestnut Street Reno, PA 16343.

We are looking to have a great District Conference on May 17th, 18th and 19th. Details will be released this month. Please plan to attend.

We are looking for future leaders in the District. We need to nominate a candidate for District Governor Nominee designator. Rotarians who will be invested in becoming area governors. Please reach out to Zach Covington or myself.

**Yours in Rotary,
John A. Marshall
District Governor**



"Soaring 20's" Casino Night - Saxonburg Area Rotary

Saxonburg Area
Rotary
Club



SOARING 20's

Casino Night

BUTLER COUNTRY CLUB

310 COUNTRY CLUB ROAD - BUTLER, PA

50/50
DOOR PRIZES
BASKET RAFFLE
SILENT AUCTION



MARCH 2, 2024

6 pm - 9 pm

\$75* per person (21+)

<https://tinyurl.com/SARCevents>

**includes heavy apps, 2 drink tickets, and initial gaming voucher. More vouchers can be purchased at event.*

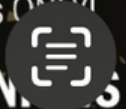
Sponsorship Opportunities Available

Email saxonburgrotary@gmail.com for more information

Entertainment by Cabaret Karaoke & DJ

Games provided by Elite Casino Events | Games are for Entertainment Purposes ONLY

PROCEEDS BENEFIT ROTARY PROJECTS IN OUR COMMUNITY





SOARING 20S SPONSOR LEVELS



★ FLY BOY - \$1500

- Two Tickets to the Event
- Business Name listed on Advertising
- Business Name & Logo listed in Event Program
- Spotlight on SARC Facebook Page



★ BEES KNEES - \$1000

- One Ticket to the Event
- Business Name listed on Advertising
- Business Name & Logo listed in Event Program
- Spotlight on SARC Facebook Page

★ RITZY - \$500

- Business Name listed on Advertising
- Business Name & Logo listed in Event Program
- Spotlight on SARC Facebook Page



★ SWANKY - \$250

- Business Name listed on Advertising
- Business Name listed in Event Program
- Spotlight on SARC Facebook Page



★ NIFTY - \$100

- Business Name listed in Event Program
- Spotlight on SARC Facebook Page



★ BROWNIE - \$750 (2)

- Business Name & Logo on a Custom Digital Photo Frame at the Event's Selfie Station (Two spots available)
- Spotlight on SARC Facebook Page

★ TABLE SPONSOR - \$650

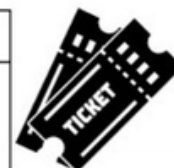
- Business Name and Logo featured at One of the Game Tables (7 spots available)
- Business name listed on advertising
- Spotlight on SARC Facebook Page



★ RAFFLE DONATION

Donation of an item for Silent Auction or a Basket for the Basket Raffle

- Business Name on Event Program
- Business Recognition during Raffle Drawing



Business Name :

Address :

City, State, Zip :

Contact Name :

Contact Phone :

Contact Email :

Sponsor Level - DEADLINE February 7, 2024

SARC is a 501 (c)(3) and will send charitable donation receipt to sponsors.

Fly Boy - \$1500

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Swanky - \$250

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Table - \$650

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Bees Knees - \$1000

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Nifty - \$100

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Basket for Raffle

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Ritzy - \$500

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Brownie - \$1000

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Other Amount

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**Return with check made out to SARC with
Sponsorship Level in the Memo | Attn: Marla | PO Box 411 | Saxonburg, PA 16056**





Interest in Attending Rotary International Singapore

**SHARING
HOPE
WITH THE
WORLD**

**SINGAPORE
25-29 MAY 2024**

#Rotary24



Anyone planning on going to the Rotary International Convention?

Let's tour Hanoi and see Halong Bay on an overnight cruise! Then fly to Bangkok for a city tour followed by the floating market, Bridge over the River Kwai and a train ride on Death Railway.

Next, fly to Phuket for a cooking class, a visit to Maya Bay and PhiPhi Island. On to Penang for a city tour, then a stop in Kuala Lumpur the capital of Malaysia and finally arriving in Singapore.

