



Newsletter

March 2023

Rotary
District 7410



Message from the District Governor Craig Devenport

Rotary International has indicated that we are required to submit a membership plan by March 15, 2023.

The long article below is the response from the district leadership team. If we fail to maintain 1100 members (currently we are at 1090) they have instructed us to develop a plan for merging with another district in a couple of years.

The leadership participants in the preparation of this include: Craig Devenport(me), Samantha Maruzzelli, Marcia Loughman, Mary Ellen Bentler, Bill Skinner, Tim Genetti, and Mary Tempest.



Please thank them. Remember that we need new members and to retain what we have.

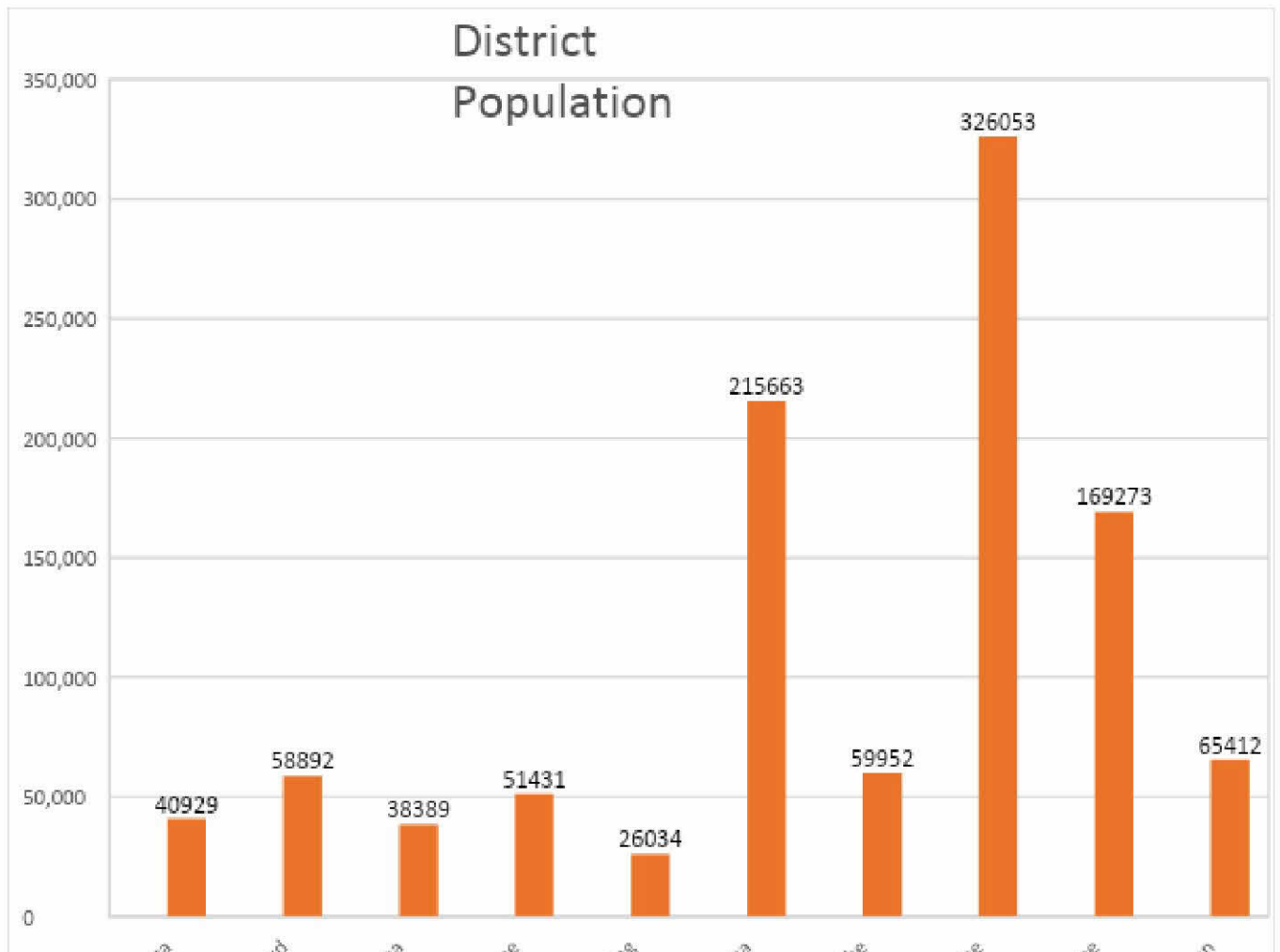
Please help.

