

# **IMAGINE ROTARY IN DISTRICT 7360**

August 2022 - District 7360 Newsletter



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August 1, 2022

August is a busy month for District 7360 Rotary clubs. With a wide variety of summer fundraisers, picnics and socials, it's a good month for coming together to serve club and community. It's also a great time to meet potential Rotarians and invite them to take part in our activities. Rotary is exciting and

infectious, and sharing that excitement is easy when we show others the positive impact of our actions.

One of our areas of positive impact is youth leadership. This month the Newsletter features "Updates on the Four-Way Test Speech Contest" by Art Leach. I also encourage you to learn more about our other District youth activities: Youth and Peace in Action (Jack Richford), the Student Exchange Program (Kathy Krinks), and later this year, RYLA (DGN Pam Wagoner). All of these initiatives are available for our clubs to offer to community youth.

Speaking of initiatives, it's time again to begin thinking of the next District Governor Nominee election. Have you ever considered applying to be District Governor? Believe me, you would love the experience. Qualifications for DGN are to have served one year as Club President, and to have been an active member of a club in District 7360 for five years. Contact DGE Herb Smith if you're interested!

In closing, I'd like to thank the new Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee for striving to provide us with additional insights and awareness—not just an awareness of our differences, but of the values we all hold in common. I'm also very appreciative of the District and Club leaders who have coordinated our joint official visits. This is truly a year to work together as clubs and Rotarians while we...

#### **Imagine Rotary**

Warm wishes, Vicki District Governor, 2022-2023 Newly added in red

# CLUB CALENDAR

August 28 – <u>Ringtown Rotary Club</u>

43rd Annual Pig Roast – Union
Township Municipal Blding –
155 Zion Grove Road – 12:00-3:00
PM

September 12 – Selinsgrove Rotary
Club 29th Annual Gold
Classic – Susquehanna
Country Club, Route 11 & 15,
Selinsgrove

September 17 – Save the date for the

North Schuylkill County

Rotary Club 100th Anniversary
at Elks Lodge Hall in Mahanoy
City, PA

September 30 – NOTE...CORRECTED

DATE – Rotary Club of
Shepherdstown – Golf
Tournament – Cross Creek
Country Club, Shepherdstown
WV

### **DISTRICT CALENDAR**

November 18—Foundation Dinner, Penn Stater, State College

November 19 & 20—District Conference—Penn Stater, State College

> Please send dates for your club events to: PDG Sharon Benner 7360news@gmail.com Thank you!

# **MEMBERSHIP MINUTE**

As we *Imagine* a brighter future in terms of membership, Rotary has moved to allow clubs to create new pathways to bring more people into Rotary. We can do this in two simple ways. First, our existing clubs can establish innovative membership types, such as corporate, family, satellite, or service-only. Second, we can establish new innovative clubs, either as satellite/companion clubs with as few as 8 people or as stand-alone clubs with as few as 20 people. Companion clubs meet at a different time and location than their sponsoring clubs, creating an on ramp to membership for those whose schedules may not align with the established sponsoring club. Both companion and freestanding clubs often bring together members who want to focus strictly on community service or who have a common interest, such as scouting or increasing social justice. Similarly, innovative membership types allow some leaders to join our organization who otherwise would not. These new innovative membership types and innovative clubs allow us to meet the evolving needs of our consumers, and by extension, our communities. This is what meeting people where they are looks like, and by meeting the needs of today's prospective Rotarians, we can increase our impact as an organization.

