



Rotary

December 2023 Newsletter - District 7280

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A Letter from our Governor

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

After celebrating Thanksgiving in November, we reflected on the service projects we completed for the local community. Seeing how dedicated many of us are to helping those in need was heartening. We had a successful fall workshop in Franklin, PA, and took the opportunity to honor our local Franklin Veterans before the start. Whenever we gather our Veterans, it fills my heart with great pride. As Rotarians, we have begun our Christmas celebrations with tree lighting and parades. I know many of you have several projects in December, and I wish you the best of luck. We are seeking a Rotarian who would like to run for District Governor for 2026-27.



In Rotary,
John Marshall, District Governor



Smethport Rotary - Port Allegany's Purse Bingo

THE ROTARY CLUB OF PORT ALLEGANY INVITES YOU TO
GET READY FOR A WONDERFUL EVENT

Friends, food, games, door prizes, raffle table,
50/50, and more! Special games and surprises.
Everyone is welcome!

Rotary Purse Bingo

December 3, 2023

Doors open at noon

Games begin at 1 PM

VETERANS MEMORIAL INC

4743 PA-155

Port Allegany, PA 16743

TICKETS ARE \$30.00 EACH

CONTACT SUSAN @ 814-598-1942 OR slbf04@gmail.com

TO RESERVE YOUR TICKET. OR CONTACT ANY ROTARY MEMBER.

Please add your name to the ticket stub for door prizes and
a drawing for tickets sold before November 14, 2023.





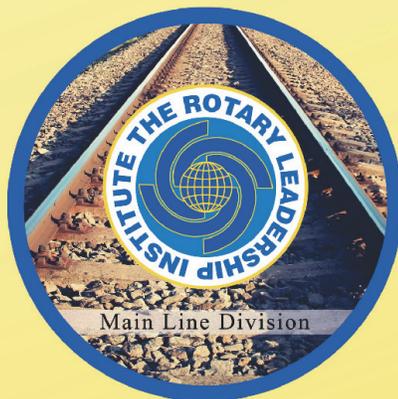
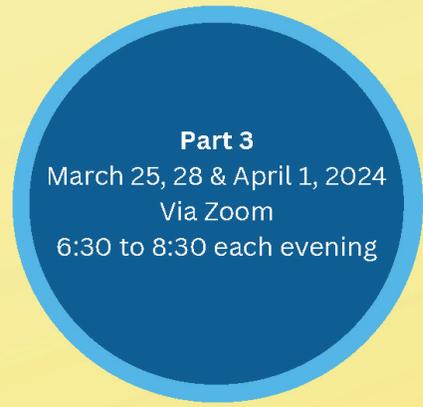
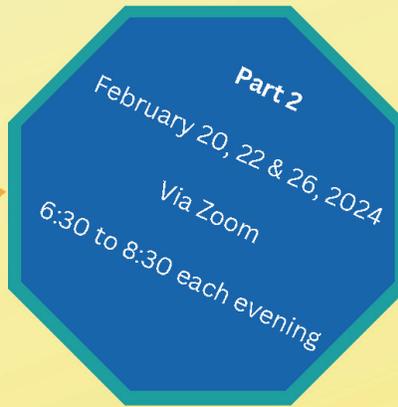
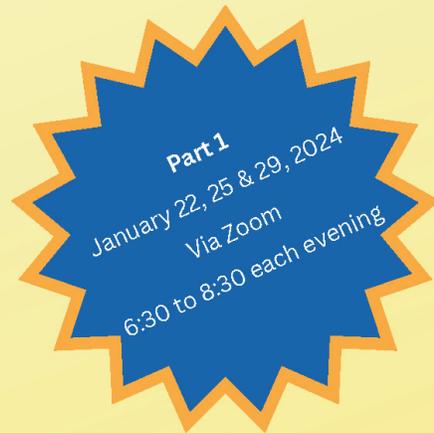
Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) Classes



EVERY JOURNEY BEGINS WITH THE FIRST STEP



IS IT TIME FOR YOU TO BEGIN YOUR RLI (ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE) JOURNEY? NEW CLASSES ARE BEGINNING!



Begin your journey by registering for a class at www.rlimainline.org. The virtual classes will remain at \$25 per three night session. The cost and location of the In-Person Course Day will be announced once we know how many are interested in having the In-Person gathering.



Neshannock High School Rotary Interact Club



Neshannock High School Rotary Interact Club (sponsored by the New Castle Rotary Club #89) honored Rotarians that are Veterans at the November 13, 2024 meeting.

Students who attended included: Elena Noga, Samantha Angelucci, Rachael Doran, Sarah Maloney, Brooke Shields.

The Rotary Interact Club along with BSA troops #6733 and 743 took flags down from Veteran gravesites from 6 cemeteries in Lawrence County. A BSA flag burning ceremony will take place at Neshannock High School in the near future.

Cemeteries included Castle View, St Mary's, St Joseph, Mr. Jackson Presbyterian, Bethel United Presbyterian and Oak Park Cemeteries.