Yours in Rotary,
Craig Devenport

Rotary District 7410 Membership Plan 2022-2023

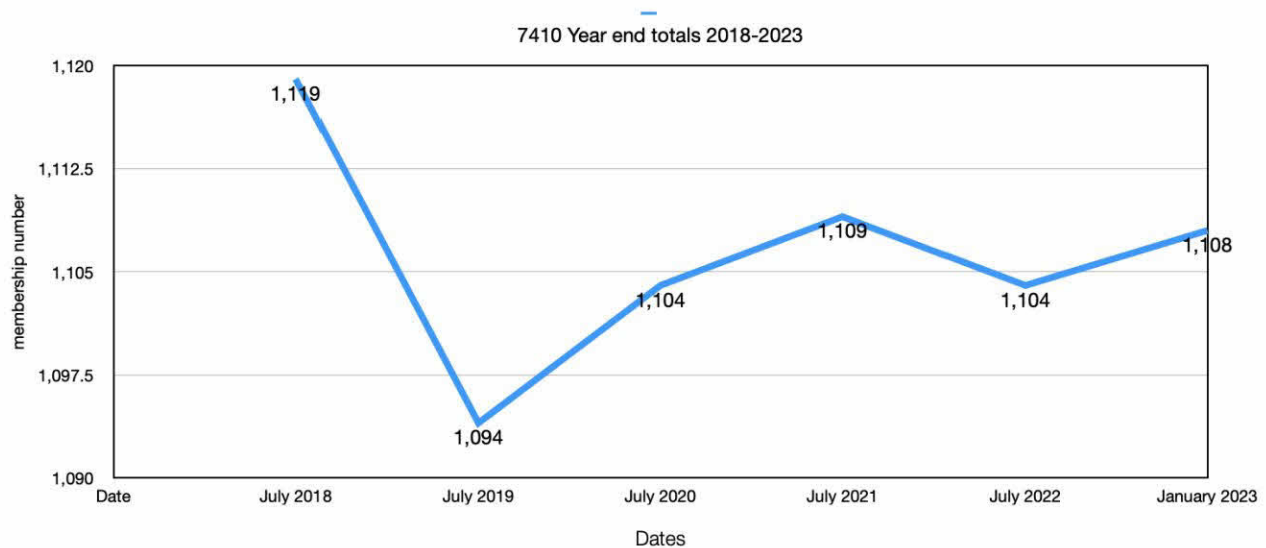
In light of the following information, we respectfully request that District 7410 be withdrawn from the membership mandate issued recently.

District 7410 is unique from our other Rotary Districts surrounding us due to our location and history. We are proud to be located around the Anthracite Coal Region of Northeastern Pennsylvania. This region contains the only reserves of United States' anthracite coal, which was heavily mined throughout the 19th and early 20th centuries. The growth of our nation was contingent on the labor and the lives both lived and lost in the Anthracite Coal Region. It is the spirit of those hard-working coal miners and their families that make District 7410 what it is. We are made up of very rural areas located in ten counties. While we have no actual metropolitan areas, our most densely populated area is the Wyoming Valley and contains the cities of Wilkes-Barre, Greater Pittston, and Scranton. (See chart)



1,052,028 is the population of the 10 Counties of District 7410. As shown, 3 counties comprise 67.5% of the population and make up the densest populated areas but account for only 27.5% of the area of the District. There are no major urban centers other than those mentioned in the Plan. Excluding those under 18 years of age, the population drops to 849,412 from which Clubs have to recruit: indicating that 10% of the available population are Rotarians.

District 7410 has maintained a consistent membership total above 1,100 (see graph below). Today, our total membership stands at 1,105 members. Unlike many other districts, our District has maintained a consistent membership number, even in the face of Covid, due to the actions of our past District Governors and membership chairs (Attachment A). Rotary International cannot downplay the negative effects that Covid has had on membership over these last two years. The bonds of meeting together weekly have been broken. Zoom meetings have helped but it was a poor substitute for meeting together. Members, especially new members, have gotten used to not showing up and simply faded away. Happily, District 7410 sees this trend lessening. We were very pleased that we had 17 (40%) clubs maintain their members last year.



District 7410 continues to understand that membership needs to be a top priority for each Governor Team going forward. Our membership plan is an active document that is reviewed annually by the Executive Committee and the Membership Committee and is adjusted as needed. The District Governor, Governor Elect, Governor Nominee, Governor Nominee Designate, and the Immediate Past District Governor (who make up the executive committee) are working very closely with the Membership Committee Chair to build a sustainable, long-term plan.

Strategic efforts have been implemented to accomplish the District's goals. A few years ago, the District implemented a Strategic Plan with five key components: Recruitment, Orientation, Onboarding, Retention and Mentoring. The plan is shared with the clubs and is posted on our district website. The leadership team continues to review the plan and make changes as needed.

Our District's membership plan includes:

Immediate Membership Plan

- The district continues to build the membership committee and conduct club visits with the express intent of keeping the membership message at the forefront. These visits include presentations on membership, ideas on how to increase membership, stressing the need for proper orientation, prompting the active participation of new members, and encouragement of increased club flexibility of meeting dates and times.
- The District Governor, Governor Elect, Governor Nominee, Governor Nominee Designate and Immediate Past District Governor have weekly zoom meetings with each Club's President and President Elects to learn and talk about their club's membership goals and issues directly.

Items for discussion include:

- i. Strategies for attracting new members.
 - i. Creating a positive experience for prospective and new members.
 - ii. Have you hosted a prospective members event?
 - iii. Do you have a prospective membership flyer?
 - iv. Are you engaging younger professionals?
 - v. Club brochures.
 - vi. Corporate membership.
- The Membership Committee will email a survey to last year's members who opted to leave their clubs and invite them to share their reasons for leaving. Included will also be a welcoming invitation to return.
- The district will encourage spouses or significant others to join the clubs of their Rotarian. While many of the Rotarian spouses or significant others have in the past helped in fundraisers or projects, the District will encourage those to join with their spouse at a lower rate.
- The committee is working on a promotion to offer each club a scholarship for one new member of their choice, which would cover that member's dues for one year. In the next year if a club uses the scholarship and keeps the club net membership number, they would be eligible for a second scholarship in the next rotary year.

