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## Welcome New Members!

Newly added in red

The [Rotary Club of Shepherdstown](#) has inducted Marcia Brand as a new member.

Ms. Brand has held national leadership positions in the field of oral health care and rural health care, and she is currently a consultant and advisor on those matters.



### CLUB CALENDAR

May 17—[Rotary Club of Martinsburg](#) Golf Tournament—The Woods Golf Course—Hedgeswood, WV

**May 23—[State College Rotary Club](#)—Annual Auction - 6 - 8 pm.—American Philatelic Society, 100 Match Factory Place, Bellefonte**

### DISTRICT CALENDAR

May 2-3—District Training Assembly—held evenings virtually

May 20—Foundation Walk in Muncy, PA

May 20, —4-Way-Test Speech District Contest, 2:00 PM—First United Methodist, Muncy, PA

June 15,16,17—RYLA at Shepherd Springs, MD

June 17—Pedals Out Polio—Virtual or on location

July 1—DG Herb Smith's Installation—Green Grove Gardens—Greencastle, PA

### Hagerstown Rotary Club

announces two



new members  
Bill Proctor  
and new

member Stephanie Henneberger.



Lorenda Kutz was inducted as a new member of the

[Ashland Rotary Club.](#)



### Rotary Club of Hancock

welcomes  
Aaron Valentino  
as their newest  
member.

*Please send dates for your club events to:*

**PDG Sharon Benner  
7360news@gmail.com**

## **ROTARY CLUB OF HANCOCK**

**Rotary Club of Hancock** is thrilled to see the Hancock and Southern Fulton Interact Clubs partner for an



upcoming project. Our club is supporting the collaboration of our sponsored Interact Clubs with the donation of 640 drawstring backpacks.

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## **COUDERSPORT ROTARY CLUB**

**Coudersport Rotary Club** was happy to have Sydnee Groenendaal, Mobile Drive Coordinator of the



Community Blood Bank visit the club. The organization is a non-profit, which was established in 1966. Sydnee explained 52% of the United States population is eligible to donate, but currently only 3%, down from 5%, donate and there are no synthetic blood products available. If you are interested in donating, please call ahead at 814-456-4206. Pictured above is: Rotarian Jim Babcock; Sydnee Groenendaal; and Rotary President Lynne Ruffner.

## **ROTARY CLUB OF STATE COLLEGE**

As the weather begins to warm, the **Rotary Club of State College** annually ramps up its presence in the community. We have been working to raise funds and provide support to organizations with hands on activities.

Please join us on Tuesday, May 23, 2023 for our Annual Auction that provides us with necessary funds to support Rotary activities including Matching Grants, Dictionaries for 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders and so much more. This year, we are holding the Auction at the American Philatelic Society, 100 Match Factory Place, Bellefonte, PA 16823 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM.

Paul's Provisions will be catering the event and Tammy Miller will be our LIVE Auctioneer. We plan to have experiences, gift baskets and gift cards available through Live, Silent and Raffle Auctions. Additionally, Buy It Now will be an option.

Tickets are available from a member of the State College Rotary Club or you can email [statecollegerotary@gmail.com](mailto:statecollegerotary@gmail.com). Tickets can be purchased on-line at our website (<https://www.statecollegerotary.org>) with a credit card. The cost of a ticket is \$35.

## BLOOMSBURG ROTARY CLUB

Lynn Smith and Jim Cleary organize the donations from the Rotary Peanut Butter and Jelly drive for the Bloomsburg Food Cupboard. PB&J are distributed frequently to the 350



households using the services at least once monthly and often in the 265 food packs

distributed on Fridays to school children for supplemental weekend nourishment. Currently about 10 new households sign up each week at the Bloomsburg Food Cupboard.

