



Message from the District Governor Craig Devenport

Good news! Out stats just came out that our district membership count is now at 1127 (just above the magical 1100 that Rotary International says we must have.) Congratulations to all those clubs who have welcomed new Rotarians into the fold. We have done this in the past, so I encourage you to continue recruiting and engaging both the new members and the more “seasoned” ones as well. Engagement is the key. Rotarians need to feel needed whether it be by increasing your number of service projects by one or two, or by finding a new fund raiser. At least one club reached out to the local chamber of commerce for ideas as well.

The district continues to seek global grants and fundraising processes. Malaria is a huge global issue that we are seeking funding for. Details for individual club donations for the Ukraine are also being finalized. More details will be coming soon on both of these issues.

As always, the district leadership continues to help clubs in various ways. We now have a new Rotaract chair (Haley Bay-line), a new assistant governor for area 1 (Robert Oldroyd), aggressive membership activity overseen by Mary Tempest, lots of foundation related issues chaired by Mary Ellen Bentler (last year’s governor), International service committee chair (David Palmer), Governor Nominee Bill Skinner will be overseeing the assistant governors from now on, and the search committee for the next governor after Bill Skinner is well underway.

Despite our growing successes we still have vacancies at the district level that need to be filled. As I have said to almost every club, Rotary is a “no experience necessary” organization who have pre-trained people to guide, to nurture, to teach, and to help you grow in Rotary. All you have to do is open your arms and say “I am willing to try to help out.” Feel free to contact me at any time for any issue at crd2864@ptd.net or 570-971-2455.

Yours in Service,
Craig Devenport DG



District Conference 2022/2023 Recap

The 2022-2023 District 7410 District Conference was held November 4-5, at Shadowbrook Resort in Tunkhannock PA.

District Governor Craig Davenport opened the conference to a full room.

After a buffet lunch, the crowd was captivated by the presentation by Ryan Leckey of Ryan Leckey Media, who spoke about social media in all aspect of getting our Rotary story out to the most people.

The afternoon slate of speakers included a talk on Foundation, a talk on International Student Exchange, and a discussion on Clubrunner.

All International students in the district presented their flags and were introduced.

Friday night's dinner speaker was Rose Moore, who captivated with her stories of being on the Tv show Alone, and how she was hunted by a Grizzly bear and lived to tell about it.

Saturday morning's program included a discussion on the hierarchy of Rotary International, a presentation on E-Clubs by Anika Soehn, and a presentation on attracting young Rotarians by Rachel Stark. The morning was highlighted by a Zoom meeting with a club from Poland, and their presentation on all that they are doing to help the refugees and those effected by the war on Ukraine.

After a buffet lunch, the conference was ended with a talk from Christine Vandergraf, a motivational speaker.

The 2023/2024 District Conference will be held next fall!

Thank you,
Andy Chapman
2022/2023 District Conference Chair





Meet our Area 1 Assistant Governor Robert Oldroyd

Robert Oldroyd currently serves as the President of the Troy Club.

He first joined the club in 2014 then rejoined in 2018. Robert is currently the organist and music director at the First Presbyterian Church of Troy, PA. He conducts several ensembles in PA and NY and serves as the President of the Northern Tier Unified Arts Association.

Trained as a music educator and orchestral musician, Robert served as the High School Band Director at the Dryden Central School District for 5 years and was affiliated with the Dryden, NY Rotary Club.

He received his education at the Ithaca College School of Music. Robert's original compositions and arrangements have been performed by high school, college and community bands across the US.



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

International Service 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

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Ukraine Update

The Rotary Club of Milano North (Italy) has reached out to District 7410 with a request to consider participating in a Global Grant (GG) for the purchase of up to four (4) pure water purification systems (shown on page 9) and power generators for Ukraine. Milano North RC is collaborating with Warsaw City RC (Poland). Warsaw City RC is the same club that briefed us via Zoom at the District Conference in early November.

The Foundation Chair of our District 7410 has indicated an ability to donate \$5,000 in DDF funds towards this effort. The cost per unit is estimated to be \$25,000, so the total effort is looking to attract approximately \$100,000 from our District and 2-3 others in Europe.

If your club is interested in participating in this effort, contact me at the below:

David Palmer, Chair, International Service Committee
Rotary District 7410
570-498-6637 (cell)



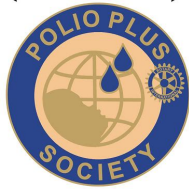
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ROTARY DISTRICT 7410 POLIOPLUS SOCIETY APPLICATION



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:

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.

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 January 2023!