New Club Efforts Underway

The district has a strong Public Relations committee to promote Rotary in the District and in the community. This committee is also available to assist our clubs with their social media along with publicizing the clubs service projects and fundraisers.

The District is also promoting cause-based Satellite Clubs to the district membership and nonmembers that they find with interest in one of our Area of Focus.

The District will continue to look for areas/communities that could support a Satellite Club; to be sponsored by an existing club with the future goal of becoming a newly chartered club.

Long-term Membership Plan

The District Governor's team and the membership committee will include membership talks on recruitment and retention at Pre PETS, District Assembly, District Conference and other events held in the District. Additionally , they will assist the clubs in reviewing their own communities to see if there are groups or organizations that can be reached out to to expand the scope of Rotary. We will be developing Rotary so everyone is included.

The District Governor's team will also encourage clubs to have a strong membership chair who will attend membership meetings and functions. The membership chair of the club will be encouraged to appoint a mentor and have a conversation each month on the development of the new members.

The District Membership committee will also welcome each new member to Rotary and encourage them to review the new membership orientation in the learning center.

Reasons for keeping District 7410 together:

Despite Covid and related attrition issues, we have only dropped below 1100 members once in the past five years.

Our ten county area in North Eastern Pennsylvania only has a population of just over a million people. When looking at potential members over age 18, our district has just over 10% that are already Rotarians. 42.5% of the members are female. As an extra side note, we discovered that as a district we have had female district governors 70% of our time in the past seven years, approaching the highest percentage in Rotary International world wide .

The District Leadership will utilize the Assistant Governors to make it a point that recruitment and retention are prime areas of focus. Club goals will be better utilized and kept track of by the leadership.

Is it the Truth? Yes, because our members share our own unique traits tied together by our past.

Is it Fair to all concerned? Yes, because of the constant work that past, present and future District Governor teams have done keeping District 7410 active and important to our communities.

Will it build Goodwill and Better Friendships? Yes, because our District's leadership team pledges to grow membership in our district.

Will it be Beneficial to all concerned? Yes, but only if we remain a district.

If we are broken up, then it is our fear that many of our clubs will cease to participate. This means no Rotary in our smaller communities which now rely so heavily upon the good works the Rotarians of 7410 do.

Yours in Rotary,

Craig R. Devenport
7410 District Governor

Samantha Maruzzelli
7410 District Governor Elect

President Elect Training Seminar Registration Information

March 23-25, 2023

Hanover Marriott, Whippany, NJ

Dear Presidents Elects, Area Governors, Facilitators, PDG's and Party Planners attending PETS,

We are so excited to see everyone at PETS. It will be an amazing learning and social event! If you have not signed up yet, please go to the District website and do it today.

President Elects we will also be getting together after all three Grants Training sessions in the beginning of March. If you have any questions about PETS we can answer them then. This will be mainly a social meeting to get to know one another better.

See you all in New Jersey!
DGE Sam

[Click Here for PETS information](#)

[Click Here to Register](#)

[Click Here for Hotel Information](#)



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 linea.org and register under the upcoming classes tab for the April 15, 2023 District 7410 and begin registration.

QUESTIONS

Contact site chairs

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570-574-4246 or jkkaravis@comcast.net

Shelly Karavis

570-466-6468 or sheltwin16@aol.com

RLI Northeast Regional Vice Chair

Hector Ortiz - richie1166@msn.com

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PLEASE JOIN US TO

*mix, mingle,
and
imagine the possibilities*

APRIL 1ST, 2023

SHADOWBROOK RESORT

TUNKHANNOCK, PA

6-9PM

TICKETS \$25 INDIVIDUAL

*includes dancing, passed appetizers, and raffle
ticket for a chance to win a monetary prize*

CASH BAR • BASKET RAFFLES TO BENEFIT

POLIO PLUS • PHOTO BOOTH • DANCING •

JACKET CEREMONY PERFORMED BY

DISTRICT SPONSORED EXCHANGE STUDENTS

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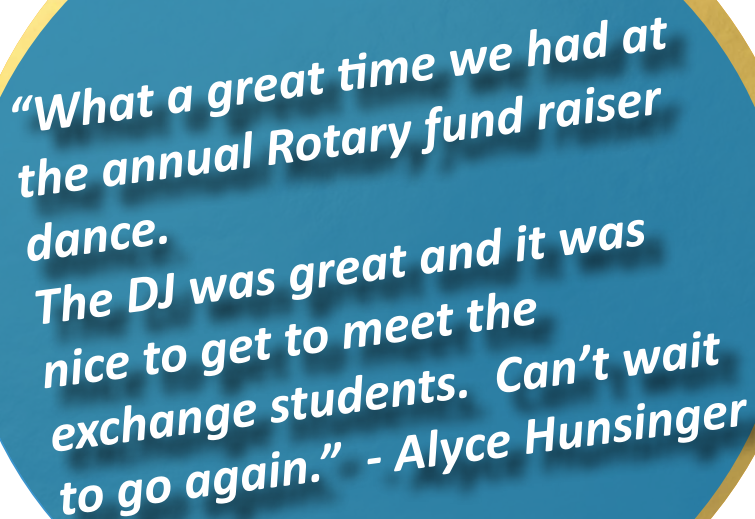
District Dance

Mix, Mingle, and Imagine the Possibilities!