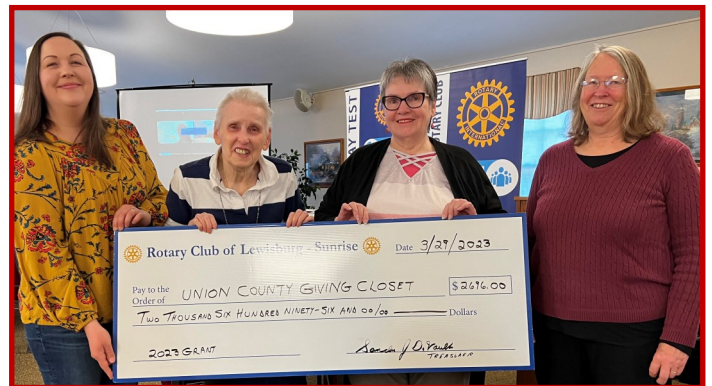
The Bloomsburg Rotary presented a



\$1,600 donation to the Bloomsburg Public Library. From left are Club President-Elect Helga Loncosky, Library Director Lydia Kegler and Rotarian Ginny Weibel.

## LEWISBURG-SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB

Guests of the Lewisburg Sunrise Rotary were Alison Collins and Marcia Aikey from the Union County Giving Closet. Lewisburg Sunrise Rotary raised \$2696.00 to give to the organization. Pictured left to right is Alison



Collins; Marty Gates, Rotary sponsor; Sandy DeVault. Rotary Treasurer; and Marcia Aikey.



## **ROTARY CLUB OF HOLLIDAYSBURG**

The **Rotary Club of Hollidaysburg** presented several donations as part of the Club's December fundraising initiative, "Helping Hands for the Holidays".

Toys, canned goods and \$3,000 in monetary donations were collected to support the American Rescue Workers of Hollidaysburg.



Pictured left to right: Megan Detwiler, Rotary Club of Hollidaysburg and Product Manager at First Commonwealth Bank; Deborah and Victor LaValla, co-Directors of the Rescue Workers; and Melanie Ramsey, Rotarian and Director of Community Relations and Events, Borough of Hollidaysburg. The Club also made use of Venmo to assist donors in making their charitable donations.

## **ST. MARYS ROTARY CLUB**

**St. Marys Rotary Club** held their weekly meeting at the Pronto Café by Brandy Camp Creamery located on Erie Avenue in St. Marys. The program was arranged by Rotarian Greg Snelick. Ray Knight and Meredith Bon owners of the business are pictured below. Meredith talked to the Rotarians about the business and what

they have to offer. The Rotarians then enjoyed a very nice meal prepared by the Pronto Café, and



and then had the chance to taste the great Ice Cream made by the Brandy Camp Creamery.

**St. Marys Rotary Club** welcomed Matt Young from Elkland Search and Rescue. Matt gave an interesting presentation on the organization, and answered questions from the members.



The Club also made a donation to Elkland for their Fish Derby. Matt was the guest of Rotarian Jim Hackett, and is pictured with Jim and Club President Bob Roberts.



## WEST SNYDER/BEAVER SPRINGS ROTARY CLUB

The West Snyder/Beaver Springs Rotary Club held it's 63rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Good Friday at the West Snyder Elementary School in Beaver Springs. Approximately 110 youngsters attended from preschool to 6th grade. The Easter Bunny filled the children with hoppiness as he greeted visitors and posed for photos.

Over 1300 eggs were hidden across the grounds with 5 age categories. Each category contained a blue Rotary prize egg. The lucky winners then



received a large plastic egg filled with candy. In his approximately 21 years of playing the Easter



Bunny, alias Todd Benner, son of PDG's Howard & Sharon Benner travels over one and a half hours just to be

able to the play the infamous Mr. Bunny.

## POTTSVILLE ROTARY CLUB

Emma Bolich and Dalton Monger, Co-Presidents of the Nativity Interact Club, gave a presentation on the activities of their Club. Interact is an all-inclusive Club at Nativity with all students being members. Mrs. Lynn Sabol, Principal, is the Club Advisor.

They hold several activities throughout the year, some



for fun and student morale such as St. Nicholas Day where they fill bags with candy and treats, a senior dresses as St. Nicholas and roams the school handing out treats during the classes. They also hold cookouts etc. at various times. Other annual activities include: organizing two Red Cross Blood Drives each year, run by the students. The blood drives usually exceed 40 pints. They also collect for Toys for Tots annually in the Christmas Season. And in the fall, they conduct a drive for students to donate any winter coats and diapers, which are donated to families in need of these items.

Plans for next School Year may also include a Food Drive, possibly in the spring.

