



A Message From: DISTRICT GOVERNOR Samantha Maruzzelli



Dear Fellow Rotarians,

August is Membership and club Extension month. Facing the reality of our membership situation is an essential first step in addressing the challenges our Rotary District is experiencing. It's commendable that we recognize the need to attract younger and more diverse members to ensure the long-term sustainability and relevance of Rotary. Here are some specific actions to help us grow and maintain Rotarians, especially from younger and diverse groups:

Conduct Membership Surveys: Gather data on the perceptions and needs of current and potential members. Identify the barriers to joining and staying in Rotary, as well as the factors that attract members to the organization.

Develop a Targeted Recruitment Strategy: Based on survey results, tailor your recruitment efforts to address the specific interests and concerns of younger and diverse groups. Highlight the benefits that are most appealing to them.

Engage with Colleges and Universities: Establish partnerships with local educational institutions to reach out to young adults who are in the early stages of their professional careers. Offer them opportunities to engage in community service through Rotary.

Create Rotaract Clubs: Sponsor or collaborate with Rotaract clubs, which are designed for young adults aged 18-30. Rotaract provides a stepping stone for potential Rotary members and offers them opportunities to lead and serve.

Utilize social media and Online Platforms: Leverage social media and other online platforms to promote Rotary's activities and values. Engage with younger audiences where they are most active.

Host Youth Programs: Organize events and programs that appeal to young people, such as youth leadership summits, mentorship programs, and career development workshops.

Emphasize Flexibility and Innovation: Make Rotary more attractive to younger professionals by offering flexible meeting schedules, virtual attendance options, and innovative service projects.

Focus on Diversity and Inclusion: Actively promote diversity within your Rotary clubs and district. Encourage clubs to be more inclusive and representative of the community they serve.

Redefine Traditional Meetings: Consider re-imagining traditional meeting formats to make them more appealing to a younger audience. Incorporate interactive elements, guest speakers, and discussions on current issues.

Showcase Impactful Projects: Highlight the meaningful projects Rotary has undertaken locally and globally. Demonstrating the organization's positive impact can resonate with potential members who want to make a difference.

Mentorship and Leadership Development: Provide mentoring programs for young professionals within Rotary, helping them develop their skills and leadership potential.

Collaborate with Diverse Community Groups: Strengthen ties with diverse community organizations to foster goodwill and build partnerships for joint projects.

Lead by Example: Ensure that Rotary leadership reflects the diversity you wish to see in membership. Diverse representation at the top levels can inspire others to join.

Remember that attracting and retaining younger and more diverse members is an ongoing effort. Be willing to adapt your strategies based on feedback and changing circumstances. By being proactive and responsive, your Rotary District can create a vibrant and inclusive community that appeals to a wide range of individuals.

We must look to our future. Rotary depends on every single one of us. It is our job to grow and shape Rotary. GO FORWARD and be sure to have fun and build fellowship along the way!

Yours in Rotary Service,
Samantha Maruzzelli DG

AUGUST 2023

Upcoming Events

Calendar

September 2023

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8

Stroudfest Sept 2,
2023 (Stroudsburgs,
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Honesdale Beer &
Wine Fest (Honesdale)

- Committee Meeting
- Deadline
- District Event
- Fundraiser
- General
- Official DG Visit
- Club Event

[September 2nd- Stroudfest](#)

[September 23rd- Honesdale Beer and Wine Fest](#)

See You There!

Don't see your event on the calendar?
Email jpoperotary@gmail.com for instructions on how to add it!



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 October 28th, 2023. Registration begins 7:30am. Sessions for Leadership I, II, III and Graduate will begin at 8:30AM. 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 \$129.00 per night, single or double occupancy. Rooms must be reserved by October 1st, 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 rlinea.org and register under the upcoming classes tab for the October 28th, 2023 District 7410 and begin registration.