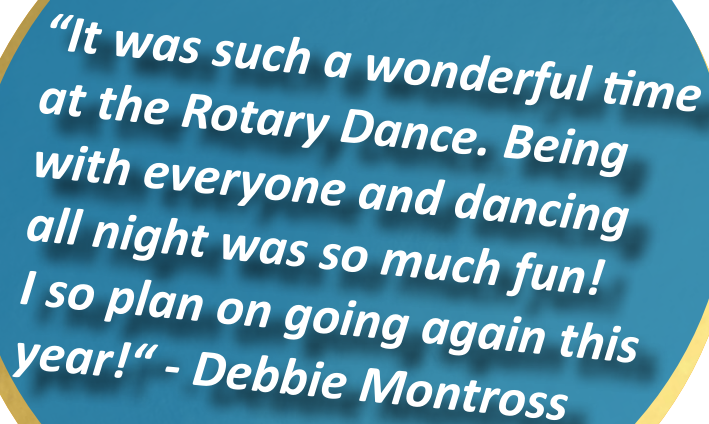
Tickets go on sale February 1st!

[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

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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

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

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International Service Committee Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins Hockey Annual District 7410 Fund Raiser a Success

An exciting Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins hockey game on February 25th resulted in a 1-1 tie with the Belleville Canada Senators, culminating in a sudden death overtime win by the Senators over the Penguins.

No matter, District 7410 Rotarians raised \$1,400, a winning combination by any definition. The funds will go to the Warsaw City Poland Rotary Club in support of its continuing effort to provide humanitarian assistance to Ukrainian refugees in Poland, and Ukrainian Displaced Persons in Ukraine.

Thank you to all Rotarians and non-Rotarians for supporting this international service effort sponsored by the District 7410 International Service Committee (ISC).

Yours In Rotary,

David Palmer, Chair, District 7410 ISC, New Milford Area Rotary
International Service Committee Chair

Andrew Kelemen, New Milford Area Rotary

Jonathan Naugle, Wyalusing Rotary

Jodi Crimmel, Tunkhannock Rotary

Richard Miller, Tunkhannock Rotary

Stephen Moulton, Honesdale Rotary

Brian Vnuk, Plymouth Rotary

Mitchell Marcus, Pocono Mountain Rotary

Harry Talalas, Hamlin Rotary



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Public Image Committee

ClubRunner Support & Knowledge Base

Did you know that ClubRunner offers free videos and webinars to help support Rotary promotional and administrative efforts?

They have a schedule of upcoming live webinars where you are free to chat and ask questions with the host, along with, archived webinars that allow you to view previously recorded sessions.

A few of my favorites so far have been:

[VIDEO: Social Media 101 webinar](#)

[VIDEO: ClubRunner 101](#)

[VIDEO: Manage your events using Event Planner webinar](#)

[Click here for a full list of the upcoming webinars and previously recorded ones!](#)

These links and videos may be good to share with new Rotary members, learn something new as a current long standing member, or brush up on some already known knowledge.

Whatever the case, utilize and enjoy them!

I'm always here to help as well!

Thank you!

Jessica Pope

District 7410 Public Image Chair and Administrative Assistant

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 RotarianAmy@gmail.com, RYLA Co-Chair Dave Palmer at davesolopalmer@gmail.com, or RYLA Registrar Karen DeMatteo at karenandrotary@gmail.com.

THANK YOU for supporting RYLA!

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ROTARY DISTRICT 7410 POLIOPUS 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:

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.

WANTED!