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New Member

The Rotary Club of the Abingtons inducted Charlotte Short at their weekly Thursday luncheon meeting at Glen Oak Country Club on October 27, 2022.

L to R: Past District Governor and club member Roger Mattes, Charlotte Short, Past District Gus Vlassis and Charlotte's sponsor and member Sandie LaManna2.





Hawley Rotary Donates \$500.00

Hawley Rotary donated \$500.00 to help with the cost of purchasing turkeys for the Wallenpaupack Area Food Pantry Thanksgiving distribution. In addition to the turkeys the boxes also contained vegetables, cranberry, stuffing, pasta, coffee, cake mix, tuna fish, juice, pasta, and snacks.

The boxes were decorated and filled by the Volunteers in Paupack (VIP) student members.

Pictured from left to right are a few VIP members: Kayla Jones, Miranda Steuhl, Emily Hapke, Juliana Oliver and Jordyn Sek. The Food Pantry will be distributing additional boxes in two weeks for the upcoming holidays.





Joe Cammisa Receives ACS Gans Award

Clemie Yamona, ACS Telethon co-chair, presented the Gans Award to Hazleton Rotarian Joe Cammisa, Citizens Publishing, during the 44th Annual American Cancer Society Telethon-Hazleton on Sunday, November 13, 2022.

“We congratulate Joe and his staff.” said Mrs. Yamona. “We appreciate their service to the community and to us, most especially, in helping us by designing our telethon logo and posters every year.”

The Gans award is in memory of Joseph Gans and his wife Irene, who along with Henry and Leona Kreisl were the originators of the local telethon event.

“We think they all would be delighted that their original idea is still going on today to continue in the local battle against cancer.” said Jane Dougherty, telethon co-chair. “However, we also know that they would be saddened to learn that despite great advances, cancer is still with us and a local telethon is still needed.”

“I am very humbled to accept this honor,” said Mr. Cammisa, “and I thank the American Cancer Society-Hazleton for recognizing my staff and myself.”



Hazleton Rotary Continues Bringing Warmth to Area Kids

Hazleton Rotarians got together recently to prepare coats for the Rotary's annual Kidz Coatz project.

Ever since the Kidz Coatz project took off in 2007, Hazleton Rotary has continued the work and effort put into purchasing and delivering winter coats to area children.

This winter season, more than 400 coats were given to elementary and middle school youngsters.

MMI Preparatory School Interact Club members complimented the project with 400 pairs of gloves and hats that they gathered in a school collection. It was a welcome addition to the Kidz Coatz project which will provide even greater warmth to the recipients on upcoming cold winter days.



Hazleton Rotary Assists at 44th Annual ACS Telethon

Hazleton Rotarians Donna Barna, Anne Frey, Mary Malone and Lisa Marie Halecky “manned” the phones and made the club’s annual donation to the 44th Annual American Cancer Society Telethon-Hazleton. Pat Ward and Pat Korb have been assisting at the tele for 25 plus years, Pat W. as an announcer and Pat K. first as accounting manager and then publicity director





Jim Thorpe Rotary Ghost Walks Kicks Off 2022 Season

For 23 years, the Jim Thorpe Rotary has held the annual Ghost Walks from September to December. Lantern-wielding costumed storytellers have shepherded thrill seekers through the historic streets of Jim Thorpe. Men, women, and children, couples and families, stroll around the West side of town, formerly known as Mauch Chunk. Tales of eerie happenings, intermixed with the history of the town are woven together to form an interesting narrative. The people who built these fantastic structures are long gone, but thanks to the art of storytelling, participants in the ghost walks are transported to another time to learn about the lives of past residents – and how they ended.



Club president, Jeanne Miller, a member for over 20 years explains: “The wonderful thing about the Jim Thorpe Rotary Ghost Walk is that not only is it a fun experience, it also supports the children and families in our community.

What many may not realize is that this endeavor is a charitable operation. Jim Thorpe Rotary has organized the Ghost Walks since 1999 and have raised over \$190,000 to fund local community programs such as a free 8-week long summer camp for children, scholarships for graduates, a Christmas clothing drive for needy children, and funding local charities and organizations.

Clem McGinley notes: “It’s a very popular activity that requires a lot of volunteer effort/coordination with all our Rotary members and guides (who run the walks). The Ghost Guides are excellent and the success of Ghost Walks is directly attributable to them. Our current guides are Casey Parker, Eric Bloom, and Kelly Fritz, with Mindy Mankyo filling in as needed. Of course, there are many other guides who have contributed over the years, and deserve credit too.”