I am working with a travel agent to see the highlights of Asia prior to the Convention. Would anyone care to join me? Dee Martonik text 724-877-7300 or email: deemartonik@gmail.com



Interact Club - Grove City High School



Our local Interact Club at Grove City High School was started through an effort with the Keystone International Rotary Club and Grove City Rotary Club. The high school sponsor is Foreign Language Teacher Karyn Senita.

Interact has been very busy this year. They sponsored a Christmas event with student council to gather donated food items for the local food pantry. The event included holiday refreshments for everyone, and entertainment by two bands. The bands performing consisted of both students and teachers. Entry to the event was either a food or monetary donation. The evening was a whole lot of fun, and very successful for the food pantry.

Interact Club - Grove City High School (continued)



The Interact Club is also sponsoring multiple blood drives at the high school this year, and they will be open to the public. The next one will be at Grove City High School on April 12. Please email Levato4@gmail.com if you would like to register to donate.



Rotary Youth Exchange Program - Marcela Beverari



My name is Marcela Beverari; I am a 17-year-old girl from São Paulo, Brazil. I'm currently spending a year as a Rotary Youth Exchange student in Franklin, PA. This is my fifth month in the U.S and I am very happy to be here. Being an exchange student completely changed my life. Every day I learn a little more about how to enjoy my own company, but I am also learning how to make connections with new people. I love living here and it is such a pleasure to share my culture with my new friends, teachers, and community!



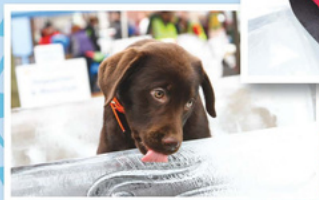
8th Annual Carved in Ice - Butler AM Rotary



Butler AM Rotary and Diehl Toyota Butler

Present the 8th Annual **2024** **CARVED IN ICE**

Diamond Park & Main Street in Butler



"Lights on the Ice"

Friday Feb. 9 • 5PM-8PM

- **LIGHTS** - on the ice will make it a festive night.
- **CAMERA** - and phone pictures can capture the sights.
- **ACTION** - watch as carvers create amazing art out of ice.
- **ENJOY** - adult beverages, food vendors and entertainment.

"Family Fun Day"

Saturday Feb. 10 • 11AM-4PM

NEW! Carved in Icing Sweets Competition

- Live Carving of Ice Sculptures
- 50/50 Raffle
- Kids Activities at Holly Pointe Bldg. (200 S. Main)
- Music, Entertainment, Adult Beverages, and Food Trucks
- Chili Cook-Off, Carved in Icing Sweets Competition, and Basket Raffle in Art Center - Chili and Sweets contests each run 11AM-2PM
- Hot Dog Eating Contest starts at noon in Sons of Italy

Businesses & Organizations

Businesses & Organizations can still purchase or share ice blocks or make a donation. Visit butleramrotary.com or call 724-991-2212.

8X Annual Event Sponsor



2024 Friday Night Sponsor



Proceeds support the Butler AM Rotary Charities Annual Giving Fund!

Visit butleramrotary.com or call **724-991-2212** for more information.



Police Appreciation Luncheon - Rich-Mar Rotary

On January 18th Rich-Mar hosted representatives from three of our local police departments in order to express our appreciation to them work the work that they do. Rich-Mar's Foundation Chairman, Jim Long (a retired police chief) introduced the officers pictured below from left to right:



From Northern Regional Police Department: Chief John Sicilia and Captain Brian DeWick | From Butler County: Sheriff: Mike Slupe | From Adams Township Police Department: Assistant Chief Robert Scanlon and Chief Shawn Anglum

After enjoying a delicious meal of roast pork, potatoes, vegetables, soup, salad dessert and drinks, the officers shared a little about their personal histories, and also updated us on some of the issues facing police departments today, including recruiting and retention issues, policing in the schools, and increasing criminal activity. It was a very informative meeting.

Thank you to these dedicated professionals for their service to our communities.