## **ROTARY CLUB OF SHEPHERDSTOWN**

The Rotary Club of Shepherdstown has awarded three "Rotary Reads" grants, each for \$350, to three Shepherdstown institutions to promote reading.

The first grant went to the Shepherdstown Public Library. It will help cover the cost of adding acoustic tiles to improve the sound quality and comfort of the children's room in the new library building.

The second grant was to the Shepherdstown Day Care Center. It will cover the cost of providing each of the



Center's children with a Dr. Seuss book during this year's Read Across America event at the Center, which was held on March 2.

The third grant was to the Shepherdstown Elementary School. It will help fund a special reading activity, in which all the school's kindergartners attend a stage production about the popular children's author Junie B. Jones and receive their own copy of one of her books.

Pictured above left to right: Rotary Club President Sean Murtagh; Day Care Assistant Director Michelle Robertson; Day Care Center Director Melissa Holman; Library Youth Services Director Rachel Heller; Library Director Hali Taylor; Elementary School teacher Michelle Webb; and Elementary School Principal Scot Campbell.

## **ASHLAND ROTARY CLUB**

Everyone from the Ashland Rotary Club enjoyed the St. Patrick's Day treat, pots filled with chocolate gold coins. On April 8, 2023 the club held its annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Higher



Up Park. Over a 100 children participating in the egg hunt. The children had their chance or gather



eggs, guess the number is jelly beans, and get pictures with the Easter Bunny. Pictured above is Rotary member Elaine Stone. All children received prizes. Upcoming Event is Groody's Spaghetti Dinner May 3,

## **MILTON ROTARY CLUB**

The **Milton Rotary Club** recently contributed \$2,000 to ShelterBox in light of the devastating earthquake in Turkey and Syria. The cost of each Shelter Box is \$1,000.



Shelter Box was formed by British Rotarians in 2000 to meet the needs of the homeless due to disasters such as hurricanes,

war, earthquakes, and other events.

The first consignment of 143 boxes was sent to earthquake victims in the Indian state of Gujarat in January 2001. Over the next three years, the project matured, and by the end of 2004, nearly 2,600 boxes had been dispatched, following 16 major disasters. In 2005, ShelterBox sent out more than 22,000 boxes, almost 10 times the number delivered in the previous three years. Not only were they sending aid to survivors of a tsunami, but we were also able to help those who had lost their homes to Hurricane Katrina in the USA and the massive earthquake that hit the Kashmir region of Pakistan.

Since the inception in 2000, support has been given to over 1 million people. Currently Shelter Box have been deployed to Turkey and Syria, Pakistan, Ukraine, Syria, Mozambique, Lake Chad Basin, Burkina Faso, Yemen, and Ethiopia.

ShelterBox customizes the contents of the kit to meet the individual needs of each community they help. They often add several other essentials like solar lights, blankets and water containers and purifiers to help families return to normal life as soon as possible, as well as providing family-sized tents for shelter.



**PICTURES  
AT A GLANCE**

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[Rotary Club of Hancock](#) welcomes Aaron Valentino as our newest member. We're



excited to have Aaron as part of our group and his willingness to assist us in community and international projects. Pictured with Aaron is his sponsor, Deborah Cohill.



The [Ashland Rotary Club](#) was exciting to induct Lorenda Kutz as new member. Jack Jones presented Lorenda Kutz with the Rotary pin.

Recent Rotary member Taryn Crayton spoke to the [Bloomsburg Rotary](#) about her background of hard work. She grew up working on the family farm and is committed to work and dance. Her work habits and dance keep her very busy and fit. She is employed as Director of Member Engagement at the Columbia Montour Chamber of Commerce.



**MORE PICTURES  
AT A GLANCE**



[Ashland Rotary](#) member Jack Jones at the Ashland Egg Hunt. On April 8, 2023 the club held its annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Higher Up Park. Over a 100 children participating in the egg hunt.



[Rotary Club of Hagerstown](#) inducts new members. Left to right: Alan Levin sponsored new member Bill Proctor and new member Stephanie Henneberger sponsored by President Jerry Spessard.



[Rotary Club of Hollidaysburg](#) members left to right: Dwight Straesser; Bob Williams; J.T. Tidd; and Sally Williams participated in the Club's Road Cleanup on April 15th, 2023.



