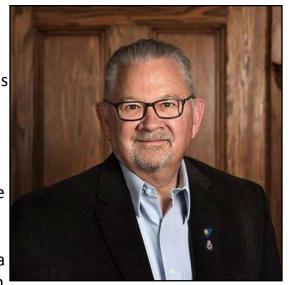


Message from the District Governor Craig Devenport

What ONE can do.

Membership skyrockets and membership plunges. It has been that way since the creation of Rotary. While the focus seems to always be focused on getting new members, the light bulb has finally gone off and many are now realizing that keeping members is just as important. Go figure!

ONE can make a difference. Specifically, ONE more service project might make a world of difference. How? Keep it simple. Have your die hard volunteers invite at least one new member or someone who has not paid their dues in a while. Invite at least one member of the community. Plan



it at least 6-8 weeks in advance so no one's schedule is tied up yet. Contact local chamber of commerce or churches- they always have something going on.

If each of our 42 clubs were able to do this, I am convinced that not only would we have fewer resignations, but would likely pick up a few new members as well.

The bottom line magic number for district membership is 1100 members. We have been instructed by Rotary International that we have to develop a plan to get our number up above the 1100. Additionally that if we cannot accomplish this within the next year or so we have to develop a plan to merge with another district.

Please consider adding one more service projects to your goals both for the rest of this year and into the next.

President Elect Training Seminar Registration Information

March 23-25, 2023
Hanover Marriott, Whippany, NJ

Hello Presidents Elects,

Your year is getting closer! First things first, if you are not signed up for mandatory PETS (President Elect Training Seminar) what are you waiting for?

Click Here for PETS information
Click Here to Register
Click Here for Hotel Information

The hotel rooms are filling up fast. We are going to have a fantastic time! We will be accompanied by District 7410's PDG's, Area Governors, District Membership Chair, Facilitators, and more.

The speakers, the food, the friendships and the training will be an amazing event to prepare you for a fantastic Presidency! Be sure to sign into Rotary.org and complete your Learning center classes for PE's, basic and Intermediate, before attending PETS.

Sign up for Grants training in March. We will have a short social after training to get to know one another better. We can also answer any last-minute questions before PETS.

See you all in New Jersey!

Yours in Service, Samantha Maruzzelli OGE



Rotary Leadership Institute



What is RLI?

Rotary Leadership Institute(RLI) is a grassroots coalition of Rotary districts implementing a leadership development program for "potential" leaders in Rotary. While it is an unofficial program of Rotary International, it has substantial support of a number of past Rotary International Presidents and current, past and incoming R.I. Directors.

When is RLI in District 7410?

RLI will be held on April 15th, 2023. Registration begins 8:00am. Sessions for Leadership I, II, III and Graduate will begin at 9:00am. There will be a lunch break at noon and the sessions will resume at 1:00PM and wrap up around 3:30. The event will be held at:

Holiday Inn East Mountain Inn 600 Wildflower Drive Wilkes Barre, PA 18702

If you wish to come the night before, rooms will be available at the East Mountain Inn at a discounted rate of \$109.00 per night, single or double occupancy. Rooms must be reserved by March 15th, 2023 to guarantee the reduced room rate. Rooms can be reserved by calling East Mountain Inn directly at 570-822-1011.

What is the cost for RLI?

Cost for RLI will be only \$125. Cost includes breakfast, lunch, and all your materials for the day.

How do I register for RLI?

Log on to <u>rlinea.org</u> and register under the upcoming classes tab for the April 15, 2023 District 7410 and begin registration.

QUESTIONS

Contact site chairs

JK Karavis 570-574-4246 or jkkaravis@comcast.net
Shelly Karavis 570-466-6468 or sheltwin16@aol.com
Hector Ortiz - richie1166@msn.com





District Dance Mix, Mingle, and Imagine the Possibilities!

Tickets go on sale February 1st!

CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE TICKETS!