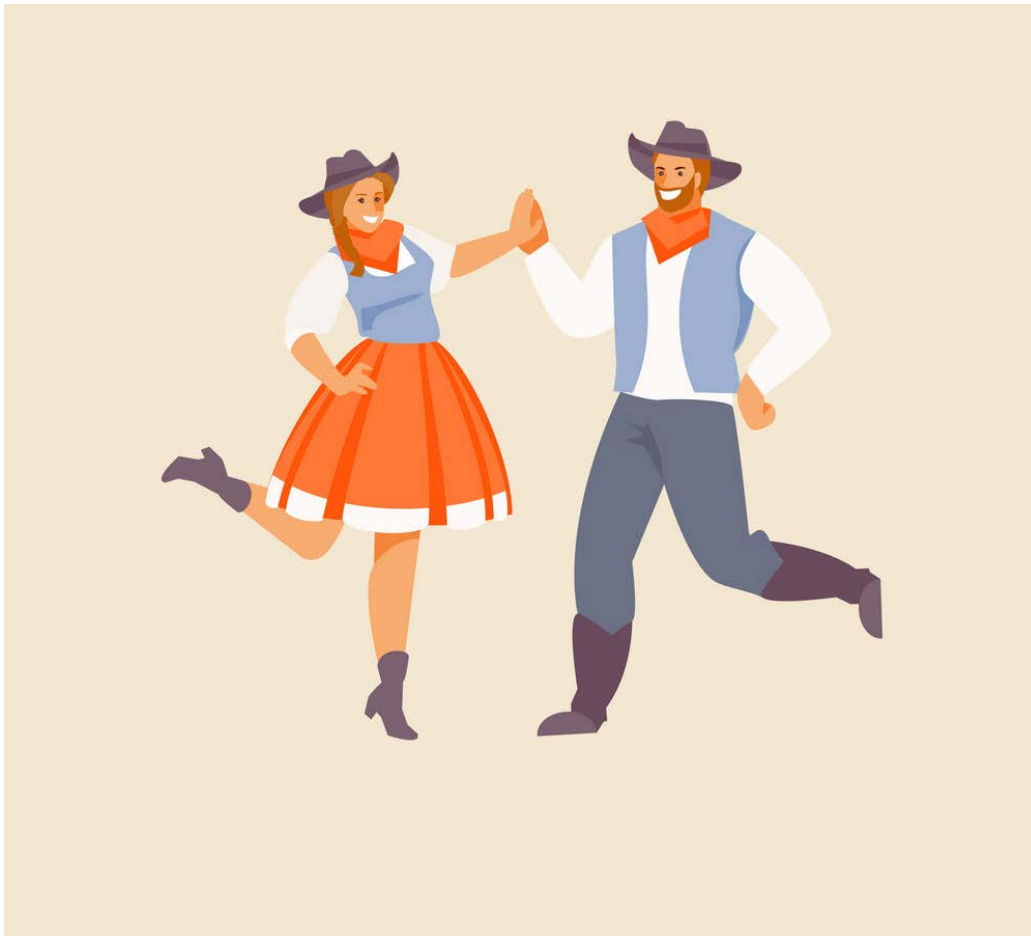
Square Dance Caller

The District 7410 RYLA 2023 Committee is looking for a Square Dance Caller for one 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





Hazleton Rotarian Donates to West Hazleton Elementary Middle School

Thank you to Hazleton Rotarian, Mark Imbriaco of Imbriaco Construction, for donating 30 brand new five gallon containers to West Hazleton Elementary Middle School's (WHEMS) music department.

WHEMS music teacher, Tracy Smith, and 5th grade students were elated to receive these gifts and gave us an unrehearsed sneak peek at what they will be achieving in their drumming sessions.

Hazleton Rotary President Lisa Marie Halecky is pictured with the happy drummers.





Honesdale Rotary “Places Bet” on Future Scientists

“These kids will go far, and we’re happy to help them on their journey!” said Sherry Grandinetti, co-president of Honesdale Rotary about Wayne Highlands Middle School students in the school’s Science Olympiad club.

Honesdale Rotary donated approximately \$700 to the club for a new laptop, something one of their advisors, Kelly O’Neill said was desperately needed if the students were to compete with other schools. Honesdale Rotary raises funds from various events, including the annual Wine Garden during Honesdale’s Roots & Rhythm Music & Arts Festival in June, the Pet Paw-rade and the upcoming first-ever Beer & Wine Festival at the Wayne County Fairgrounds on September 23, 2023.

Part of Rotary International, a service club which counts more than a million members globally, Honesdale Rotary has close to 40 members. Other local projects include painting the Fred Miller Pavilion on Honesdale’s Main Street and funding new shelves for the Wayne County Food Pantry.

New members welcome. [Visit Honesdale Rotary on Facebook.](#) Photo back row, l. to r.: Olympiad advisors Karen Martin and Kelly O’Neill; Honesdale Rotary Co-Presidents Bonny Cousins and Sherry Grandinetti. Front: Garret Quigley, Katie Legg, and Leah Klinciewicz



Honesdale Rotary Helps Wayne County Arts Alliance

They did it! Thanks to the Honesdale Rotary and more than 150 other donors, individuals and organizations, the Wayne County Arts Alliance (WCAA) met its goal of raising \$75,000 in matching funds to buy a building on Main Street in Honesdale. With its \$5,000 donation, Honesdale Rotary was one of the groups that helped the WCAA over the top.

WCAA administrators and members agreed to look into helping Honesdale Rotary with some future projects, such as the club's first-ever Beer & Wine Festival at the Wayne County Fairgrounds on September 23, 2023.

Honesdale Rotary is part of Rotary International, a service club of more than one million members worldwide. Other projects include fundraisers for Ukrainian refugees, painting the Fred Miller Pavilion on Honesdale's Main Street, funding new shelves for the Wayne County Food Pantry, hosting an international exchange student (this year from Japan) and raising monies for Rotary International's Polio Eradication Program.

Photo, left to right: Honesdale Rotarian Stephen Moulton; WCAA Executive Director Janet Gaglione; WCAA Board Treasurer Dave Harvey; Honesdale Rotary Co-Presidents Sherry Grandinetti and Bonny Cousins.



Honesdale Rotary Pet Parade Helps Fellow Animals!

Honesdale Rotary's first-time ever Pet Paw-rade during the 2022 Halloween season raised monies to help Billy's New Hope Barn and help build a dog park in Honesdale.

Billy's New Hope Barn in Honesdale offers protection and compassionate care to abused, neglected or abandoned farm animals. Marcie Bunting from Billy's showed up at a Rotary meeting to accept the donation and thank the club.

Honesdale Rotarian Dana Scott, one of the parade organizers, said the club will have the parade again next year during Harvest & Heritage Days, a two-day event sponsored by The Greater Honesdale Partnership every October.

Photo, l. to r.: Rotarians Georgia Solotoff and Dana Scott; Marcie Bunting, Billy's New Hope Barn; Rotarian Maureen Beilman; and Honesdale Rotary Co-President Bonny Cousins.





Monthly Report

Donations: \$200 to the Victim's Resource Center; Ghost Walk tickets for the Friend's Inc. fundraiser auction.

Scholarships: Transcripts were received from all five 2022 recipients and the awards (\$750 each) were forwarded to them. Scholarship interviews for 2023 candidates have been set up.