Rich-Mar/SBCA Mixer - Rich-Mar Rotary

On Thursday January 18, we had a great social/mixer with the new Southern Butler County Business Association (SBCBA) at the Richland Township Municipal Building. Representatives from Richland Township administration and the board of supervisors (including our District Governor John Marshall) were also present, as both of our organizations see opportunities to assist the township and its businesses.

In addition to great food, drink and socialization, both Rich-Mar Club and SBCBA spoke to their mission and how they are carrying it out. It increased our public image and enlightened many on our organizational virtues and potential. We look forward to continued collaboration with SBCBA.



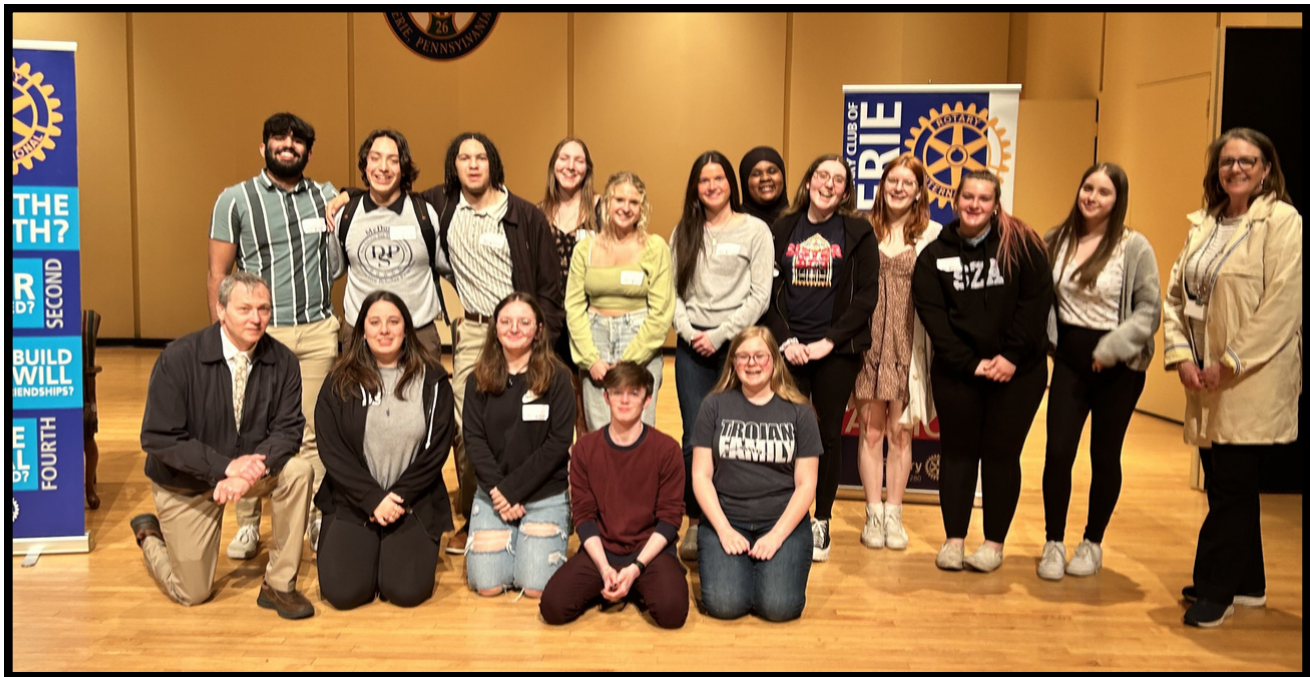


Welcome Corporate Members - New Castle Rotary

In December we welcomed two new Corporate Members - New Castle Public Library represented by Chris Potter and Forward Lawrence represented by Diane Richardson. Pictured left to right, Diane Richardson, Club President Heather Armstrong, and Chris Potter.