Don't forget to book your discounted room at the Shadowbrook Resort! Call (800) 955-0295 and state you are with Rotary District 7410

"What a great time we had at the annual Rotary fund raiser dance.
The DJ was great and it was nice to get to meet the exchange students. Can't wait to go again." - Alyce Hunsinger





"It was such a wonderful time at the Rotary Dance. Being with everyone and dancing all night was so much fun! I so plan on going again this year!" - Debbie Montross



District Grants

Any Club expecting to submit a District Grant proposal for 2023-2024 must complete annual GRANTS MANAGEMENT TRAINING.

This training is provided by the District to certify Clubs to meet the Rotary Foundation's requirements for District Designated Funds (DDF).

The training also certifies the District to be able to administer local grants. This process ensures The Rotary Foundation maintains its financial transparency and anchors its 4-star rating with Charity Navigator.

	Dates and Time	
March 4, 2023	Tri-County Insurance Agency 5513 SR6, Tunkhannock, PA 18657	10AM
March 8, 2023	Hilton Inn 100 Adams Ave., Scranton, PA 18503	6PM
March 11, 2023	Sand Springs Country Club 10 Clubhouse Rd., Drums, PA 18222	10AM

District Committee Needs

The district has some positions that need to be filled with Rotarians throughout the District.

Are you interested in working with the Youth in the District? If so consider one of the following:

Youth Service Chair Rotaract Chair Interact Chair Youth Protection Officer

Are you interested in the Foundation Committee? Consider one of the following: Annual Fund & Fundraising Chair Polio Plus Chair

We also need: Alumni Chair Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Chair

Also a few years ago we combined Area 5 into Area 4 and 7. It would be great to get an Assistant Governor for Area 4.

The district also needs to build a strong membership committee so if you are interested in being a part of that committee please reach out. If you don't feel you could be a committee chair but are still interested in serving on a committee or know someone that would be interested please don't hesitate to reach out to me or DG Craig, DGE Samantha or DGN Bill.

If you have any questions on any of these committee, please don't hesitate to ask me? Also, just because the committee's above are what is needed don't hesitate to ask about any committee's within the district. The district is here to support the clubs and that can not be done with out members of the clubs on these committees.

PDG Mary Ellen (570) 499-8901 mebrotary@echoes.net



Ukraine Relief Update International Service Committee

The following is a note received recently with photos and video of the continuing efforts in Ukraine, led by the Warsaw City Poland Rotary Club. Our District Conference in November included a presentation from Poland on this effort. Our district clubs have been supporting this steady state effort since the spring of 2022.

Recently we established a protocol for transferring donated funds via international wire transfer, by way of our District 7410 Treasurer. Since then, \$4,050 has been donated by five different District Clubs, individual Rotarians, and non-Rotarians. We expect to continue this effort in the long term.

We continue our efforts to help Ukraine and trying to support different initiatives however it is more and more difficult to raise money.

We received films and photos from Cherson region (Ukraine) showing distribution of water filters we co-founded.

We are in daily contact with Paolo Caccamo from RC Milano Nord (Italy) and Oxana from RC Zaporozhie (Ukriane) trying to make all formal procedures necessary for Global Grant.

You may imagine how difficult it is from city being shelled and many hours no internet available.

Next week I am organizing Charity ball in my city also to raise funds for Ukraine. Will report you effects and send some photos.

Andrzej has made film presenting our Club activities. Hopefully we will make also English version of this film soon.

Thank you for all support we have from your club and district.

Yours in Rotary Mietek





Ukraine Relief Do You Want To Help?

Rotary has been collaborating with our partners and other organizations to meet humanitarian needs in and around Ukraine. Clubs have been providing food, water, medical equipment, and other supplies.

What people who have fled their homes need most is safety — and Rotary members have been instrumental in finding them shelter. But people still need help.

Rotary and Welcome. US are working together to support displaced Ukrainians.

Sponsor a Ukrainian Family today!