QUESTIONS

Contact site chairs	JK Karavis	570-574-4246 or jkkaravis@comcast.net
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RLI Northeast Regional Vice Chair	Hector Ortiz	at richie1166@msn.com

International Service

Pure Water for Ukraine

I am thrilled to report that Global Grant GG2345372 – “Pure water for Ukraine” has been formally approved by the Rotary Foundation and the initial payment has been issued by the Rotary Foundation to the Milano North Italy Rotary Club in the amount of \$100,188.17 USD.

This initial payment will allow the manufacturing process for the seven water filtration systems to begin in Italy. These filtration units will eventually be delivered to Ukraine so that several smaller municipalities can produce clean water for their populations. These filtration units are like those that were briefed to our District Conference in the fall of 2022, by the Warsaw City Poland Rotary Club.

The Warsaw City Poland Rotary Club is just one of several Rotary Clubs and Districts that are collaborating in this Global Grant effort, including our own Rotary District 7410 and clubs in Hazelton, Wyalusing, Stroudsburg, Dallas, and New Milford. Additional Rotary Clubs and Districts in Italy, Ukraine, Germany, Scotland, Australia, Oklahoma, and Canada are collaborating in this effort.

In total this Global Grant involves approximately \$183,000 U.S. dollars to fully manufacture and deliver approximately seven water filtration units like those pictured in this article. District 7410 and the five participating clubs contributed \$28,100 toward this effort.

I am very proud of our Districts role in this effort. Soon our District and its clubs will have another opportunity to participate in a Global Disaster Grant effort. Stay tuned.

Yours In Rotary,
DAVID J PALMER, Chair
Rotary District 7410, International Service Committee

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Warsaw City Poland Rotary Club

In December 2022, our District leadership approved a protocol for clubs and individuals to donate funds directly to our District Treasurer function for international wire transfer to the Warsaw City Poland Rotary Club. This effort continues to support steady state requirements to continue providing long term relief to Ukrainian refugees and Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs).

To date we have now realized \$13,720 in contributions (including from non-Rotarians) to send to the Warsaw City Poland RC to support this steady state requirement. Since the last update in June 2023, my own New Milford Area Rotary recently sent \$2,920 in donations from a variety of sources to our District Treasurer for this effort.

Bluntly, more is needed. See your club leadership and consider donating to this initiative as soon as possible.

Service Above Self,

David Palmer, Chair, International Service Committee
Rotary District 7410

TO HELP UKRAINE



Our beneficiaries in Ukraine:

1. Community, residents of Novo volynsk, Territorial Defense Volunteers (Novovolynsk City Council)
2. Volunteers of the territorial defense of Ivano-Frankivsk (Charity Foundation Butterfly)
3. Community, residents of the city of Khmelnytsky, Volunteers of territorial defense (Khmelnytsky city council)
4. Community, residents of the city of Kryvyi Rih and refugees from Kherson and Kherson region (Military Administration of Kr yvyi Rih)
5. Refugees from Mariupol, Territorial Defense Volunteers and the community of Zaporozhe (with the assistance of RC Zaporozhe)
6. Hospital in Zaporozhe 2 *ambulances* (with the assistance of RC Zaporozhe)
7. Hospital in Lutsk *ambulance*
8. Mechnikov Hospital in Dnipro, Hospitals in Mykolajev and Vinnytsya *mattresses* and beds

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RYLA Proud!

This year marks the 11th anniversary District 7410 hosted RYLA at Keystone College in LaPlume, PA. Almost back to pre-Covid attendance number, seventy-one teenagers from NEPA gathered to participate in active learning to better themselves and their communities.

The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) was held June 25th through the 29th and was led by Chairs Amy Leiser of the Rotary Club of the Stroudsburgs, David Palmer of the New Milford Rotary Club, and Mary Tempest of Tunkhannock Rotary Club. Past District Governor Mary Ellen Bentler also spent each day at the conference. Together, Amy, Dave, and Mary oversaw twenty-one staff members as well as the RYLA conferees.

The 5-day conference featured days packed with activities. From breakfast at 7:45 a.m. each morning to lights out at 11:00 p.m., the conferees and staff stayed busy. Each day, RYLA conferees learned about Rotary and how to embrace the 4-way test.