Interact: 1. On 2/13 students went to the Palmerton Assisted Living Facility and presented residents with Valentine's Cards and flowers. 2) Members collected and delivered donations for the Cat Shelter. 3) Doressa, a carpentry student, is building a cat tree for the shelter. 4) Students are creating recipes for pets and they will be sent to local pet shelters. 5) Club members continue to participate in the Dimmick Memorial Library 'Story Hour'.

Childcare: 1) The lease agreement is being negotiated. 2) We are applying for grants from the Appalachian Regional Commission.

Essay Contest: 1) CCTI essays have been received and graded. The winning essay was submitted to the District. 2) The JTAHS essays will be graded when they are completed.

Summer Recreation: the initial meeting was held on Feb 17, and a follow up will be on March 24. Everything is on track for the camp to start in June.

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Rotary Club Of Mt. Pocono Gives \$23,500 To Non-Profit Organizations

For over 25 years, on Memorial Day weekend, Rotary Club Of Mt. Pocono has held its annual Fly-In/Drive-In® breakfast at Mount Pocono Regional Airport. At its 2022 Fly-In/Drive-In® fundraiser Rotary Club Of Mt. Pocono raised nearly \$40,000, before expenses.

Rotary Club Of Mt. Pocono hosted its Community Giving & Sponsor Appreciation Dinner, at Venue 138 in Mount Pocono, PA on Thursday, January 26th, 2023, to present certificates and awards to honor sponsors of the 2022 Fly-In/Drive-In® and donated \$23,500 to various Non-profit Organizations and local schools that provide needed services to residents of the Mount Pocono Community and beyond.

Donations given at this year’s Community Giving & Sponsor Appreciation Dinner include; 1) \$15,000 to Salvation Army Of Stroudsburg 2) \$3,000 for student scholarships at two local high schools and vocational school 3) \$1,500 to help a local church build a community center that will serve youth in Pocono Summit and Mount Pocono, PA communities 4) \$1,000 to fund RCOMP’s annual Dictionary Project for local 3rd graders and 5) \$2,000 to Rotary Foundation.

District Governor Designee, Bill Skinner, was among fifty plus people who attended the Community Giving & Sponsor Appreciation Dinner, and he inducted six (6) new members into Rotary Club Of Mt. Pocono, which now has 22 members serving the Mount Pocono, PA community and world. We welcome new members. Contact Hal H. Harris, Membership Chair, at hhh@harris3.com for more info.



Salvation Army Of East Stroudsburg receives check for \$15,000.



Full Gospel Church receives Check For \$1,500 for Community Center.



Kalahari Resorts, PA LLC accepts "Double Platinum" Sponsor Award.

Rotary Club Of Mt. Pocono Inducts Six New Members

The Rotary Club Of Mt. Pocono (RCOMP) had the pleasure of having six new members inducted by District Governor Designee, Bill Skinner, during its Community Giving & Sponsor Appreciation Dinner on Thursday, January 26th, 2023.

In photo below (left to right) are RCOMP's six (6) inductees 1) Veronica Y. Commock, M.B.A., 2) Charlotte Jones 3) Mary Jones 4) Sarinthia S. Saunders, District Governor Designee Bill Skinner, 5) Taylor Breinich, RCOMP President Mitchell K. Marcus, Membership Committee member Arthur King, and event Master Of Ceremony and Membership Committee Chairperson Hal H. Harris who accepted the Membership Certificate for his brother 6) Hamilton C. Harris, who attended via Zoom - from The Netherlands.

RCOMP currently has 22 members individual and corporate members that serve the Mount Pocono community, surrounding environs and the world. In keeping with Rotary International's Diversity, Equity & Inclusion campaign RCOMP welcomes new members of all ages, genders, races, religions, economic stations, and physical abilities. For more info, visit contact Hal H. Harris, Membership Chair, at RCOMPPresident@Gmail.com or visit Www.RotaryClubOfMtPocono.org.





Donation to School Backpack Program

Our club recently presented a check to the Rice Township Elementary School to help cover the costs of the Backpack Program.

This program provides supplemental food to children and families in need. In the photo is the presentation of the check.

Pictured are Kathryn Murphy, President, and Tylene Dodge, Treasurer, presenting the check to the Rice Township Principal, Margaret Foster, pictured in the center.



Purse Bingo Fundraiser

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.

See photo of poster for more information.

Rotary
Club of Mountain Top



Designer Purse Bingo

To Benefit
The Crestwood
School District
Backpack Meal
Programs



Crestwood High School Cafeteria

Sunday March 12, 2023
1PM Doors open at 12 noon

Featured Prizes Include:

Michael Kors, Coach, Vera Bradley,
Kate Spade and More!