Road Scholar Transport Project Paul Harris Fellow Presentation

Road Scholar Transport's James Barrett Recognized as Rotary International Paul Harris Fellow

January 24, 2023 Dunmore, PA: The office of James Barrett, President of Road Scholar Transport was the site of a pinning presentation recognizing Mr. Barrett as a Rotary International Paul Harris Fellow. The Paul Harris Fellow award is the Rotary International Foundation's way of expressing its appreciation for a substantial contribution to its humanitarian and educational programs.

It is named for Paul Harris, a Chicago lawyer who started Rotary International with three business associates in 1905. Rotary established the recognition in 1957 to encourage and show appreciation for substantial contributions to Rotary International. Rotarians often designate a Paul Harris Fellow as a tribute to a person (s) whose life demonstrates a shared purpose with the objectives of the Rotary Foundation.

Rotary District 7410 nominated Mr. Barrett for this prestigious honor in recognition of his donating the use of one of his company's commercial on the road tractor trailer for the placement of a vehicle wrap highlighting the "End Polio Now" campaign, that Rotary International has pursued for over 40 years. This vehicle is now traveling up and down the east coast of the United States on a daily basis, serving a public service as an image to "End Polio Now."

This ceremony culminated a three-year effort involving dozens of volunteers from throughout the 11 counties of Rotary District 7410. Presenting the Paul Harris Fellow pin and certificate that day were Past District Governor Mary Ellen Bentler; Assistant District Governor Patricia Mazzei, Rotarian Brian Vnuk, owner of Brand Graphics Solutions, and Rotary District 7410 International Service Chair, David Palmer. A world of goodwill and better understanding comes closer to reality today because of the compassion of Mr. James Barrett and Road Scholar Transport.

Mr. Barrett joins a remarkable company of people throughout the world, all recognized for their commitment to "Service Above Self" to benefit local and international communities.







Left to right- James Barrett, Patricia Mazzei, David Palmer, Brian Vnuk





RYLA

It's that time of year again – time to start thinking about RYLA 2023! This will be the 11th year Rotary District 7410 will host this wonderful leadership program for our area youth.

What is RYLA? RYLA is an acronym for Rotary Youth Leadership Awards and is a highly-curated program that provides leadership training to our area young people. From ice-breakers and team-building activities to motivational speakers and hands-on workshops, RYLA offers the opportunity to connect with peers while learning valuable leadership lessons. The schedule is full of activities that engage the conferees physically, mentally, and emotionally to strengthen their relationship skills, build their confidence, and give them the tools they need to be leaders.

RYLA is open to NEPA students who recently completed 10th grade. A local Rotary Club must sponsor students and there are only 80 spots open each summer. This year, RYLA will be held at Keystone College from Sunday, June 25 through Thursday, June 29, 2023. The cost to send a student is \$375.00 per person. Certainly, a deal for a 5-day leadership camp!

The application will be available online. Applications are open, and the link can be found on the website: tinyurl.com/RYLA2023APP. Click on the "What We Do" tab on the homepage to find the application for RYLA 2023. Please download the five documents for the information and the link to the application.

The true strength of the RYLA program is that it's for students, by students. Every RYLA attendee can apply to be a Junior Counselor to help lead the next year's conference. After a successful year as a Junior Counselor, staff can progress in the program to serve in a Senior Counselor role. Beyond that, positions are open for Program Director, Facilities Director, Conference Director, Counselor Director, Conferee Liaison, Media Director, and more. Not only does the program teach leadership skills, it also allows students to grow into leadership positions and apply what they learned when they were a conferee.

Rotarians in northeastern PA have been supportive of RYLA. Thirty-five out of the 42 clubs in District 7410 have sent students to participate in the program over its history.

Will your club be sending students this year?

For more information on RYLA, how your club can send a student, or how you can get involved with this exciting district-wide program, please contact RYLA Chair Amy Leiser at ROTARIAN RYLA Co-Chair Dave Palmer at davesolopalmer@gmail.com, or RYLA Registrar Karen DeMatteo at karenandrotary@gmail.com.