IPDG Dana Orsini

District Membership Chair



# **NEW MEMBERS**

Vernon L Ashway Jr Waynesboro

Jeana Bolin Emporium

Margaret Brack Hancock

Kelly Chaney Charles Town

Don W. Coble Oakland

Kathleen Coble Oakland

Frank Conway Waynesboro

Stephanie Curtin Charles Town

Jerry Fink Coudersport

Justin Gregory Oakland

Kenneth Hoffmaster Jr. Northern Schuylkill County

Kenneth Hoffmaster Sr. Northern Schuylkill County

Michelle Hoffmaster Northern Schuylkill County

Deborah Leben Charles Town

Elle W. McConnell Hollidaysburg

Sullivan McConnell Hollidaysburg

Judith C. Miller Charles Town

Stephen S. Spencer Shepherdstown

Michael Tumbarello Oakland

Mark L Whalen Oakland

Amanda-Clair C Woodring Oakland

Clifford L. Wurster State College

# the Way

#### **Updates on the 4-Way Test Speech Contest**

#### Art Leach - District Contest Chair

The 4-Way Test Speech Contest has been a signature event for district 7360 for nearly two decades. Started by PDG Jerry Friedman in 2006-2007, the contest brings district youth to club and district events to present a speech based on the 4-Way Test.

In 2009, Roy Adams, from the State College Rotary Club, took over the program and continued to grow and improve it until he relocated in 2018, when I took over as the program chair.

The annual competition has remained the same through the years regarding the program, regional and district contest events along with the prize money for the winners. Club participation in the contest was flat for many years. It was greatly reduced the past few years due to Covid, when the format was altered to use video speeches in a health-safe environment.

District Governor Vicki Zimmerman is now enthusiastically promoting our 4-Way Test Speech Contest and has agreed to dramatically increase the cash prize amounts for this upcoming year, to provide even more incentive for students to participate.

District Prize Levels	Previous Amount	2022-2023 Amount
Contest Winner	\$1,000	\$2,000
1 <sup>st</sup> Runners Up	\$500	\$1,000
Other Participants	\$300	\$500

Regional Prize Levels	Previous Amount	2022-2023 Amount
Contest Winner	\$150	\$300
1 <sup>st</sup> Runners Up	\$100	\$200
Other Participants	\$50	\$100

Another change in the contest is the club entrance fee that will be increased from \$200 to \$225.

District leadership and your Area Governors will be contacting club presidents to gage their interest in resuming their involvement with the contest or starting a club contest if they have not previously had one. Our goal is to have 50% of the district clubs participate in the contest this coming year.

The updated contest manual will soon be uploaded to DACdb and the district website. This manual contains a lot of helpful information for clubs to review before they develop their club contest. Detailed information about how to present the contest to school classes, clubs, and other students is included. A presentation is available to share from a teacher from the Clearfield club, where the club's contest has been extremely successful. Past years' contestant videos are available for use in explaining the format to potential participants and include content examples and presentation tips. I am also able to give virtual presentations to clubs interested in getting started.

Our Rotary theme for this year is "Imagine Rotary". Imagine numerous district youth, engaged in the 4-Way Test Speech contest, learning more about Rotary and the good Rotary does at home and around the world. Imagine yourself, listening to inspiring and informative speeches delivered by students applying the 4-Way Test Speech contest to their unique presentation on something in their lives they are passionate about. Imagine District 7360 Rotary doing what we do best-- using the 4-Way Test Speech contest to promote Rotary by involving youth and their parents, family and friends.

Let's imagine making the 4-Way Test Speech Contest in our district one of the key signature events other districts would look to as a model of being Rotarians.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Art Leach

### **DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION (DEI) MOMENTS**

#### **PUBLISHED MONTHLY**

#### Week #1: DEI Code of Conduct

In 2022, the RI Board approved a DEI Code of Conduct consistent with the Rotary core values of fellowship, integrity, diversity, service, and leadership. The DEI Code of Conduct has 4 components:

Use Respectful Language

Be Supportive

Foster a Welcoming and Inclusive Environment

Celebrate Diversity

We will focus on one of these each week for four weeks. We begin with:

#### **Use Respectful Language:**

When you first meet someone, introduce yourself and explain how you would like to be addressed, including your preferred pronouns (he/him/his, she/her/hers, they/them/theirs). Call others by their preferred name, rather than using a nickname that is easier to pronounce.

When addressing larger groups, utilize gender neutral words to avoid gender assumption.

Use active listening to deepen your understanding of others.

Be conscious of language use and adapt depending on region. Some wording is acceptable in some cultures but unacceptable in others.