The staff ran ice-breakers to get help get the conferees out of their comfort zones. Numerous activities taught the participants how to respect others' opinions, work in teams, and develop self-confidence. Even the talent show was a milestone for some who had never performed in front of a crowd! Interestingly, all the activities were fun, and the participants might not have realized then that they were learning leadership skills until after the conference, and they took time to reflect on their RYLA experience.

Never in the same group of people, the conferees were strategically divided up with each activity to ensure everyone met someone new each day. Friendships were formed, lessons were learned, and pride in oneself was developed.

As always, thank you to all of the members of District 7410 for supporting this important experience for northeastern Pennsylvania area youth. Special thank you to District Governor Craig Devenport for endorsing the program and to Kate Kurosky, Peggy Foster-Kelemen, and Karen Voigt for assisting with RYLA registration. Karen DeMatteo has stepped down as RYLA Chair but remains active, serving again as the RYLA Registrar. Your dedication to promoting positive attitudes and providing opportunities for these teenagers to flourish and unlock their leadership potential is commendable.

*Did your club send a student(s) to this year's RYLA? Have you invited them to speak at your club yet?
If not, please reach out and welcome them to your meeting.
.....These enthusiastic young leaders would love to share their RYLA experiences with you!.....*



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Steamtown Marathon 26th Running

Recap

Once again, this year, Rotary District 7410 has been approached by the Steamtown Marathon Race Committee looking for volunteers for traffic control. A number of members of the Tunkhannock, New Milford Area and Scranton RCs have already expressed an interest in helping once again. One does not have to be a Rotarian to volunteer for this service project.

The 26th running of the Steamtown Marathon will be held on Sunday, October 8, 2023! Registration is increasing on a daily basis, and it is expected to have more participants than last year!.

If you are interested in volunteering for this effort this year contact me at the address below. Include your Tee Shirt size, and one which would be large enough to wear over clothing for possible inclement weather .

David Palmer, Chair
International Service Committee
Rotary District 7410
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Polio Plus Society

Polio Plus Society Continues Growing

The new Rotary fiscal year continues to witness growth in the District 7410 PolioPlus Society. This growth points to a continued dedication to the elimination of this predominately childhood disease throughout the world.

As of this date, 50 Rotarians have joined the PolioPlus Society sponsored by District 7410, since its inception in 2019. Several pinning's of new members are planned for late summer or early fall.

The PolioPlus Society is an opportunity for Rotarians and others to designate at least \$100 in donations each year to the Rotary Foundation, and specifically for the PolioPlus focus area. To date, \$5,900 in donations has been realized from this District initiative.

It is that simple! PolioPlus Society members earn the opportunity to wear a distinctive lapel pin, which is delivered to them in an appropriate club setting or other Rotary event.

Go ahead! Join us and manifest your dedication to ridding the entire world of this crippling and deadly child-hood disease. We are almost there! Only two countries, Pakistan and Afghanistan still have the wild polio virus endemic in their country. "Let's get to zero."

If you would like to join this society or renew your annual membership - fill out the application form on the district website and send it to the point-of-contact noted on the form.

David Palmer, PolioPlus Society
Rotary District 7410

Rotary Foundation

Rotary Peace Fellowship Foundation

The Rotary Foundation's Peace Fellowship provides fully funded Master's Degree or Professional Cert in peace and conflict resolution to eligible candidates to study at Rotary Peace Centers around the world. I am our District's Rotary Peace Fellowship Subcommittee Chair and have been educating our Rotarians on this awesome program for the past three years in the hope of finding a candidate in our area. While that has not happened ... yet ... this year I did take training to be able to interview prospective candidates whose eligibility has been approved by the Rotary Foundation.