THANK YOU for supporting RYLA!











ROTARY DISTRICT 7410 POLIOPLUS SOCIETY 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)

\$100 per year to PolioPlus (this is the minimum amount to become a PolioPlus Society member A contribution of \$per year to PolioPlus (more than \$100)
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. If made on-line, one can establish a recurring donation.
E-mail or mail this completed form to the District PolioPlus Chair 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:

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.



E-Mail:

Public Image Committee

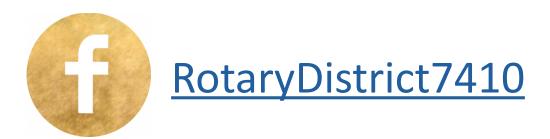
The Public Image Committee is working hard and has big plans for our District! A few projects to look forward to:

Updated website with a fresh, new look!

Advertising and take-a-way materials for use at events and sponsorships!

Coming Early 2023!

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!









Click Here to Purchase Tickets!

District Fundraiser Night Penguins Hockey Game - February 25th

COME JOIN US ON FEBRUARY 25TH 2023 AT 6:05 PM FOR A NORTH AMERICAN TRADITION- ICE HOCKEY!

The home game in Wilkes-Barre is another opportunity to have fun and fund raise for any of our Rotary causes. This year, the Public Image Committee is considering it as a fund raiser for PolioPlus as in the past, or Ukrainian Disaster Relief.

As with last year's game, this year's game is Military Appreciation Night, which is a major event each year and typically is sold out. Let us help guarantee that "sold out." The Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins opponent on this night is Bellville, Ontario Canada, thus an international event that deserves some competitive challenge to our Canadian Rotarians.

The District Public Image Committee is working out details of ticket pricing and other highlights, so keep an eye out for more details soon-from Clubrunner messaging and or your favorite Assistant Governor.

We have at least 175 tickets guaranteed to us from the Penguins and our own, Michelle Reilly, will be providing patriotic music that evening.



Club Runner 101

Our District website provides access to Clubrunner for a number of products and actions that allow Rotarians the ability to organize and train and communicate with the clubs and the District. In my role as PolioPlus Chair from 2016-2019, and now the International Service Committee Chair, I have found the communication feature provided on Clubrunner very helpful. It allows one to send out an e-mail "blast" District-wide to spread a message. That message may be relative to a Railriders fund raising baseball game, the PolioPlus Society, or of late efforts at supporting Ukrainian refugee efforts by fellow Rotarians in Poland.

These e-mail blasts can be sent to a select group of Rotarians in the District, or they can be broadcast to all e-mails resident on this Clubrunner feature. Typically the e-mail blasts that I send out are sent to all the contacts, which is approximately 2,500 email addresses. Now with only a bit over 1,000 Rotarians in District 7410, how is it that there are 2,500 e-mail addresses? Partially, it is because many inactive Rotarians, who have left Rotary are still on the list. And, I would add there are still too many of us active Rotarians who have not registered with ClubRunner.

Occasionally one of those inactive Rotarians will reply to me to "take them of my e-mail list". I reply politely that I cannot do that and explain the nature of the e-mail, and advise them to reach out to their most recent Rotary club's president or secretary to try and remove their e-mail from Clubrunner.

Finally, I actually like being able to send e-mails to as many as possible with this Clubrunner feature. This feature is especially valuable when advocating for ticket sales for any Rotary District fund raiser that is also almost always open to the general public.

So next time you get an e-mail from Clubrunner, know that it is likely not just to you. It is to a larger extended family of Rotarians both active and inactive. If you don't get that e-mail that your fellow Rotarians have gotten, it might be because you haven't registered with Club Runner?

Yours In Rotary,
David Palmer, Membership Chair
New Milford Area Rotary



High School Juniors and Seniors Annual 2023 Essay Contest

Theme:

As a person of action, what would you identify as a major public issue in your hometown or local area?