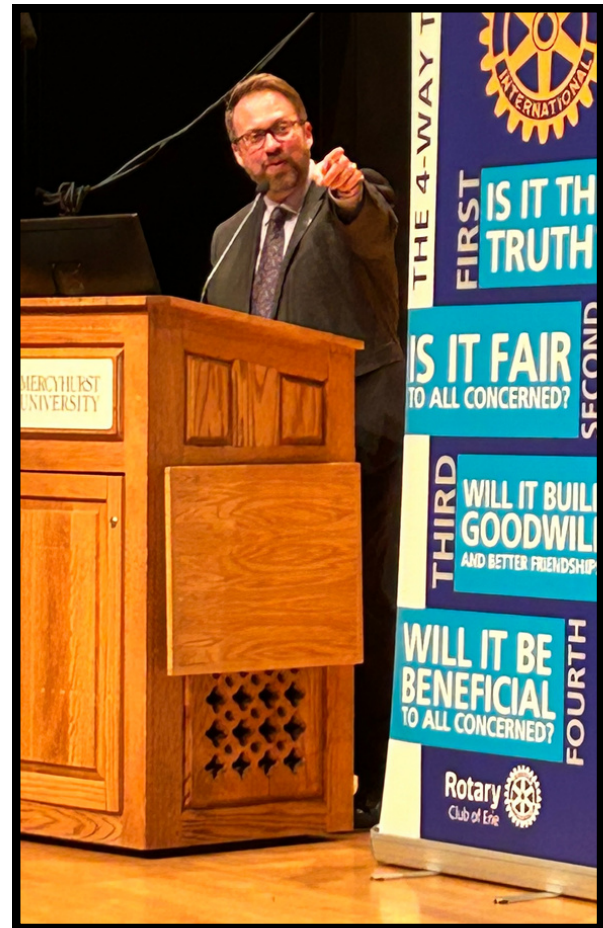
Ethics Symposium - Erie Rotary



The Ethics Symposium is the Rotary Club of Erie's signature event each year and the 2024 symposium is just around the corner! The Thirteenth Annual Ethics Symposium will be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at Mercyhurst University. The event is open to high school juniors from all Erie County high schools. The Rotary Club encourages a diverse population from each student body to attend and we believe there will be a far-reaching impact on the life of each school's student body as the students return from the symposium to their home districts. This event is provided at no cost to the students; the participating school districts are responsible only for transportation expenses for the day. Faculty and staff accompanying the students are able to earn Act 48 credits for their participation in specially designed sessions to address their interests and needs.



Ethics Symposium - Erie Rotary (continued)



This learning experience is meaningful to all who participate, from the participating students and the school staff and faculty who accompany them, to the Mercyhurst staff and Rotary Club members who coordinate and provide instruction for the day. Each year, we meet a unique group of young people who care deeply about the world they live in and seek to contribute positively to that world.



Opioid Crisis Education - Hermitage Rotary



Hermitage Rotarians promote Opioid awareness at the Shenango Valley Library, Sharon, PA. Pictured Left to Right: Rotarians Jen Rogers and Michelle Bower, Shenango Valley Library employees Stephanie Messina and Gabrielle Lucas, Rotarians Barbara Hawkins and Joel Ristvey.

As reported in the January Rotary Magazine, the opioid crisis is everywhere. Starting in July of 2023, the Hermitage Rotary Club kicked off a media campaign geared at educating the community on the dangers of opioids, fentanyl, and ways to seek help.

The media campaign consists of:

- Radio advertisements on 6 different stations
- Social Media and Geo Fencing advertising
- Display Banners
- Outdoor Banners
- Educational Resources donated to the Shenango Valley Library (Books for all age groups)
- Mailers- Mailers depicting that just One Pill Can Kill with a reference guide of all the county resources for help.



Opioid Crisis Education - Hermitage Rotary (continued)

Future plans for the 2024 media campaign include utilizing YouTube channels, distributing materials to and within local businesses, and more. Overall, 2023 Mercer County deaths related to opioids had decreased from 2022. We are People of Action Making a Difference!

Check out the following YouTube links for powerful messages:

- "Know the Dangers" https://youtu.be/zu_WtBrmScs?si=m702arabSWnfibhJ
- "Be Your Own Advocate" <https://youtu.be/Z-hBTE9RW6Y?si=6UFuMxJbd8BvZe9B>



KSC: Impacting Women and Children Supports Female Veterans - Keystone Satellite Club



The Keystone Satellite Club is thrilled to support Robin's Home located in Butler, PA with a donation of \$800.00. Robin's Home provides a full continuum of care for homeless, unstably housed and low-income female veterans and their children.