On June 23 I had the honor and pleasure of conducting an interview of a woman from Ethiopia, Tibeb Abate Asfaw. Sitting in on the interview was Mary Ellen Bentler, District RF Chair, Lyle Harding, Towanda Rotary and Subcommittee member as well as Michael Little, Richmond Rotary whose club sponsored Tibeb. Tibeb applied for the Master's Degree program at the Rotary Peace Center at Duke University and the University of NC. Reading her application prior to the interview I immediately recognized that she was a special person who would make a great Rotary Peace Fellow. Through the interview we learned that she has worked for the United States Aid for International Development (USAID) for the past 16 years in various roles to provide humanitarian aid to people in Ethiopia suffering from disease, drought, famine, floods, conflict, just to name a few. Without knowing anything about Rotary, she has been living our motto of Service above Self. In addition, the work she has been doing represents many of Rotary's Areas of Focus. But she wants to accomplish so much more than she has already. She stated that every 5 years her country announces an "initiative" to help their people but at the end of 5 years not only has nothing changed but conditions are worse. Her idea is to change the way Ethiopia does this by going to the communities to find out what they need, want, and can sustain. Now, doesn't that sound familiar – it is exactly what our Rotary Foundation requires of our projects. She's hopeful that she will be able to use the knowledge she gains at the Rotary Peace Center to help not only her own country but others around the world.

It goes without saying that our District wholeheartedly endorsed Tibeb in her desire to become a Rotary Peace Fellow and we wish her all the best. She has agreed to keep in touch with me so we all can follow her progress and maybe she can bring some peace to Ethiopia and to our world in general.

I will be in touch with all of you after the first of 2024 to start the search for candidates. It is my hope that together we will be able to find a qualified candidate in or around our District. Meanwhile, keep on the lookout for people you may think would make a good Rotary Peace Fellow.

Thank you for your support of this invaluable program.

Nancy H. Brittain
District 7410 Rotary Peace Fellowship Subcommittee Chair

CLUBS IN ACTION

Rotary
Club of Blakeslee



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2023 CAR/TRUCK/BIKE SHOW

Sunday September 3
Pocono International Raceway, Infield
1234 Long Pond Rd
Long Pond, PA



- ◆ Registration 9:00 - 11:00 am
- ◆ Fee \$12 pre-registration, \$15 day of event
- ◆ Spectators are free
- ◆ Participation Voting 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
- ◆ Awards for Top 3 in each category + Best of Show
- ◆ Awards at 3:00 pm
- ◆ Rain Date Monday September 4
- ◆ Dash Plaques to the 1st 45 participants

All proceeds benefit Blakeslee Rotary's charitable recipients.

For more information or to register please call 570-817-9058 (April) or email april.blakesleerotary@gmail.com



Vendors - Tricky Tray - Food
50/50 Raffle - Music
Playground

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Dallas Rotary installs new officers and board members

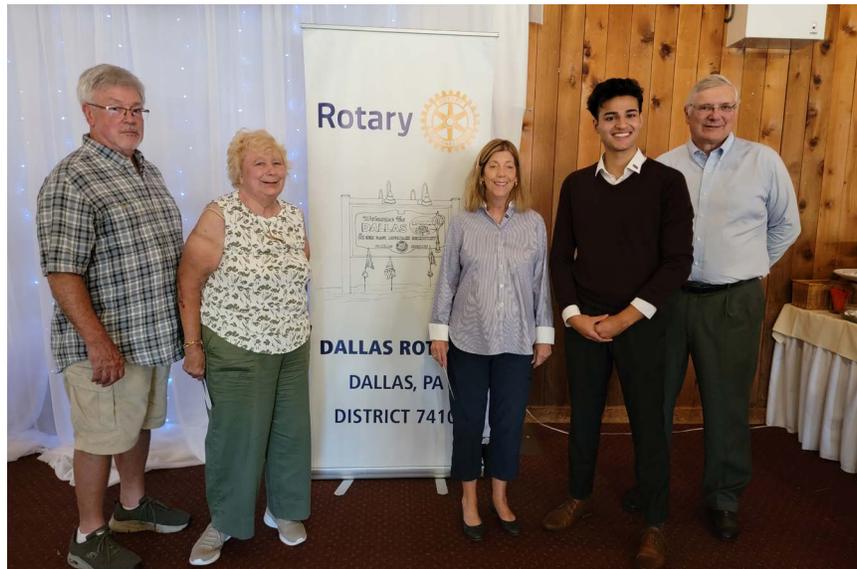
On June 22, the Rotary Club of Dallas held their annual dinner at the Appletree Terrace in Dallas to install their newly elected officers and board members.