What would you propose as a possible solution (s)?

Format: 400-600 words typewritten and double-spaced

PRIZES:

\$1,000 FIRST PLACE IN DISTRICT \$500 SECOND PLACE IN DISTRICT \$250 THIRD PLACE IN DISTRICT LOCAL PRIZES VARY BY CLUB

Deadline: February 29th to local Rotary Contact

Essays will be judged by a committee of local Rotarians

Rotary Contact: Submit WINNING ESSAY(S) TO

Kfarrellkurosky@gmail.com

The following subject line is required: CLUB NAME ESSAY, CLUB CONTACT NAME, STUDENT NAME

ESSAY MUST BE A PDF ATTACHED TO THE EMAIL, RATHER THAN EMBEDDED IN IT.

GOOGLE DOCS MAY NOT BE USED.



WANTED! Square Dance Caller

The District 7410 RYLA 2023 Committee is looking for a Square Dance Caller for o of the events at the RYLA summer camp at Keystone College, June 25-29th.

If you know of one, please contact
Amy Leiser, RYLA Chair at Rotarianamy@gmail.com
David Palmer, RYLA Co-Chair at davesolopalmer@gmail.com







New Members

At a recent meeting of the the Rotary Club of the Abingtons Danielle Sandusky was installed as a new member. Danielle will participate in the service projects sponsored by this international service organization including the Fireworks Event, The Taste of the Abingtons, the Salvation Army collection and numerous other volunteer events.

Pictured here are Gus Vlassis, a Past District Governor, longtime member and installing officer and Danielle.





2023 Chili Cook off

The Hamlin Lake Ariel Rotary Club held their annual Chili Cook Off (with added Crock Pot Challenge) on Sunday, January 15th.

It was a great event with a live band, a photo booth, raffle baskets, 50/50 tickets, and EXCELLENT chili for all to enjoy!





Donate Blood In Memory of Larry Ditty

Larry Ditty has been a servant to our community since 1982

- Member of the Ledgedale Volunteer Fire Company for 38 years, serving as its president for more than 20 years
- Charter member of the Hamlin Lake Ariel Rotary 2012, served many years as treasurer
- Rotarian of the Year 2017-2018
- Paul Harris Fellow
- Served on Salem Township Planning Commission for over 30 years



Community Blood Drive

Sponsored by the Hamlin Lake Ariel Rotary Club

Ledgedale Fire Department

589 Goose Pond Road - Lake Ariel

Wednesday, March 1, 2023 1:00pm – 6:00pm

For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org and use Sponsor Code: Ledgedale, or scan the QR Code below:



redcrossblood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767





NEPA Inclusive

Recently, Frank Bartoli, the President/CEO of "NEPA Inclusive", presented to the Mountain Top Club. NEPA Inclusive is a local non-profit organization that provides services to people with disabilities. It helps their clients live and work in the community, such as job development, job finding, and ongoing job support. Also, helps with other transitions in life, such as moving from their family home into their own apartment.



In photo, left to right:

Seated: Kathryn Murphy, Rotary President; Ellie Bartoli, client; Michelle Reilly, committee chair. Standing: club members Claudia Vitiello, Martine Columbo, John Kanyuck, Mr. Bartoli, Sue Ellen Engelman, Dorinne Engler, Joe Aquilina, and Kevin Hooper.

Weinberg Food Bank

Some members of the Mountain Top club joined fellow Rotarians from the Plymouth, Forty Fort and Dallas clubs in volunteering at the Weinberg Food Bank in Pittston. Debbie Taylor, manager of the Weinberg Northeast Regional Food Bank, explained to us how the need is great for food donations and monetary donations. Each month they are opening ~ 5 new pantries for those in need. They also need volunteers to pack the boxes for distribution to senior citizens. Our group packed 240 food boxes. It was a very worthwhile and humbling experience!



In photo, left to right:

Mountain Top members Royce Engler, Dorinne Engler, Nicole Cooper Cefalo, and Joe Aquilina.





