



Rotary Club of Martinsburg

Grapevine

Feb 26, 2026

District 7360 | Club 5296

Friends of the Martinsburg Public Library

STRENGTHENING OUR LIBRARY, ENRICHING OUR COMMUNITY



The Friends of the Martinsburg Public Library is a non-profit, volunteer organization devoted to strengthening and supplementing Martinsburg-Berkeley County Public Libraries services through fundraising, increasing public awareness, expanding programming, and promoting use of the Library.

- Become a member
- Partnerships - Garden Clubs, Shade Tree Commission, GFWC, Business Sponsorships
- Programming - collaboration with staff to develop and oversee adult programming
- Advocacy at the local, state and federal levels
- Bringing the community together to envision MBCPL's future

Martinsburg-Berkeley County Public Libraries

M, T, Th: 10 AM - 7 PM W, F, Sat: 10 AM - 5 PM Sun: Closed

Services

- Passport Services
- Meeting Space
- Tax Assistance
- Inter Library Loan
- Notary Public Services
- FAX Services
- Photocopies
- Exhibit Space for Local Artists and Crafters

Collections

- Digital: eBooks, eAudiobooks, eMagazines, and children's media
- 190,000 titles - Fiction and Nonfiction
- Genealogy and Local History Collection,
- Large Print Collection
- West Virginia Collection
- Science Fiction Collection
- Young Adult Collection
- Magazines and Periodicals
- Videos on DVD and BluRay
- Microfilmed Newspapers and Census Records

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Rotary Club of Martinsburg Calendar

- Mar 5 – Lunch meeting at Holiday Inn
- Mar 14–15 – Pickleball Tournament – Save the Date
- Apr 16 – Spring Family Picnic – Save the Date
- Apr 18 – WVU Community Wellness Screening, 6–10AM
- May 25 – Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast
- Jun 3 – Golf Tournament – Save the Date
- Jun 11 – Installation Dinner – Save the Date
- Sep 12 – Hope Gala – Save the Date

Member Birthdays

- Mar 2 – Fred Hollida
- Mar 3 – John Taylor
- Mar 4 – Leslie Crabill
- Mar 5 – Andrew Beckwith
- Mar 9 – Maria Lorensen
- Mar 9 – Diane Smith
- Mar 9 – Steve Truax
- Mar 12 – Donna Helmick Balenger
- Mar 13 – Vicki Jenkins

Member Anniversaries

- Mar 1 – Doug Arndt, 37
- Mar 1 – Jeff Arndt, 37
- Mar 1 – Craig Collis, 34
- Mar 1 – Fred Hollida, 39
- Mar 1 – Scott Slick, 8
- Mar 3 – Norman Mariott, 4

LET'S
CELEBRATE
you



President Eric Stenger presents Ermira (Eri) Balaj with her new member badge. Welcome to the club Eri!!

← President Eric Stenger standing with Mr. Marlan Green, who presented on behalf of Friends of the Library. →

**UNITE
FOR
GOOD**





Pancakes for Polio

FREE BREAKFAST

Memorial Day – May 25, 2026

8:30 – 10:30 | War Memorial Park



MARCH – Belonging Before Commitment

Message from the Membership Committee

Commitment grows when people feel valued early. Belonging is not something people earn overtime; it is something they either feel or do not feel from the start. This month focuses on how we invite participation, encourage voices, and ensure newer members feel included in conversation, not just attendance.

Belonging & Shared Humanity

Belonging begins when people feel seen, valued, and connected, not because they are the same, but because their differences are respected and welcomed.

March – Women’s History Month

“I am not free while any woman is unfree, even when her shackles are very different from my own.”

Invitation to Action

Invite a new member into conversation.

Membership Snapshot

Members Month-end February	134
Total New Members YTD	8
Members Attrition YTD	9
Yearend Goal	141

Interpretation:

Membership growth remains below the pace required to offset historical attrition. While the club has achieved modest net gains year-to-date, attraction must accelerate to reach the annual membership goal and support the club’s

Ways to Engage This Month

- Upcoming meeting: 4th Thursday at 11:00 AM (prior to club meeting)
- Volunteer opportunity: Club meeting greeter, 50/50 table support, mentor to new members, and community projects (listen for committee announcements)
- Member connection moment: Invite a newer member to sit with you before the meeting and introduce them to others.



PICKLEBALL



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TOURNAMENT

Sponsorship Form

Rotary Club of Martinsburg, WV
5th Fundraiser Event

Event Details:

March 14-15, 2026 (Saturday & Sunday)
2 One-day Tournaments

Location:

W. Randy Smith Center
40 Excellence Way, Inwood, WV 25428



Diamond

\$5,000

- ✓ Recognition on Advertising & Marketing Material
- ✓ 8 Players

Platinum

\$2,500

- ✓ Recognition on Advertising & Marketing Material
- ✓ 4 Players

Gold

\$1,000

- ✓ Recognition on Advertising & Marketing Material
- ✓ 2 Players

Silver

\$500

- ✓ Recognition on Advertising & Marketing Material
- ✓ 1 Player

Bronze

\$250

- ✓ Recognition on Advertising & Marketing Material

Company/Sponsor Name & Level: _____

Contact Information/Phone & Email: _____

Sponsorship Submission: Opens Jan. 9, 2026 & Closes Mar. 6, 2026. Cancellation Deadline: Mar. 6, 2026.

Payment Option(s): To pay by credit card, please provide your email address: _____
The Rotary Club will email an invoice and link for you to pay online. Online payment via either PayPal/Stripe platform is available and both allow credit card payments. Optional payment by Personal Check to the Rotary Club of Martinsburg, P.O. Box 2073, Martinsburg, WV 25402 and reference Pickleball Tournament 2026 in Memo of check. Any funding issue may be addressed to the Rotary Club Treasurer, Rotarymartinsburg@gmail.com.

The Sponsor is required to contact/email the Tournament Director to provide the identify of each eligible player covered by the level of sponsorship to waive the registration cost. Any unfilled position will be forfeited/vacated after the deadline of 03/06/26.

Although the sponsor's player registration cost is waived, each player is mandated to register online via www.Pickleball.com. Search by keyword "ROTARY".

Note: When registering online, online "Waiver Signature" is mandatory. Note: Registration covers only 1st Event at no charge for either day; Payment of \$50 is required for additional events on either day. Rotary Letterhead referencing Nonprofit Status with Federal Tax ID (EIN) & W-9 will be provided upon request by the sponsor.

Rotary's 7 Areas of Focus:



Basic Education and Literacy



Maternal and Child Health



Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution



Disease Prevention and Treatment



Water and Sanitation



Economic and Community Development



Supporting the Environment

Contact: Robert "Rob" L. Lowe, II; Director: Rotary Pickleball Tournament
Phone: (304) 261-1110 Email: RLLowe2atRES1@aol.com

Thanks!