Avoid slang or idioms that do not translate across cultures or be deliberate in explaining them to share our diverse cultures and languages.

Speak plainly and avoid acronyms and jargon that not everyone may understand.

If you are curious about someone's cultural background, faith, sexual orientation, gender, or another characteristic, ask if they are open to sharing more about themselves. Refrain from asking if the topic is not relevant to your conversation.

Foster an atmosphere of intergenerational dialogue and avoid describing anyone by their age.

# Week #2: BE SUPPORTIVE

- o Be an ally and advocate for others and be ready to intervene when you see a need.
- o If you see or hear something inappropriate, address the behavior in a way to offer support to those affected.

As a member of Rotary, uphold the Code of Conduct, build this culture within your club experience, and address any issues as they arise.

#### **Week #3: FOSTER A WELCOMING AND INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT**

- o Ensure every member and participant can fully engage in any meeting, event, or activity that you organize in person or online by offering an accessible venue, simultaneous interpretation, closed captioning and/or transcripts, and other resources as needed.
- o Review any club or program traditions and stop or change activities that may be offensive or alienating to a specific group.
- o Create a welcoming environment and include all in conversations, projects, and events.
- o As much as possible, pay attention to nonverbal communication such as eye contact, facial expressions, tone of voice, personal space, gestures, and posture, and how it impacts your ability to engage with and relate to others.
- o Know the important dates of various religions and schedule events and activities in a way that is inclusive and considerate of people who observe them.
- o Be aware of people's dietary and health restrictions.

Open opportunities for everyone to hold leadership roles in your club and district or engage with your community partners.

#### Week #4: CELEBRATE DIVERSITY

- o Increase your club's awareness, understanding, and acceptance of people with disabilities.
- o Celebrate a variety of cultural events and religious observances, rather than continually conducting service projects or hosting events associated with a single culture or religion.
- o Acknowledge and celebrate significant dates relevant to diversity.
- o Avoid stereotyping and mocking any specific group.
- Acknowledge and celebrate different genders.

#### **Announcements from the District Governor Elect**

Greetings my fellow Rotarians', I would like to start off by saying I hope all had a good summer and hopefully you were able to stay cool for the most part. We are going to have a busy next couple of months. So lets gets started....

The District Governor Area Visits have started and I will be traveling to some of the visits with our DG.

The Zoom meetings will be starting this month "So you think you want to be District Governor" so be watching for an email announcement link. Anyone who thinks they might like to be District Governor is invited to attend. This Zoom meeting is intended to answer any and all your questions about the job.

In addition, the Area Governors are going to be asking some of our Past Presidents if they would like to sit on the DG nominating committee to interview the candidates for District Governor 2024-25. This is will take one or two meetings depending on how many candidates we have for District Governor. If you are an immediate Past President and would like to volunteer please reach out to either your Area Governor or Dan Benett so they can present me with your names and I can then select the top five choices. When you throw your hat into the ring to take part in the nominating committee please provide the most important question that you want to ask the potential DGND. This is how I am going to make my selection because I believe you all did a fantastic job last year.

One of the most important jobs I have in the next 3 months is to find a District Treasurer to replace Ken Martin. He has done such an outstanding job for us but per the District By-Laws he can only serve for three years.

The goal would be to find our new Treasurer in the next 3 months and then for the following 6 to 8 months work alongside Ken to train and get prepared for the new Rotary year.

The candidate should have the following 1 to 2 years experience;

- Previous Bookkeeping
- Banking Both Online and Statement reconciliation
- Fluent with Excel and/or other Accounting software

If you feel that you would like to raise your hand for this very important job please contact me or Ken Martin.

We will also be looking for help to plan the District Conference which will be in November and individuals to help plan and work the Tri-PETS training which will be held in March.