Eleven members will occupy the following positions: First row from left: Jerry Reisch, Treasurer; Fred DiMaria, Immediate Past President; Fred Hunt, President; Jason Moran, President Elect; Heather Fritz, Vice President. Second row from left: Board members Ken Chapple, Nan Boswell, Ted Horn; Art Peoples, Secretary; Board Members Eric Martin and Sandy Peoples.



New Members Welcomed

At a recent meeting of the Rotary Club of Dallas, we were pleased to welcome four new members who will add to our ability to serve our community and our world. Pictured from left: new members Reid Davenport, Lynn Bartz, Robin Stredny, and our youngest member, 19 year old Zeid Alhashemi; and our president Fred Hunt.



Dallas Club Supports National Night Out

The Dallas Rotary Club helped support the 5th Annual National Night Out sponsored by the Dallas Township Police Department on Aug.1, 2023. This is a community event that provides residents with an opportunity to meet people from law enforcement, firefighters, EMT's and see emergency vehicles on display. This event happens on the first Tuesday of August across the U.S. and was held at the local Dallas High School.

Dallas Rotary members were there, greeting children and handing out candy to the children and members of the Back Mountain Community.

Pictured at the event below are Dallas Rotarians and children, first row, (l to r): John Doerfler , Kimberlie Reynolds, Jaxon Pentka, Wyatt Sinclair and Allyson Fox. Back row are: (l to r) Jerry Reisch, Sandy Peoples, Dallas Twp. Police Chief Douglas Higgins, Art Peoples and Dale Rinker.





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Charter Night/Installation

Our installation of new officers and board members was on June 29, 2023. The setting (member Michelle Reilly's yard and pool) was a perfect backdrop for an enjoyable evening of fellowship!

Returning as president, Kathryn Murphy, was also awarded the Paul Harris Award. Returning as treasurer and secretary, respectively, are Tylene Dodge, and Joe Aquilina. Sergeant at Arms is Royce Engler. Board members also include Nicole Cooper-Cefalo, Sue Ellen Engleman, Royce Engler and Joanne Joseph.

4th of July Parade

A holiday tradition is the Rotary Club and Interact Club walking in Mountain Top's annual parade. This year's parade was bigger than ever! It's so good to see the Rotary presence in this community event. We love our Interact club!

Congressman Matt Cartwright

Fellow Rotarian, Congressman Matt Cartwright, visited our July mixer. He talked about his long history as a Rotarian and how it influenced his work and his life. It was great to hear his story!

Also at this mixer, we honored retiring Fire Department President Dave Hourigan. Dave has worked with our club on several of our projects, and we have helped him with manpower at his annual fundraiser. Best wishes Dave!





When?

Saturday October 7, 2023

Gates open at 11am until 5pm

Where?

American Legion Post 781

1550 Henry Drive

Mountain Top, PA 18707

What?

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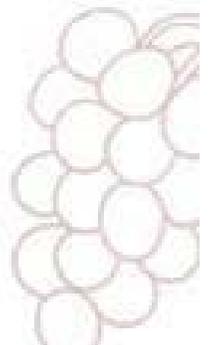
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Local food trucks, breweries and more.



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New Milford Area Rotary Supports Susquehanna County Library and Historical Society

August 4th and 5th found the members of the New Milford Area Rotary serving the county library and historical society in its annual major fundraiser known as the Blueberry Festival. The festival is the popular August event in Susquehanna County, including its famous homemade blueberry pies and blueberry buckle. This old-fashioned treat is called a blueberry buckle because the streusel topping and the berries in this moist fruit cake weigh down the batter as it bakes, causing the top to look “buckled.”

Though the Rotary food tent didn’t provide the blueberry buckle, it did provide the lunch menu that day, which included all American favorites- hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, sausage and peppers, and chili dogs, along with a variety of sodas and water. At the end of each day, we Rotarians treated ourselves to some blueberry buckle (with ice cream on top).