In 2021 alone, the Ghost Walks entertained more than 1,000 people. Bob Stevenson & Mary Mulligan and Clem & Sophie McGinley have done most of the coordination: scheduling Ghost Hosts & Ghost Guides, selling tickets by phone, managing finances, etc. This year, the club is excited to announce that they have moved the ticket sales online to make it easier for participants and organizers alike.

Tickets for the 2022 Jim Thorpe Ghost Walks go on sale online starting this Friday, August 26. Visit <https://www.jimthorperotary.org/> for more information.

Tickets: \$15 (13+); \$5 (12 and under). Not recommended for children 7 and under. Rain or inclement weather may cause cancellation.

Club Updates

The Jim Thorpe Rotary had an active November.

Donations: Dimmick Memorial Library (\$500); Bach and Handel Chorale (\$125); Family of a child being treated at CHOP (\$300 in gas cards); Minsi Trail Boy Scouts (\$100); Together with Veterans (\$150).

Holiday Giving: \$8,000 Gap gift cards (160 x \$50) were ordered and will be distributed to needy families in December. Thank you to the Mauch Chunk Trust for donating \$1,500 to the project. Ghost Walks: the season ended on November 12. Over 1,000 patrons participated and our profit margin was the highest we've had yet.

Interact Club (Carbon Career & Technical Institute): membership is up to 20 and they are involved in multiple projects - WAPI (Honduran water projects) x 3; creation of the Dimmick free library; CC Friends of Animals, collection for food banks, etc.

Childcare: an inspection for the Certificate of Occupancy was completed. We continue working with Lehigh Valley Children's Center and the Immaculate Conception Parish on the details. Membership: new members, Peg Kalogerakis and Annabel Figueroa were official inducted by President Jeanne Miller. Another new member, Supt. Rob Presley will be inducted at a later date.

Committee changes: the committee's structure and membership were revised.

Festival of Lights: six members decorated a Rotary Christmas tree at Memorial Park for the festival on November 28.

Student Rotarians of the Month: students, Andrew Bosi (JTAHS) and Jennifer Gross summarized their high school activities, future plans and their Rotary experience for the club.

Programs: two interesting programs were presented this month: 1) Service Dogs by Jackie Malloy, and 2) Maria Lloyd, a local business owner and immigrant from Columbia.

Christmas Party: will be held at Hofford Mill on December 16.



Gino Setta Inducted as newest New Milford Area Rotary Member

Mr. Gino Setta was officially inducted into the New Milford Area Rotary on November 3, 2022, during a regular meeting at St. Marks Parish Hall in New Milford, Pennsylvania. Gino is a full-time employee of Gas Search Drilling Service of Coterra Energy, as Division Manager of Equipment and Field Services. Gino resides in Thompson with his wife Gail and is the father of four.

New Milford Area Rotary President Tom Kurosky officially pinned Gino at the meeting with approximately twelve other club members witnessing and celebrating the event.

The Club currently consists of 39 members actively serving the community and world and welcomes new membership. Contact information can be found at www.facebook.com/new-milfordrotary. Or one can contact David Palmer, Membership Chair at davesolopalmer@gmail.com.



Lft-Rt: Andrew Kelemen, Sponsor; Dave Palmer, Membership Chair, Gino Setta, New Member; Tom Kurosky, President



**December 4th 2022
Newfoundland's**

**CHRISTMAS
IN THE PARK**

Cookies!

Hot Cocoa

Hayrides!

Ornament

Hunt

2PM-4PM
 Santa Arrives By Fire Engine!

Wagon Rides

Hot Chocolate Bar - Cakes - Cookies

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Newfoundland Rotary**

Roadside Cleanup

We had our fall roadside cleanup with 6 other rotarians and volunteers.

Pictured are the clubs two exchange students. Ignacio Vargas and italo sensi



Installation Dinner

Installation of Klaudia & Lukasz Scwedo with sponsor Max Feldman.

Installed by Mary Ellen Bentler, Past District Governor



Polio Plus Society

Kerry Nix & Bob Chavey were inducted into the Polio Plus Society by Dave Palmer. To become a member of the Polio Plus Society you commit to make an annual donation of \$100 or more to Polio Plus.