Yours in Rotary Service District Governor Elect Herb Smith

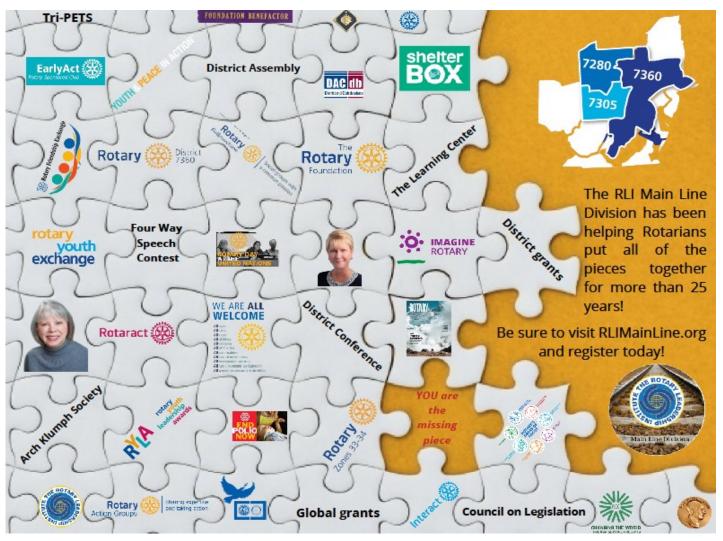




The Main Line RLI (Rotary Leadership Institute), including Rotary Districts 7360, 7305, and 7280, is back presenting learning opportunities for any Rotary member in our districts. RLI is a grassroots leadership development program for anyone who is interested in learning more about Rotary and how to enhance their leadership skills. The chairperson for Main Line RLI is Mitch Morgan of the Muncy Rotary Club.

One purpose of RLI is to strengthen your club by providing individuals with various skills and knowledge so that they can progress to leadership positions in the club. The program is divided into three parts followed by a graduate course which completes the learning modules. Currently each part is presented via Zoom during three nights for two hours per night. Part I, II, and III build upon each other extending information and knowledge of Rotary. Part I began in July, 2022 and will be followed by Part II in August and Part III in September. If there is enough interest, Part I may be repeated on August 7, 9 and 14.

Please consider enrolling in Main Line RLI and learning more about Rotary. Check the website for more information: rlimainline.org.





## District 7360 YPA Initiative 2022-23

#### Greetings Rotarians,

In 2021 Zone 33&34 under the direction of Mr. Peter Kyle created a Peace & Justice project called Youth & Peace in Action (YPA). Through YPA, participating high schools and youth clubs had access to an innovative online platform with content focused on fundamentals of peacebuilding (*My Peacebuilder Foundations*) as well as training and support for peace projects (*Leading Peace Project Teams*).

Based on the success of that initial pilot, the sponsoring agencies, New Gen Peacebuilders and Youth and Peace in Action, have updated those programs and aligned them with Rotary International Area of Focus, Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention. These two programs are now available to Rotary Districts and clubs as a powerful program for Youth Development. See the new platform website: <a href="https://www.youthpeaceaction.org/">https://www.youthpeaceaction.org/</a>



Please check out the YPA platform and consider sponsoring one or both programs for youth in your community. For more information and/or help with designing a local project, contact Jack Richford, District YPA Chair @ <u>jrch-frd@ptd.net</u> Information Sessions will be available at the District Conference in November......





#### From Left to Right:

Livia Lingsch and Jackie Raymond sponsored by the Bedford Club are heading to Sweden and Denmark respectively; Sarah Leason and Summer Seebold, representing the Selinsgrove Club are going to and Germany and Italy; and Zoe Cavill, is off to Croatia, being sponsored by the Shepherdstown WV Club.

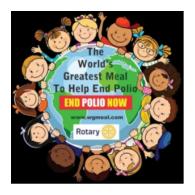
(Picture supplied by Mary Jane Smith, Huntingdon Rotary Club)

It has been a busy month for the Student Exchange Program as final preparations are being made for our five Outbound Youth Exchange Students. Securing visas, getting their travel itineraries secured, finishing last minute paperwork, and communicating with their host districts and families have kept us all on our toes. By the time you read this article, Sarah will actually be on her way to Germany while the rest will follow throughout the next two weeks.