As of this date it appears this Rotary effort for the community raised approximately \$3,682 toward a total effort that is to be announced (TBA).

Buckle up for next year!





Rotary
Club of Newfoundland



7th Annual BREWS & BRATS

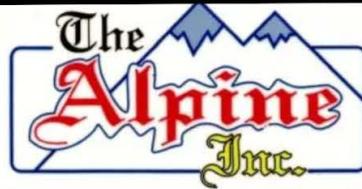
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Back to School Item Drive

Thank you everyone for donating to our Back To School Item Drive, we collected over 1800 items to be given out to children on August 12th. The Wyoming United Presbyterian Church will be hosting their annual Back To School event from 1pm-4pm. We will have pre filled backpacks for any child present at the event so please look out for our booth!

Also, special thank you to our 2023-2024 Rotary District 7410 District Governor Samantha Maruzzelli for attending our meeting. She was a huge help assembling backpacks, gave useful information on the district as well as upcoming events, and presented the club with this year's District flag.



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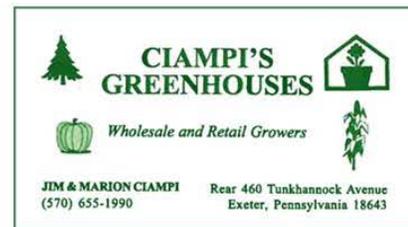
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Rotary Club of Plymouth
65th Annual Chicken BBQ
Sunday, September 17, 2023



1/2 Chicken, Baked Potato and More

Serving from
12 noon – 4:00 pm

Larksville American Legion

Proceeds Benefit Community Service Projects

Donation \$12.00

Tickets compliments of the Vnuk Family

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Tickets can be purchased by calling JK Karavis at 570-574-4246.

Installation Dinner

The Rotary Club of Plymouth had a “smooth” transfer of power on July 6, 2023 at Tommy’s Pizza Corner, Kingston.

Outgoing President Tom Hogan and new President Shelly Karavis enjoyed a nice dinner filled with pizza, wings, salads and a lot of great fellowship.



Installation Dinner

The Rotary Clubs of Plymouth, Wyoming and Kingston held installation of new officers on July 13th at Keeley's Ale House, Pringle.

In addition to club officers, Presidents Gary Bernstein(Kingston), Shelly Karavis(Plymouth) and Andy Judge(Wyoming) were installed as Presidents of their respective clubs. In addition, Plymouth welcomed Gary Moran as a new member to the Plymouth Family.



PDG Mary Ellen Bentler served as installing officer for the evening



Area 7 AG Brian Vnuk with Plymouth Rotarian Janet Franchella



Wyoming Rotarians Frank Sobeck, Jackie Cegelka and Jerry Cegelka enjoying a great night of fellowship



Wyoming President Andy Judge along with Wyoming Rotarians Chris Casale, Brian Zaborney, Mike Sobeck and Nick Sobeck



PDG Mary Ellen Bentler and Kingston President Gary Bernstein share their thoughts on the upcoming year



Sayre Rotary Names Elizabeth Johnson a Paul Harris Fellow

After completing two years as President of Sayre Rotary, the members honored Elizabeth Johnson by naming her a Paul Harris Fellow.

The Paul Harris recognition is one of the highest honors in Rotary and acknowledges individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name, of \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation.

The members of Sayre Rotary believe that Elizabeth's service to the club has been exemplary in her success at increasing membership as well as being involved with most if not all the club's projects.

For these reasons the club donated \$1000 to the Rotary Foundation in her name to recognize her as a Paul Harris Fellow. The certificate was presented by Jeff Paul who is a 20-year Paul Harris Fellow.





Congratulations

Congratulations to Tunkhannock Rotarian Samantha Maruzzelli on her installation as District 7410 Governor at the July 1 Banner Exchange at Creekside Gardens in Tunkhannock. After a 20-year gap, Samantha is the fourth Tunkhannock Rotarian over the 98 year history of the Club to serve as DG, joining the distinguished company of Frank Dolbear (1953-54), Otto Keil Jr. (1986-87) and David L. Whipple (2002-03).

