



# The Gasser

Murrysville - Export Rotary Club Newsletter



Week of October 4, 2021

Community Economic Development Month

District 7305, Club 5241

We had a fun evening at Helltown last week. I would've posted photos but Facebook is down so I can't access them! You'll just have to take my word for it! We had some delicious snacks brought by members, including a hot chili, sausage rolls, pepper jelly cream cheese, and spinach dips!



Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Our club partnered with Cam Kovach's bookstore "Completely Booked" for a fundraiser to support the FR Backpacks-to-Go Program, which you all know well.

If you want to get an early start on shopping for Christmas, please come to the Book Fair at "Completely Booked" in the Blue Spruce Plaza on October 15, 16, and 17 and buy your book gifts for friends and family. By doing so, you ensure that our backpack kids will get presents for Christmas too, putting a smile on our most vulnerable students. "Completely Booked" will donate part of the proceeds to our backpack program.

Please find enclosed our flyer, send it to friends and put it on Facebook for your friends to see. We need to distribute it through social media as much as possible. Also, next week, the school will electronically send out this flyer. Thank you for helping our backpack program.

Backpack Committee



**THE FOUR WAY TEST**

**OF ALL THE THINGS WE THINK,  
SAY, AND DO:**

1. **Is it the TRUTH?**
2. **Is it FAIR to all concerned?**
3. **Will it build GOODWILL and better friendship?**
4. **Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?**

**2021-22 Officers**

Ellen Cruse: President  
 John Hartman: Past President  
 Lane Neff: Secretary  
 Ann Pauly: Treasurer  
 Dennis Gounley: Club Service  
 Christa Rankenhohn: Community Service  
 Gene Ciafre: Vocational Service  
 Pat Shaffer: International Service  
 Jim Walko: PDG Advisor  
 Luke Stephens: Member at Large

**Committees**

Foundation, Pat Shaffer  
 Scholarship, Tameka King-Buchak  
 Miracle Field Pavers, Tony Pauly  
 Membership: Jim Olszewski  
 International: Jamie Piraino

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**2020-2021 Active Members**

Melissa Bartolomeo  
 Dave Beatty  
 Gene Ciafre  
 Jennifer Claydon  
 Tyler Cox  
 Ellen Cruse  
 Tracey Dorsch  
 Traci Eshelman  
 Andrew Ferri

Gene Gamble  
 Dennis Gounley  
 Theresa Gutierrez  
 Brian Hart  
 John Hartman  
 Tameka King-Buchak  
 Camille Kovach  
 Lucas Kowalski  
 Eloise Milligan

Bob Neff  
 Lane Neff  
 Nickaleen Neff  
 Jim Olszewski  
 Noreen Olszewski  
 Ann Pauly  
 Tony Pauly  
 Jamie Piraino  
 Latisha Perry

Christa Rankenhohn  
 Karl Schweisthal  
 Pat Shaffer  
 Ashok Shetty  
 Mike Silvert  
 Luke Stephens  
 Jim Walko  
 Ruth Wepfer

# Looking Ahead

- October 6:** 6:30pm at the Lamplighter –  
DG Vince Costa visit – with Penn Hills Rotary
- October 13:** Noon at Brushes & Beans
- October 20:** 6:30pm at the Lamplighter –  
Douglas Harbach – PA Gaming Control Board
- October 27:** Noon via Zoom – Club Assembly
- October 30:** “Trick or Treat on the Trail”
- November 3:** Bonfire night at the Lamplighter
- November 10:** Noon at the Lamplighter –  
Pastor Dan
- November 17:** 6:30pm at the Lamplighter –  
Thanksgiving social
- November 24:** No meeting – Thanksgiving
- December 1:** 6:30pm at the Lamplighter –  
Jennifer Claydon – job talk
- December 8:** Noon at the Lamplighter
- December 15:** Christmas Social at the Lamplighter
- December 22:** No meeting
- December 29:** No meeting



The Murrysville-Export Rotary Club hands over food gift cards in the amount of US \$ 2,500.00 to the FR Primary School Principal and counselors for the FR Backpacks-to-Go Program. Proud to support this worthy cause.



## Rotary to offer new type of scholarship.

Recently, high school students at graduation are not only handed their High School Diploma, but also a two-year associate degree from an accredited community college. This is happening more and more as students start early, taking on-line or in-person college courses.

Many students see the advantage in time and money getting a jump start on college, relieving the financial strain put on families with college tuitions. Most courses transfer and are accepted by most colleges and universities.

The Murrysville-Export Rotary is offering scholarships based on this premise. Twenty scholarships for three credit courses are being offered for the fall term at Westmoreland County Community College. Students may apply with an on-line application at [Murrysville-Export Rotary Scholarship](#) or by visiting the guidance counselors at Franklin Regional High School. All high school students, freshmen through seniors, may apply.