In equally exciting news, final arrangements are being made for our district to receive six Inbound Students! We will be receiving students from Brazil (State College Downtown Club), Sweden (Shepherdstown), Japan (Bedford), Spain (Selinsgrove) and two from Czech Republic (Martinsburg WV and Shamokin).

Many thanks to the clubs who have been working diligently to make these exchanges happen! We certainly hit few bumps along the road, but the final destination is in sight!

Watch for emails and training events for the 2023-24 Exchange Year coming your way. Recruiting for next year should begin with the clubs the day school starts! Hopefully, we will have even more students for both the Short- and Long-Term Programs in 2023. Until then, please join the District Youth Exchange Committee and their sponsoring clubs and volunteers in wishing all of these young travelers' safe journeys, good health, and very memorable experiences.



# World's Greatest Meal World Polio Day, October 24, 2022

#### Below are important steps to follow for Club Presidents:

- Presidents must establish a date for your club's WGM event (between October 16-29, 2022) before
  the end of July 2022 and report the date by email to your Area Governor.
- Send a press release to local newspapers and radio stations at least two weeks before the Club's WGM event. (sample attached)
- 3. Your Club holds the event/meal and takes a digital picture.
- 4. The Club President completes the report form in PETS manual or DacDB and emails it with the optional digital picture of event and send to Jeff Coup (jeffcoup@verizon.net) by 11/23/22.
- 5. As soon as possible after the meal the Club sends the money raised from the event to the Rotary
  Foundation, 14280 Collections Center Drive, Chicago, IL 60693, along with a transmittal form, making
  sure to check off PolioPlus on the form (the attached transmittal form already has PoloPlus
  indicated).
- 6. Optional—Your club sends a digital picture and report of your event to the local newspaper.

Note: Do not register your Clubs' event with the Worlds Greatest Meal! We are doing this as a District Event. Your club will receive individual recognition if you follow these guidelines. See your results by liking on Facebook: Rotary Worlds Greatest Meal to Help End Polio. Like the "Group" and not the "page". Don't like the group that has USA in the title, or you will not see your results.



Attention Club Presidents and Officers! Now is the time to get working on your Club's World's Greatest Meal program for 2022 if you have not started already! For many years our District has joined together to have one large World's Greatest Meal Event. Because we work together, our WGM Event has received world-wide recognition. In 2019 our District WGM Event raised \$22,207! In 2020 it dropped to \$17,322 and in 2021 we raised \$18,711. This year, Governor Vicky is really pushing PolioPlus so we can finally eradicate this dreadful disease. She really hopes that a larger percentage of our clubs will participate this year so that we can raise the most money to date and surpass our goal of \$23,000!

Having a World's Greatest Meal event is not rocket science or hard work. The 2022 President's Guidelines in this newsletter point out the very easy 6 steps. We truly hope you club will pick a date during the two weeks surrounding World Polio Day, October 24<sup>th</sup> to hold a club WGM event. If you have any questions, ask me, District Governor Vicky, or your Area Governor.

There are always a few clubs that goof this up so let me be clear: WGM Reports to District Chair Jeff. All checks payable to "The Rotary Foundation" and mailed to the address at the bottom of the included WGM Foundation Transmittal Form.

For the benefit of ALL CHILDREN EVERYWHERE, let's get this job done!!

**Teff** 

R. Jeffrey Coup District 7360 PolioPlus Chairman <u>Jeffcoup@verizon.net</u> 570-412-1436



# "World's Greatest Meal to Help End Polio" 2022 District 7360 Event Report Form

Date Event Held:	
Club Name:	
Event Description:	
Number of People Participating:	
Money Raised for PolioPlus:	

Please send PolioPlus monies raised to The Rotary Foundation using the regular contribution forms that RI provides on <a href="https://www.Rotary.org">www.Rotary.org</a>. Be sure to check off "PolioPlus" on the form or the money will not qualify for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation matching monies and your District will not get credit for PolioPlus contributions.