Congratulations also to Mary Tempest, who was named District 7410 Rotarian of the Year.



*District Governor Samantha Maruzzelli with
Past District Governor David Whipple
Mary Tempest – District 7410 Rotarian of the Year*

Rotary Supports Patriot's Cove

On Wednesday, June 28, Members of Tunkhannock Rotary visited Patriot's Cove in Noxen, where they presented a check for \$1,000 to support the Cove's efforts to help veterans, first responders and their caregivers to heal and adapt to life after service.



L to R: Scott Walburn, Laura Charles, Jeff Swire (Co-founder & President of Patriot's Cove), John Proctor, Ann Way, Sandy Lane and Club President-elect Elaine Walker.

July 5th Fireworks

Due to the adverse weather forecast for July 3, the Tunkhannock Rotary Fireworks display was postponed until Wed July 5. Current fireworks Co-Chair Mike Markovitz reported that despite the delay, the fireworks were well attended with the gates opening at 6 PM. Admission was free, although donations were gratefully accepted. The donations and parking fees help to partially fund the next year's Fireworks.

Once again, perennial favorite band PopStar Drive played from 7 to 9:30 PM, while the 2023-2024 TAHS Senior Class operated the food stand with hamburgers, hotdogs, funnel cakes, sodas and more. They also sold glow wands to help fund their senior class events. As in previous years, the Tague family sold snow cones earning \$550 to benefit Rotary.

Preceding the fireworks was the presentation of the flags by an honor guard of former members of the armed services.



Year End Awards and Officer Installation

At the end of each Rotary year, the Tunkhannock Rotary holds an end of year celebration to mark the year end awards to members and the installation of the new Officers and Directors.

This year's celebration took place on Thursday, July 6 at Shadowbrook Resort. Outgoing President Mike Markovitz announced the awards to deserving members.



Left: Dave Wilson received the President's Award from Pres. Mike Markovitz for his work with the Interact Club. Right: Service Above Self awards were presented to Judy and Scott Walburn for working with the Feed the Future Program and providing shoes to those in great need in Mexico.



Left: The Distinguished Service Award went to Don Davis who has been a key component in organizing the Club Essay Contest, Fireworks Celebration, and the Rotary Relays. Right: The Tunkhannock Rotarian of the Year was Mary Tempest. Mary has been organizing Food Drives, working on Membership Growth Ideas, working with District events and taking on more District responsibilities.

After the awards presentations, New District Governor and Tunkhannock Rotarian Samantha Maruzzelli installed Elaine Walker as Club President. She also then swore in the other Officers and Directors: President Elect Ann Way, Vice President Mary Tempest, Executive Secretary/Director Jill Tague, Co-Secretary Sandy Lane, Treasurer Laura Charles, Immediate Past President Michael Markovitz and Directors Dave Wilson, Terri Detrick, Scott Walburn, John Proctor, Francine Kanyok, Ryan Visneski, and Samantha Maruzzelli.



President Elaine (above) then closed the celebration with her first address to the club as President. She has also set her key goals for her term which include:

- 1) Increase membership
- 2) Improve attendance at meetings
- 3) Have an active mentorship program for new members
- 4) Have more hands-on projects so we can better know the needs of our community

Fishing Event at Ron's Pond

On Sat. morning July 15, Tunkhannock Rotarians and their families, who were fishing aficionados met at Ron Furman's pond to enjoy a morning of fellowship and fishing. A great time was had by all.



Harvest & Wine Festival

Saturday October 14, 2023

11 am - 5 pm at Lazy Brook Park

All Day Entertainment
POPSTAR DRIVE &
KARTUNE



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Ticket sales begin 08/16
Must be 21 to attend

Presented by the
Rotary
Club of Tunkhannock



\$30.00 - ADVANCE TICKET SALES

Includes Commemorative Wine Glass

\$50.00 - ROTARY LOUNGE

Includes Commemorative Wine Glass, Wine Tasting & Sales
by Nimble Hill Winery - 70 seats available

Tickets available at the gate

General Admission \$40.00 • Rotary Lounge \$60.00

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