## STUDENT'S CORNER NEWS

### Milton Rotary

honored the February Rotary Students of the Month. From Warrior Run was Rachel Fillman, second to left; and her teacher Jen Mason, left. From Milton the award was received by Emma



Hollenbach, pictured in the middle, who was accompanied by her instructor Kelly Aucker, second from the right and Principal Andre pictured far right.

### West Snyder/ Beaver Springs Rotary Club

Easter Egg  
Hunt



winner left to right: Ember Krebs, preschool age, with her mother; Violet Grace Ortiz, 3-4 year olds; Aiden Barge, 5-6 year olds; Paige Wenrich, grade 1-3; and Lucas Spigelmyer, grade 4-6.

Congratulations to the lucky winners of the 63rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt.

### St. Marys Rotary Club recognized Josie Vanalstine as the March. Student of the Month



from Elk County Catholic High School. Josie was joined by her parents Shawn Vanalstine, and Holly Eckert. They are pictured here with Club President Bob Roberts.



Ten Public Speaking students from Clearfield Junior Senior High School entered the local Rotary 4 Way Test Speech Competition sponsored by The Rotary Club of Clearfield. Pictured above from left to right: Sam Anderson; Nadia Libreatori; Cadence Day; Danielle Cline; Grace Natoli; Alayna Winters; Chelsea Radaker; Violet Motch; Bella Walls; and Addy Ruiz.



**MORE  
STUDENT'S  
CORNER NEWS**

Three students were awarded cash prizes from Clearfield Area Rotary Club for their outstanding performances in the Rotary 4-Way-Test Speech Competition. The students below left to right are: Addy Ruiz, 1st place; Chelsea Radaker,



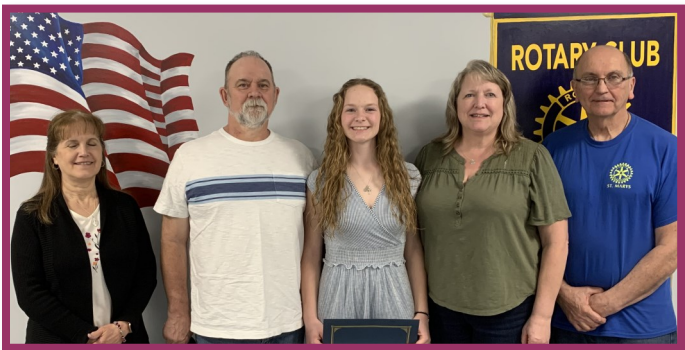
2nd place; and Alayna Winters, 3rd place. Addy will move on to compete in the Regional Competition. The competition will be held in State College on April 29th.

Pottsville Rotary Club

announced their Students of the Month from Minersville and Pottsville Areas. Superintendent Sarah Yoder Introduced Pottsville Area students Rayven Ciccanti and Carly Mohl. Principal Mike



Maley introduced Minersville Area students Ellayna Boyer and Connor Beck. Nativity BVM Students could not attend this month, due to school schedule. Pictured above left to right is: Connor Beck and Elleyna Boyer, Minersville Area and from Pottsville Area, Rayven Ciccanti and Carly Mohl.



The St. Marys Rotary Club recognized Rosa Deprater as the Student of the Month from St. Marys Area High School. Rosa is pictured with her parents Pete and Joan Deprater along with Rotarian Greg Snelick, and immediate past president Emily Snelick.

Ashland Rotary Club



honored Mackenzie Corrigan, a senior from North School High School, as their March's Student of the Month.



2023 Penn State Schuylkill Scholarship Presentation made by Pottsville Rotary Rotarian Bill Parulis; Greta Schutz, Scholarship Recipient; and Dr. Patrick Jones, Chancellor. Greta is a second year student enrolled in the Ross and Carol Ness College Nursing Program, with an expected 2025 graduation with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

## Third Annual District 7360 Foundation Walk/Four-Way Test Speech Contest



Come out and enjoy a leisurely walk in one of three locations. This year we have expanded the reach of the District Foundation Walk to include, from east to west in the district, Muncy, PA, State College, PA, and Chambersburg, PA. It will be held on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. Registrations will begin at 10 am and the walk will begin at 11 am. It will take about 20-30 minutes of *leisurely* walking in these communities. In Muncy and State College a lunch will be provided at the venue for \$10.00. In Chambersburg, you will be right next to the restaurant area of town and be given ideas for different types of eateries available.