Robin's Home serves women veterans in 7 counties: Allegheny, Armstrong, Butler, Clarion, Erie, Lawrence & Mercer.

Mary Chitwood, Executive Director, pictured here, is a veteran herself and felt led to provide help to this overlooked veteran population. Our club will continue to volunteer with and support the efforts of Robin's Home



World Affairs Council - Zelienople Rotary

There will be a World Affairs Council for students and adults on Tuesday, March 5th. I have reached out to Seneca Valley, and although they do not have a current faculty member who sponsors the event and chaperones the student, they will give an excused absence to students who want to attend the program.

I have one student at Seneca who is interested. I would like to get permission from my club to commit to sponsoring at least one student, if not 2.

If the Cranberry Clubs could discuss their willingness/ ability to sponsor, I can reach back out to the Gifted program teacher to see if there are any other interested students.

I will offer to drive up to 4 students, since I would also be interested in attending. I believe we will need parental permission to transport them. The information about this year's topics is in the links below.

March 5th | 8AM-3PM - World Affairs Institute

Register Here:

[World Affairs Institute](#)



The Frost Bite Open - Cranberry Twp Sunrise Rotary

1st Annual FROSTBITE OPEN



The Frost Bite Open is a fun family and business friendly event. We have 36 Miniature Golf Holes, Corn Hole Challenge, Hockey Stick Putting Contest, Fire Pit, and Food. Come for an hour or spend the whole afternoon. Support a good cause while having a blast!

DATE: February 19, 2024

TIME: 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

LOCATION: Discovery Christian Church (formerly Lightning Bug)
170 Scharberry Lane Mars, PA 16046

COST: \$10.00 for 18 holes of putt-putt golf

Register using the QR code or at cranberrytwpsunriserotary.org

Sponsorship and team opportunities are available



The focus for the Frostbite Open this year is on mental wellness and the Seneca Valley School District Hope Squad. The Hope Squad is a new peer help program for students that are dealing with the pressures of school and growing up in today's culture. The Hope Squad provides support to students that are dealing with stress, anxiety, depression and even potential suicidal thoughts.

The Rotary Club of Cranberry Township - Sunrise
Welcomes you to the 1st Annual Frostbite Open

Rotary 
Cranberry Township - Sunrise



RYLA Conference - June 2024



IT IS RYLA TIME, AGAIN!

When the snow is on the ground and frigid temperatures abound-- it is time to start thinking about the warm, June RYLA Conference.

This year it will be from June 9th to 14th at Westminster College. The forms have gone out to all the club Presidents and club RYLA reps.

The key dates are March 17th for submitting your Commitment forms and April 12th for submitting your student registration forms. We need this information in a timely manner so that we can finalize our reservations with Westminster, but if you need a short extension of time - or have any questions - contact committee chair, Chuck Berry (cdberry13@gmail.com, 724-272-4020) or club secretary, Sara Campbell (saracampbell422@gmail.com).



Bowl for Kids - Butler County Family YMCA Annual Support Campaign



BUTLER COUNTY FAMILY YMCA BOWL FOR THE KIDS SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

All proceeds from our 2024 Bowl for the Kids event will benefit our Annual Support Campaign, which helps provide YMCA memberships and programs to children, families, and seniors in need. The Y is the leading nonprofit committed to strengthening community by connecting all people to their potential, purpose, and each other.