Food, Drinks
Raffles



\$30.00 at the door

For more information or to purchase tickets please contact Joanne Joseph 570.262.0548
Tickets are also available from any Rotary member

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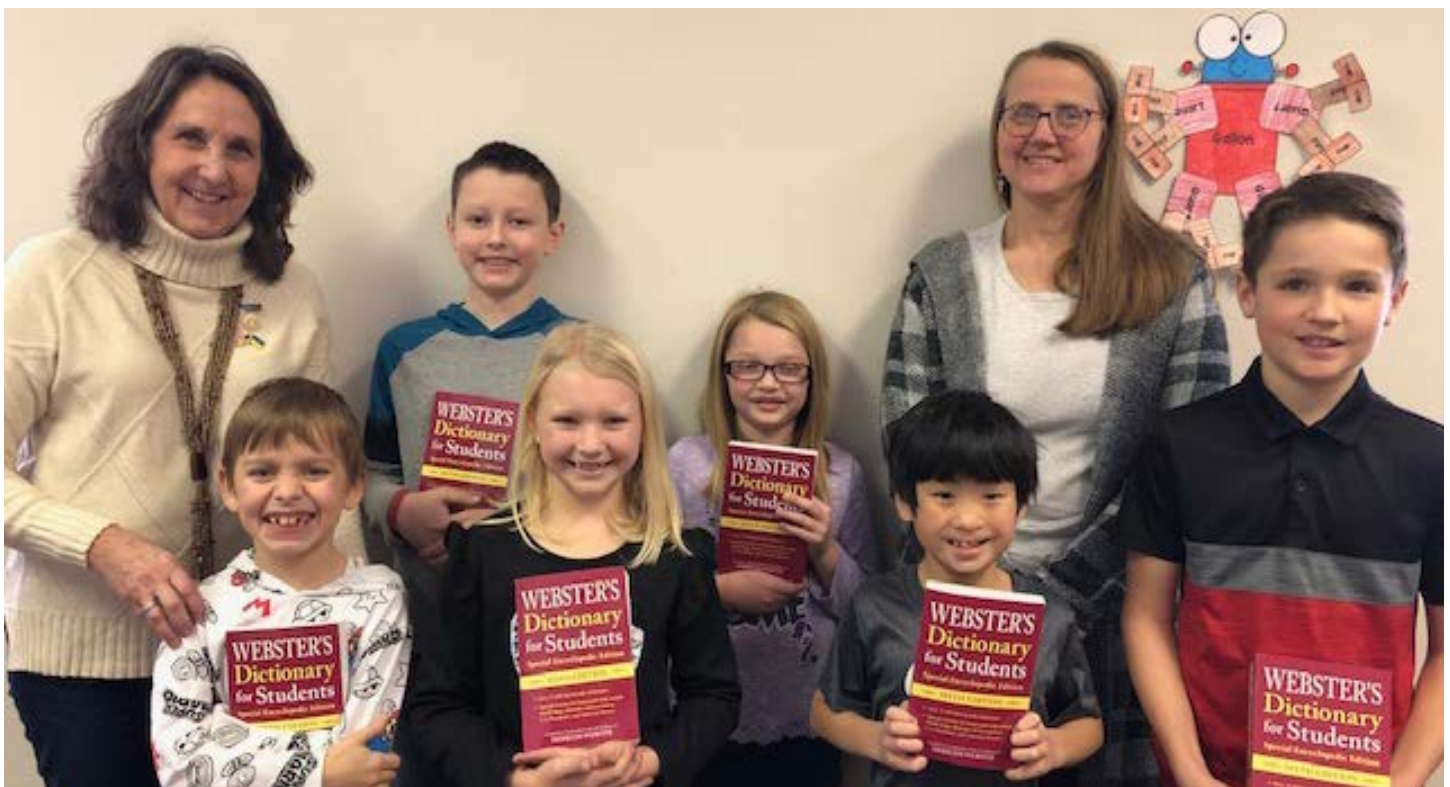
Faith Mountain Christian Academy Receives Dictionaries

New Milford Area Rotary Club presented dictionaries from The Dictionary Project to third grade students at Faith Mountain Christian Academy.

The students will be using them in their creative writing class. They loved discovering the atlases, state facts, and President facts in the back.

Pictured:

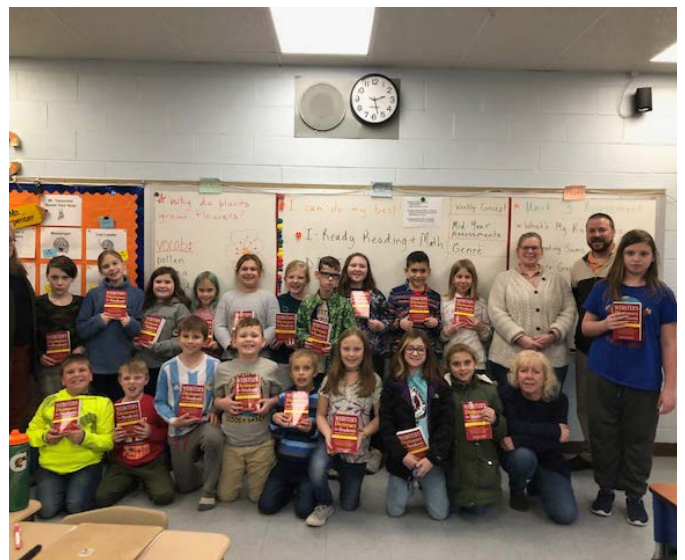
(Back): Karen Voigt, Rotarian; Aaron Peterson, Charisma Cain, Lisbet Nauroth, third grade teacher(Front): Michael Farrell, Lindsey Zawiski, David Ord



New Milford Area Rotary Distributes Dictionaries

The New Milford Area Rotary continues to actively participate in The Dictionary Project by providing dictionaries to third graders in most Susquehanna County schools for the past twenty-two years. This year students at Mountain View, Blue Ridge, Montrose, Susquehanna Community, and Faith Mountain Christian Academy all received dictionaries with a total of 325 distributed.