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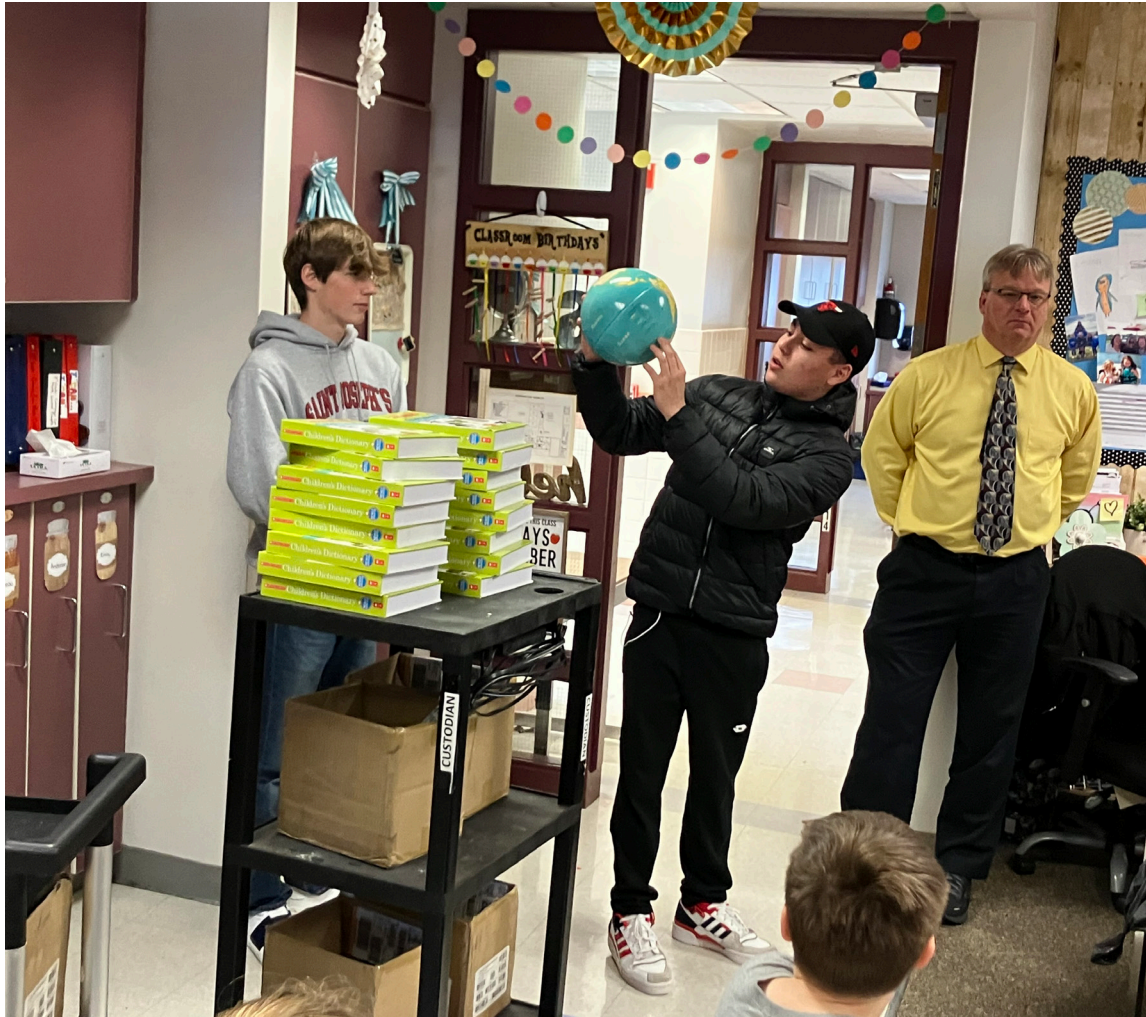
Installation of Craig Lukatch with sponsor Bill Leishear.

Installed by Mary Ellen Bentler, Past District Governor.



Installation Dinner

These are pictures of the third grade dictionary giveaway. The two exchange students, Nacho and Italo, along with Mihele Clark and Rich Otway gave out the dictionary's. Pictured also is Mark Kirsten, principal of the South Wallenpaupack Elementary school.





Thanksgiving Baskets

The members of the Sayre and Athens Rotary Clubs gathered recently at the Grille at the Station to prepare Thanksgiving baskets which were donated to five Sayre families that may not have otherwise enjoyed “turkey with all the trimmings”.

Each member donated items to include in the baskets, including potatoes, milk, stuffing, vegetables, pumpkin pie, cool whip, and of course turkeys, just to name some of the many items necessary to make Thanksgiving dinner complete.

Preparing Thanksgiving baskets is one of many activities that the members enjoy each year to support our community. The Sayre Rotary Club meets every Tuesday at 12:10 pm at the Grille at the Station, Lehigh Avenue, Sayre.

Anyone interested in more information about Rotary should go to www.Rotary.org or Like Us on [Facebook](#).





Paul Harris Award

PDG Karen DeMatteo presented Jim Becker with his Paul Harris +6.



Pocono Enviromental Educational Center

Stroudsburg Rotarians presenting Pocono Environmental Educational Center with their \$2000 grant which was used for their Earthwalk Exhibit.