Send this form by 11/23/22 via email to Jeff Coup, District 7360 PolioPlus Chair, at jeffcoup@verizon.net.

Attach any photos of the event to your email.





## **NEWS RELEASE**

# World's Greatest Meal to Help End Polio

Join the Rotary Club of Anytown in the Fight to End Polio Now

(City/Town) (Date) — The Rotary Club of Anytown is joining in a worldwide recognition of World Polio Day, October 24, 2022. Billed as the "World's Greatest Meal to Help End Polio" attendees of the (date) meeting of Anytown Rotary will be asked to forego their meal and instead donate the cost of that meal to the PolioPlus efforts of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. Members will "brown bag" their own lunch this one time. This small sacrifice on the part of each Rotarian will serve to bring awareness and dollars to the global effort of polio eradication.

Anytown Rotarians invite everyone to pack a lunch and donate the cost of a meal to this important effort. Bring your lunch and join them to learn more about PolioPlus and polio eradication.

#### **Rotary Club of Anytown**

Date and time

**Location Name** 

**Location Address** 

Started in 1985, Rotary's PolioPlus program set out to eradicate polio from the planet at a time when annual cases of the disease numbered in the hundreds of thousands. Today, thanks to the efforts of Rotary and its global partners, we are on the verge of certifying the world polio free! Completion of this mission will mark only the second time in human history that a disease has been eradicated. Previously, only smallpox has been eliminated. Once complete, the annual worldwide savings in medical care is estimated at \$1.5B US.

#### **About Rotary**

Rotary brings together a global network of volunteer leaders dedicated to tackling the world's most pressing humanitarian challenges. Rotary connects 1.2 million members of more than 34,000 Rotary clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas. Their work impacts lives at both the local and international levels, from helping families in need in their own communities to working toward a polio-free world. For more information, visit Rotary.org or EndPolio.org

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Contacts: zxzxz zxzxzxx (phone/email)

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Contributions can also be made at rotary.org/donate,

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Mail: The Rotary Foundation, 14280 Collections Center Drive, Chicago, IL 60680, USA (Canada: The Rotary Foundation (Canada) do 911600, P.O. Box 4050 STN A, Teronto, ON MSW 0E9, Canada). Email: rotarpupportornter-Brotary.org, Racc +1-847-328-5260. For more information, or to make a contribution by phone: 1-866-980TARY (1-866-976-8279). Or contact the Rotary International office that serves your area. The contribution amount may not include the value of any goods or services given to an individual donor in consideration for this contribution.

#### **DECEASED ROTARIAN**

### LYLE E. "PETE" FOLK

#### **ROTARY CLUB OF GALETON**

Lyle E. "Pete" Folk, 82, of Galeton, passed away peacefully on May 20, 2022, at UPMC Williamsport Hospital. Born in Laurelton on March 11, 1940, he was the

son of the late Bruce and Matilda Folk. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his sisters, Anna and Linda.

Pete is survived by his loving wife of 42 years, Jean (née Cady); five children: Kelly (Mike) Fry, of Reading, Christa (Paul Reinhardt) Oister, of Douglassville, Janet Finch, of Mansfield, Chris (Randy) Doud, of Galeton and Tom (Adrienne) Raymer, of Mifflinburg; 12 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Pete earned a BS in secondary education from Mansfield State College in 1962 and taught English at Mifflinburg High School from 1962 to 1964. He then accepted a position with the Boy Scouts of America, where his roles included District Executive of Shamokin and Council Director of Summer Camp. In 1967, he became a counselor with the Pa. Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, where he remained until his retirement in 2011.

Pete was a tireless volunteer with numerous civic organizations throughout his life and received many awards and honors for his commitment and service to the Galeton community. He belonged to the Galeton Rotary Club from 1970 until his death, serving in various capacities including Club President and Assistant District Governor. He received honors for his work with the Galeton Chamber of Commerce and the Gale Hose Ambulance Association, where he served for a number of years as a driver and EMT.