This is a district fundraiser for the Rotary Foundation Annual Fund. Each club is encouraged to attend, having at least one representative come out, but the more the merrier! Prior to the walk, members are encouraged to commit an amount and/or have individuals sponsor them for the walk (the money each raises goes to toward Paul Harris Fellow points). Since there is no distance to walk, it is that you are walking to raise monies to help to fund the many projects that are funded from our annual giving. The club with the most money raised will be the proud caretakers of the walking stick that travels to the winning club each year. A question has been asked, may corporations donate to the walk – the answer is yes, BUT the amount that they donate will not count toward the club total toward the walking stick but will toward the club total annual giving. Every penny helps others in our communities and around the world, so don't be shy, just ask.

Don't just attend to walk, also take a break between Mother's Day and Memorial Day to slow down for an hour or two, enjoy a nice stroll with old and new friends. Take time to meet others you may not normally have the opportunity to do. Take some time out to fellowship and explore a new area you may never have been to. This is intended to be for the whole family!

Finally, if you attend the Muncy walk, another exciting district event is occurring, the Four-Way Test Speech Contest. This is the finals for four students from around the district. It is always exciting and is usually only about an hour. Come out to hear what is on the minds of high school students today and how they defend it with the Four-Way Test. You always come away in awe. This will be at the First United Methodist Church in Muncy where the walk registration and lunch following will be held. The Speech contest will begin at 2 pm. This will give you time to return and have a leisurely lunch then enjoy four thought-provoking speeches.

What do I do now? Go to DACdb and go to the calendar, making sure you have selected the button that enables you to see the district events, and sign-up for the location where you will be walking. This gives the three venues an idea of how many walkers they will be expecting and which clubs will be attending their venue. Further details will be emailed to club presidents. Any questions, please reach out to Barb Morgan, by phone (call or text) 570-412-3368 or email [bjmorgan57@windstream.net](mailto:bjmorgan57@windstream.net). Checks should be made payable to The Rotary Foundation and put Annual Fund in the memo.





# GOLF TOURNAMENT

**Wednesday  
May 17th, 2023**



**The Woods Golf Course, Hedgesville, WV**

**\$2,000 - Tournament Sponsor**

- Event Recognition
- Marketing & Advertising
- Golf for 8

**\$500 - Team Sponsor**

- Event Recognition
- Tee sign
- Golf for 4

**\$250 - Prize Sponsor**

- Event Recognition, Tee sign

**\$100 - Tee Sign Sponsor**

**\$100 - Individual Golfer**

**\$20 - Extras Package**

- Per golfer - 2 Mulligans, Pro Drive, Gold Tee Shot, 6 50/50 tickets



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**Player 4** \_\_\_\_\_

For More information contact :

**Allen Kees**

**304-676-5035**

**allen.kees@bankwithunited.com**

**REGISTRATION: 10AM  
SHOTGUN START: 12PM  
LUNCH & DINNER PROVIDED**



Checks made payable to: Rotary Club of Martinsburg  
PO Box 2073, Martinsburg WV 25402

Tax Exempt number: 55-6023366

\*Proceeds Will support the Rotary's 7 Areas of Focus in our local community.



The State College Rotary Club invites you to our . . .

# ANNUAL AUCTION

May 23, 2023 6:00—8:00 pm

## American Philatelic Society

100 Match Factory Place  
Bellefonte, PA 16823

**Silent Auction**                      **Raffle Auction**  
**Live Auction**                      **BUY IT NOW Items**

*Unique Experiences, Football Tickets,  
Gift Baskets, Gift Cards  
And so much more. . .*



**Ticket Cost—\$35**

For tickets contact a State College Rotarian  
or email [statecollegerotary@gmail.com](mailto:statecollegerotary@gmail.com)  
OR use QR code to Purchase Tickets on-line



Funds raised will be used for Community related Club projects



Tammy Miller, Auctioneer

**Appetizers provided by:**