Meals for Haiti

Service project Meal pack for Haiti.



Thanksgiving for Veterans

President Dave Yarosh delivered Valor Thanksgiving collection for Veterans.





Tunkhannock Welcomes Newest Rotarian

At the Oct 13 lunch meeting at Shadowbrook, Club Membership Chair Mary Tempest inducted A. Stacy Huber (left), mayor of Tunkhannock, into Rotary. He was sponsored by Harry Sharpe (right).

Stacy is a former Rotarian and indicated he was very happy to be back in Rotary.



Rotary's Fall Roadside Cleanup

On Sat. Oct 29, Rotarians and friends gathered at the Fireplace Restaurant parking lot to begin the Fall roadside cleanup. Since 1997, the Tunkhannock Club has participated in the Adopt a Highway Program, adopting a 2 mile stretch of Route 6 in Tunkhannock from the Fireplace Restaurant to beyond Route 87 towards Meshoppen.

Rotarians are "People of Action" and were determined to get the cleanup done to help "Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful". Although much of the material found is garbage and debris, other more interesting things have also been found such as money, a credit card, shoes, pants, tires and miscellaneous items. All money found is donated to the Club and the credit card was returned to the named owner.



L to R back row: Peter Sehne, Michael Markovitz Sr. Michael Markovitz Jr., Katelynn Nichols, Jennifer Nolder and Laura Charles. L to R front row: Ron Furman , Terri Detrick and Mary Tempest. Missing from the photo were Samantha Maruzzelli and Mary and Wade Linden.

Rotary Provides Community Outreach for Drug Take Back Program

The most recent Drug Take Back Event took place Saturday Oct 29, 2022 through the Wyoming County District Attorney's Office. Unneeded or expired medications were turned in for proper disposal either at one of the Pharmacies participating in the Event in Wyoming County which included: CVS and Rite-Aid in Tunkhannock and Lech's Pharmacy Nicholson & Laceyville, as well as, at one of the permanent Drug Drop Boxes located at the Wyoming County Courthouse, the Tunkhannock Borough Police Station, the Tunkhannock Township Police Station or the PA State Police, Troop P, Tunkhannock.

Rotary provided the community outreach, social media alerts and public relations support for this event to help ensure community members were aware of the date and time of the event. The Oct Drug Take Back resulted in over 118 lbs of drugs turned in for disposal. Since the program began in 2010 in Wyoming County over 2 tons of drugs have been collected for incineration.

Tunkhannock Fall Social

On Wed Nov. 9, there was a Tunkhannock Rotary potluck social at the meeting room at Tri-County General Insurance office, which is owned and operated by Rotarians Al Noble and Samantha Maruzzelli.

Members and their families gathered for some socializing and networking. A great time was had by all.



Seated l to r: Jeannie Brady, District Governor Elect Samantha Maruzzelli, Wade Linden, Mary Linden and Terri Detrick

Tunkhannock Collects Money for Operation Smile

In 2019, the Club, led by project leader John Hovan, raised \$4,100, which was matched 1 to 1 by Operation Smile to support surgical procedures to correct cleft palates in children. As a result, 34 Philippine children received this life changing surgery, which takes 45 min of surgical time on average and costs \$250 per child.

This year, project leaders John Hovan and Ruth Gorski, encouraged club members, family and friends to dig deep and donate to this program. The Club collected \$8,570 which will be matched 7 to 1 by Operation Smile. This will fund 240 surgical procedures on children with cleft palates.

Candy Cane Day

Every year on Black Friday, Tunkhannock Rotarians, Interactors, family and friends collect monetary donations from shoppers at five locations in Tunkhannock (Gay's, Walmart, Weis, Aldi's and Tractor Supply Plazas) from 8 AM to 1 PM to buy toys for kids for Christmas. Shoppers are offered candy canes as a treat for their donations. The candy canes were donated by Northeast Data, Inc.

This fund-raising event has been undertaken by the Tunkhannock Rotary Club for more than 32 years and is known as Candy Cane Day or has been referred to affectionately as the "annual dodging of the cars" event.

The money raised is divided between Interfaith Friends and Wyoming County Children & Youth to buy Christmas gifts for children in need or in foster care in Wyoming County. The generosity of the shoppers has made this a highly successful fund-raising event for the Club and ensures that these children receive at least one toy/gift for Christmas.

The weather does not always cooperate with this event, but our Rotarians, Interactors and friends are a dedicated group and will not let cold temperatures or inclement weather stop them.



Rotarians Francine Kanyok (l) and Wayne Krause collecting money on Candy Cane Day 2022.