Additionally, he was a volunteer for the Potter County Committee of Employment of the Handicapped, the Potter County Health Council, the Potter County Easter Seals, the Galeton ~continued on page 17~

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Community Health Care Corp., the White Water Weekend Competition, and the Pa. Lumber Museum. He was also a member of the Galeton Presbyterian Church, serving on various committees over the years.

He and Jean were perennial volunteers at the Woodsmen's Show and the Bark Peeler's Festival, and they could always be found planting or watering flowers in the community flower boxes. Additionally, they had an antiques business for nearly 40 years, becoming local experts in antique furniture, books, and glassware.

Pete was an enthusiastic storyteller who loved to make people laugh. Often, he would chuckle as he related a favorite joke or story, delighting in the humor with each retelling. He was never at a loss for a plausible answer to a question, whether he really knew the answer or not, and he could enrich any situation with a relevant anecdote.

Pete made friends wherever he went and people always remembered him and he remembered them. Often on trips he would run into people he had met and befriended in his past travels. He was an avid animal lover and gave countless cats a safe and happy home. Pete helped countless people throughout his life, and he will be greatly missed by his family, friends, and community.

Memorial contributions may be made to the <u>Galeton Rotary Club</u>. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Hess Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Galeton.

#### **DECEASED ROTARIAN**

# FRANCIS J. EVANITSKY ROTARY CLUB OF LEWISTOWN

Francis J. Evanitsky, 80, of Lewistown passed away on July 13, 2022 at the Lewistown Hospital. Born, May 2, 1942 in Burnham, he was the son of the late Frank T. and Mary T. (Olnick). In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, Bonnie.

He is survived by his two sons, Gregory and wife Trisha of Milroy and Douglas and wife April of Enola. Two granddaughters Jennifer Marsh and husband James of Bellefonte, and Rebecca Evanitsky of Madison, WI and a sibling, Theresa Cutler and her husband Gary of Troxelville.

Fran was a member of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church. He was educated in the Mifflin County School District, Penn State University and received specialized training at Bucknell University and the Darden School of Business University of Virginia. In 1964, Fran started his career in the financial service industry as manager at Capital Consumer Discount Company of Lewistown. In 1967, he joined First National Bank of Lewistown as a loan officer. During his tenure with the bank, he assumed additional roles and responsibilities. In 1976, Central Counties Bank of Juniata County acquired First National Bank. Working for Central Counties Bank, Fran was appointed Manager of the Lewistown office and Assistant Regional Manager of the four offices in Mifflin County. Later, Mellon Bank of Pittsburgh acquired the Central Counties Bank of Juniata County. Fran then assumed the role of Regional Manager for Centre County and later, assumed additional regional responsibilities for Mifflin, Clinton, Lycoming and Union counties. In 1996, he joined Lewistown Trust Company as the Executive Vice President and became President/CEO in January 1998. In July 1998, Lewistown Trust Company and the Juniata Valley Bank of Mifflintown merged. Fran became President of the combined banks. In September 2000, he was appointed President/CEO of the Juniata Valley Bank where he worked until retiring on July 1, 2010. He also served on the Board of Directors for the Juniata Valley Bank until May 2014. During his banking career, he was heavily involved in community activities.

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Fran served on the Finance Committee and the Board for Mifflin County Industrial Development Corporation for 34 years. He also served as a Board member for the Juniata/Mifflin United Way and served as president for one year. Fran was a member of the Rotary Club of Lewistown for 40 years. He also served on the Lewistown Hospital Board for nine years, serving his last two years as Chairman of the Board. As an avid golfer, Fran was a member of the Lewistown County Club for over 45 years. In 2008, Fran received the Good Scout Award, presented by the Juniata Valley Council of Boy Scouts, for all his years of serving the community.

Fran enjoyed participating and watching sports and was an avid supporter of Penn State Athletics, the Philadelphia Eagles and the Philadelphia Phillies.

Arrangements are under the care of Heller Hoenstine Funeral Home, Burnham. Services are private and at the convenience of the family. Internment will be at Birch Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in Fran's memory to Sacred Heart Church, 9 North Brown Street, Lewistown.