The Rotary Club of Mountain Top will host a Purse Bingo on March 12, 2023 to benefit the Crestwood School Backpack Program. It will be held at Crestwood High School cafeteria.

Any Rotarians interested in purchasing a ticket, or donating a prize or basket, please contact Joanne Joseph at 570-262-0548.





New Milford Area Rotary Inducts Two New Members

The New Milford Area Rotary had the pleasure of inducting two new members into its ranks on February 2, 2023. Andrew Granick is the primary member of one of the newest Corporate Memberships of the club- the Susquehanna County Women's Resource Center (WRC).

Andrew serves as the Teen Counselor Advocate at the WRC. He is a graduate of Mountain View High School and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Human Services and Psychology. In honor of Andrew's request, the club members emphasized the wear of orange at this induction, to raise awareness regarding Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month.

The second inductee is Jennifer Allen, owner, and operator of Green Gables Restaurant in New Milford Pennsylvania. Jennifer and her husband recently bought the restaurant and decided it should be a corporate member. Jennifer is the primary member of the Corporate Membership.

The New Milford Area Rotary currently consists of 39 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



Pictured left to right: Andrew Kelemen; Gino Setta; Margaret Foster-Kelemen; Andrew Granick; Tom Kurosky- Club President; Kate Kurosky; Jennifer Allen; Stephen Spero; Karen Voigt





Newfoundland Presents District Grant to SHINE Program

Newfoundland Rotary was happy to present our district grant to the SHINE program.

The SHINE elementary and middle school program operates during the school year for three hours a day, four days a week.

Transportation and food services are provided to children along with 1-2 hours of STEM, tutoring, homework help, recreational and cultural activities that are coordinated with regular classroom instruction.

S-Schools

H-Homes

IN

E-Education











Tunkhannock Welcomes 2 New Members

At the Jan 5 Rotary Luncheon at Shadowbrook, Membership Chair Mary Tempest inducted Sarah Streby into Rotary. Sarah's sponsor was Frank Oliver.

At the Jan 26 Rotary Meeting, Membership Co-Chair Ron Furman inducted Wyoming County District Attorney Joseph Peters into Rotary. Joe was sponsored by Frank Oliver.

Please join us in welcoming Sarah and Joe as our newest Rotarians.





L to R: Frank Oliver, Mary Tempest & Sarah Streby Frank Oliver, Joe Peters and Ron Furman

Rotary Supports Local Community Organizations

The proceeds from the 2022 Rotary Harvest and Wine Festival made it possible for the Club to make donations to various Community Organizations during Jan.

At the Jan 12 Rotary Luncheon at Shadowbrook, Tunkhannock Rotary President Mike Markovitz presented checks for \$5,000 and \$4,000 respectively to HANDS of Wyoming County and the Tunkhannock Public Library.





L to R: HANDS Executive Director Kathy Frank and Financial Officer Alisha Myers and Library Executive Director Dellana Diovisalvo accepted the checks from Pres. Mike on behalf of their organizations.

At the Jan 23 Luncheon, President-Elect Elaine Walker presented checks for \$2,000 and \$3,000 respectively, to the Seven Loaves Soup Kitchen and the Dietrich Theater.





L to R: Seven Loaves Board of Directors President Raleigh Bloch and Dietrich Theater Executive Director Erica Rogler accepted checks from President-Elect Elaine Walker on behalf of their organizations.





Wyalusing Rotarians Welcome New Member

The Wyalusing Area Rotary Club welcomed Christine Heyman as a new member at its last meeting of 2022 at Mark's Valley View restaurant on December 20th. President Wendy Gauatad conducted a brief ceremony welcoming Christine into the organization.

Shown are (from left) Michele Naugle, Secretary; Heyman; Gaustad, and Joan Abrey, member. "Christine responded by saying she was looking forward to the coming year," said Gaustad, who is committed to increasing membership in the club by spreading the news about Rotary in 2023.