Participants included: Samantha Angelucci, Emily Shaffer, Marlie Ioanilli, Abigail DeRosa, Kiely Eakin, Taegan Scheller, Eric Shaffer, Ava DeMase, Samuel Steele. Rotary Club #89 President is Heather Armstrong and Neshannock Rotary Interact Advisor is Brenda DeVincentis.



Neshannock High School Rotary Interact Club (continued)



Veterans listed left to right: Robert Armstrong, Drew McDowell (former Rotarian), Mark McNulty, Phil Gasiewicz, Anthony Mastrangelo, Rocco Favorite.



ShelterBox

ShelterBox extends a sincere thank you to all who helped make our 2023 Shine for ShelterBox an overwhelming success. You can see a Google Picture album from a link on the event website: <https://shelterboxshine.square.site/>. **We raised \$29,202 ... just short of our \$30,000 goal** (a 25% increase from 2022). Donations are still welcome, so hopefully we can still reach our goal to provide full ShelterBoxes to 30 families! Now is a good time to make a personal tax-deductible contribution before the end of the year.



The ShelterBoxUSA annual virtual benefit, [An Evening to Experience ShelterBox](#), was also an extraordinary success! Watch the recording to learn about the latest deployments and more about the lifesaving work of ShelterBox.

- *Exclusive updates on current deployments, including Morocco*
- *Heartwarming stories from the families who received ShelterBox aid in 2023*
- *Virtual tour of the ShelterBox family relief tent and live demonstration of essential household items*

ShelterBoxUSA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in the United States (EIN 20-0471604). Contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

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ShelterBox (continued)



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Mail to: 7954 Franklin Rd, Evans City, PA, 16033



Rich-Mar Rotary Club Helps Inspired Hearts and Hands Provide Meals



On Wednesday, November 15th, over 30 Rich-Mar Rotarians traveled to the brand new Inspired Hearts & Hands facility in Cranberry Township, PA to pack hundreds of boxes that will be delivered to those in need for Thanksgiving. The Rich-Mar Rotary Club was recently awarded a District 7280 Grant that helped to fund boxes for the "Holiday Meal Baskets" program that Inspired Hearts & Hands runs for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Mindy Schnitgen, Executive Director of Inspired Hearts and Hands, stated "IH2 will provide nearly 2,000 meal boxes between Thanksgiving and Christmas. We are very deliberate about the contents of each meal box, including all of the necessary aspects of a traditional holiday meal along with essential non-perishable meal components. These boxes will be delivered throughout Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver and Butler Counties over the next few weeks."



Rich-Mar Rotary Club Helps Inspired Hearts and Hands Provide Meals (continued)



Rotarians volunteered to sort donations, build boxes and run an assembly line to fill each box which was then loaded into a box truck to be delivered the next morning. Mindy spent time with each Rotarian to explain the mission and the purpose of her organization. Tom Kvederis, Rich-Mar Rotary Club President, stated "We can't thank Mindy enough for what she is doing for the less fortunate. Her & her team do such an outstanding job and we can't think of a better organization to partner with especially this time of year!"

You may know of Inspired Hearts and Hands from their Summerfest in the Butler area where they provide free clothing, backpacks and shoes for those kids in need prior to each school year. For more information or to learn about Inspired Hearts and Hands:

<https://inspiredheartsandhands.com>



December Student of the Month

Please note that the Student of the Month award ceremony is scheduled for **Thursday December 14th, 2023** from 8:10 AM-8:40AM at Rowan Elementary School.

Zelie Rotary Donates Christmas Tree for Main Street



Main Street, Zelienople is more festive this holiday season with the addition of a 15-foot Christmas tree, donated by the Rotary Club and Hills Housing Service.

"We decided to coordinate the installation of the tree with Small Business Saturday," said Club President Rich Gigliotti. "It's important for our club to be an integral part of the community."

Santa Claus took time out of his busy schedule to attend and conduct the countdown to the lighting of the tree.

A quartet from the Cranberry Men's Chorus performed several numbers at the ceremony.

Following the tree lighting, the Club held a social at Haute Kitchen & Bath Designs. District Governor John Marshall joined the festivities.

"I love attending club events," said DG John. "It's great to see 'Rotary in Action.' I want to attend as many club events this year as possible."



Human Trafficking Service Center & Keystone Satellite Rotary Club Clothing Drive

**We will be collecting jackets, hats,
gloves, and blankets for the homeless!**

Please Donate!

Drop Off Locations:

Keller Williams 30 N. Mill Street New Castle, Pa
(available location until December 15th)

713 Court Street, New Castle, Pa 1601

Pittsburgh Psychotherapy Associates 9401 McKnight Road,
Suite 105 Pittsburgh, Pa 15237

Rupp-Fiore Insurance, 504 Pittsburgh Street, Mars PA 1606

If you have any questions, contact Allison Williams

724-971-2376

Thank You