BENEFITS	PREMIER \$2,500	STRIKE \$1,500	SPARE \$500	PIN \$200
Title Sponsorship: Company name on all print and press releases				
No join fee & 25% off monthly membership dues for you and your employees/coworkers				
Six (6) people bowl for FREE (Team at event)				
Company name and logo on all digital media, including YMCA digital signage				
Private Party for 40 at Family Bowlaway, arranged by Family Bowlaway Fun Center				
Company name on event website				
Event program recognition	Full Page Ad	Name & Logo	Name Listed	Name Listed
Verbal recognition at the event				
Banner at event	5 x 3	5 x 3	5 x 3	2 x 3



BUTLER COUNTY FAMILY YMCA

Application for Sponsorship Opportunities

Bowl for the Kids

March 3, 2024

CONTACT INFORMATION (Please print)

Company Name: _____

Contact Person: _____ Title: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, & Zip: _____ Website: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

SPONSORSHIP

- ☐ Premier Sponsor \$2,500
- ☐ Strike Sponsor \$1,500
- ☐ Spare Sponsor \$500
- ☐ Pin Sponsor \$200
- ☐ Other _____

**Total amount
enclosed:**

\$

PAYMENT METHOD

- ☐ **Credit Card** : (choose type) ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express ☐ Discover

Card #:	Exp. Date:
Cardholder Name:	Security code: (3 or 4 digit)
Card billing address: _____	
Authorization Signature: _____	

- ☐ Check: Make payable to **BUTLER COUNTY FAMILY YMCA**

Mail completed application (and check, if applicable) to: Christina Dreher
Butler County Family YMCA
339 N. Washington Street
Butler, PA 16001

For more information, contact Christina at cdreher@bcfymca.org or 724-287-4733 x131

BUTLER YMCA
339 N. Washington Street
Butler, PA 16001

ROSE E. SCHNEIDER FAMILY YMCA
2001 Ehrman Road
Cranberry Township, PA 16066

ARMCO PARK
341 Centreville Pike
Slippery Rock, PA 16057



ShelterBox Update - District 7280 Ambassadors



Our vision: a world where no family is without shelter after a disaster.

Happy New Year from ShelterBox and your District 7280 Ambassadors.

With the New Year comes NEWS from ShelterBox ... new countries helped, new types of aid materials, long-term aid and more. We want to share this news with your club and give you up-to-date information on the ShelterBox focus for 2024 and our goals for the future.

We are excited to visit your club, maybe for the first time, or reconnect with our long-time supporters. We are scheduling club presentations now for 2024. Contact us with a few open dates and we will schedule a visit. In-person and virtual presentations are available.

Sincerely,
Melanie and Dave Sturrock
ShelterBox Ambassadors
Melanie.Sturrock@gmail.com





ShelterBox Update - District 7280 Ambassadors (continued)

With your help ShelterBoxUSA helped more families than ever in 2023.

Here is a short video by ShelterBox USA President Kerri Murry on-site in Morocco describing some of our very recent efforts helping people recover from the earthquakes there.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9BrwgRApJQM>

As we usher in the new year, we're filled with gratitude for the incredible impact your generosity has enabled over the past twelve months.

Your unwavering support has been the driving force behind every deployment. You are at the heart of every shelter constructed for a displaced family in 2023.

From earthquakes in Türkiye and Syria to Morocco, flooding in Libya and Pakistan, and conflict situations in Ethiopia, Chad, Ukraine, and Cameroon, **your contributions have made a difference in the lives of over 250,000 people.**

As we reflect on the milestones we've reached together, we want to express our heartfelt thanks for being an essential part of our mission. **Your generosity has kickstarted the recovery for tens of thousands of families made homeless by disaster or conflict situations. You created a ripple effect of positive change that will impact lives for years to come.**

GIVE SHELTERBOX



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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\$15 PRE-SALE

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AT THE DOOR

\$20

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CHRISTOPHER

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1935 WARRENDALE BAYNE RD

BADEN, PA 15005

888-244-0662

Jason@makemoneywithraces.com

SGC#07296

MUST BE 21 YEARS OLD OR

OLDER TO ATTEND

**NO OUTSIDE ALCOHOL IS
PERMITTED**



Purse Bingo - Smethport Rotary

SMETHPORT ROTARY PURSE BINGO

Sunday, February 18, 2024 @ 2:00 PM

Doors open at 12:30PM

Cost \$30

Court of Angels

505 W. Main St.

Smethport, PA 16749

E-Mail Troy Herzog

troyherzog@hotmail.com