Interact Clubs at Blue Ridge and Susquehanna Community visited the classes in their schools to distribute. In this computer age, our students are still excited to receive books and to use this reference that also includes maps and information on the states and Presidents. It is a welcome addition to their home libraries. Teachers do an effective job of integrating the dictionaries into their lessons.





North Pocono Rotary Visits St. Mary's Villa

Members of North Pocono Rotary recently had a visit with residents of St. Mary's Villa to lift their spirits and spread some cheer by singing with them!





Monthly Report

A big welcome to our newest Rotarians. We had two inductions in the new year. President elect Dave Woods inducted Todd Nemara from Pocono Mountains United Way pictured with his sponsor Past President Donald Hannig, and Jenny Schnaitman from Schnaitman's Flooring America pictured with husband Jeff Border as the alternate, President Dave Yarosh and sponsor Peter Andrews. Welcome to the Rotary family.

Stroudsburgs Rotary Reverse Raffle Fundraiser is going on now. If you would like to enjoy us for a night out with heavy hors d'oeuvres, help support our community non profits, and possibly win \$5,000, \$2,500 or \$1,000 please contact Don Hannig 570-460-1373 or Stacy Rodriguez 570-872-4404 to purchase a raffle ticket.

Various prizes given out throughout the night, about every 10th ticket pulled. We have golf foursomes, restaurant gift cards, adult beverages, and more... Come join us on March 16 at the Lounge in Bartonsville.

Past District Governor MaryEllen Bentler presented a banner for last year with the highest per capita donation for a club from an individual Rotarian.

President Dave Yarosh accepted the banner on behalf of Past President Don Hannig. Thank you again Rick and Jodey Mutchler for the generous donation, which our District will see a portion coming back to us in a couple more years.




Stroudsburgs Rotary Foundation
 Since 1922
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REVERSE RAFFLE
March 16, 2023
 6:00pm-8:30pm

The Lounge
 116 Turtle Walk Ln, Bartonsville PA

1st Prize: \$5000.00
2nd Prize: \$2500.00
3rd Prize: \$1000.00
 Other \$25, \$50, \$100+ donated prizes will be raffled throughout the evening

\$100 per Reverse Raffle Entry
ONLY 250 Tickets will be SOLD!
 This include ONE FREE event admission
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The Winter Event of the Poconos

The 11th Annual Beer Tasting

Friday, March 3rd, 2023
Starting at 6:30pm

at The Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort
For Advance Tickets Scan the QR Code
or go to

www.facebook.com/rotaryclubofthesmithfields/
or Call (570) 350-9246

Advance tickets \$30 at the Door \$35



The Rotary Club
of the Smithfields





New Member Induction

At the Feb 16 Tunkhannock Rotary Luncheon at Shadowbrook Resort, Jessica Turner (center) was inducted into Rotary by Membership Chair Mary Tempest (right). Jessica, who works in accounting, was sponsored by Gina Suydam (left).



New and Experienced Member Orientation

On Feb 21, a Tunkhannock Rotary New and Experienced Member Orientation and Networking event was held at the Tri-County Insurance Community Room by the Membership Committee. The committee is chaired by Mary Tempest and Ron Furman.

Attendees learned about various facets of Rotary and had the opportunity to ask questions of some of the more senior members.



Tunkhannock 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 Feb.

At the Feb 2 Rotary Luncheon at Shadowbrook, President Mike Markovitz presented checks for \$500 each to the Victims Resource Center and the Misericordia University Ruth Matthews Bourger Women with Children Program

L to R: Janet MacKay (right) from the Victims Resource Center and Women with Children Program Director Katherine Pohlidal (left) and Program Coordinator Sandy Johnson accepted the checks from Pres. Mike on behalf of their organizations.



At the Feb 23 Rotary Luncheon at Shadowbrook, President Mike Markovitz presented checks for \$500 each to Equines for Freedom and the Triton Hose Co.

L to R: Bruce Spencer (right) President of Equines for Freedom and Alan Grow, Jr. from the Triton Hose Co. accepted the checks from Pres. Mike on behalf of their organizations.



Jodi Crimmel Provides Update on Haiti Collaboration

At the Feb 19 Luncheon at Shadowbrook, Tunkhannock Rotarian Jodi Crimmel provided an update on a program in Haiti to which the Club had donated \$10,000 towards the purchase of a John Deere Tractor for the Mango Community Family Farm.

Jodi was at the Farm when the tractor arrived, and they held a ribbon cutting ceremony with the local Cap Haitien Rotary representatives, Ellen Schreder from the Brooklyn Center Rotary and Jodi representing Tunkhannock Rotary. The 3 clubs worked together to make this purchase for use on this Community Farm and for use, for a small fee, by other local farmers.

Pictured: Jodi Crimmel speaking at the Rotary Luncheon and at the celebration for the arrival of the tractor at Mango Farm. Jodi is 3rd from the right in the tractor photo.





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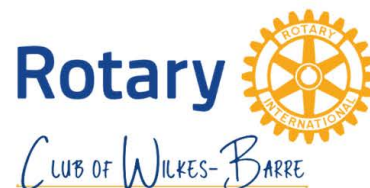
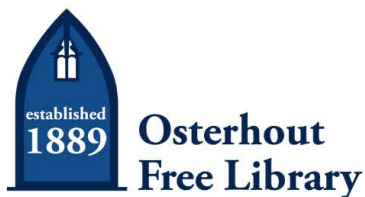
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