



Rotary Club of Martinsburg

Grapevine

Mar 27, 2025

District 7360 | Club 5296

GRANTS PRESENTATION

MARTINSBURG – Members of the Rotary Club of Martinsburg recently welcomed representatives from seven organizations, who were selected to receive funds through Rotary Club grants.

Kimberly Gilbert-Toelle, chair of the grants committee for the club, shared that the group she led received 32 applications for grant dollars seeking a total of \$323,000. The club, through its efforts, was able to award seven entities with \$40,500 worth of funds.

“Our club is wonderful at raising funds,” Gilbert-Toelle said, explaining that through a golf tournament, a pickleball tournament and the Hope Gala, the group was able to award the more than \$40,000.

Each recipient was called to the podium to receive their funds, as well as to share a few words about how those funds will be used.

The first recipient recognized was the Eastern Regional Jail Adult Education program.

Ben Holben, adult education instructor, shared his appreciation for funds, which will help purchase VERE headsets for job exploration and job training for his students.

“My students are in a bit of unique situation,” Holben said. “We don’t always get to celebrate them,” he said, adding that the \$3,000 from Rotary will help do that.



The Brian O’Neill Jr. Foundation was also the recipient of \$3,000. Board member Susan Reichel accepted the check on behalf of the foundation, stating that the funds will be used to help work with students to provide training in how to help their peers who may feel that suicide is their only answer find to deal with life’s situations.

Martinsburg High School teacher Derek Gallagher accepted \$5,000 for the school's Health and Wellness Initiative to help install a school garden and fitness trail equipment.

Gallagher shared alarming statistics about today's youth, including a 134% increase in teenage mental illness since 2010 and 139% increase in teenage anxiety disorders over the same period.

"Nationally, 77% of our 17-24-year-olds are not fit for military service," he said, adding that the initiative at the school will help provide a fitness area to encourage physical and mental well-being.

Others who received \$5,000 allocations included the Salvation Army of Martinsburg, Victoria's House Child Advocacy Center and the Martinsburg Sunrise Rotary's Eastern Panhandle Reading Program.

Capt. Priscilla Ramaji shared that the Salvation Army will use the funds to help with the organization's newest project, The Family Closet, which provides clothing and other needed items to those who come to receive them. The "closet" is housed in a trailer, she shared, and the funds will go toward helping add heating and air conditioning, as well as an addition to make "shopping" (at no cost) more accessible and house more donated items.



Victoria's House will use its allocated funds for its HIPAA Compliant Coordination Assistance program, specifically to text reminders for all partners and department members involved in the advocacy programs.

Martinsburg's Sunrise Rotary will use its funds toward purchasing nine books for every second-grade student in 31 elementary schools to have to take home for summer reading.



The final recipient of the day was the Boys & Girls Club of the Eastern Panhandle, which received a check for \$14,500, which, according to CEO Stacie Rohn, will be used toward the purchase of a van for the club's On the Move program in Berkeley County. The On the Move program helps transport young people to get job training at various industries in the county.





The **Rotary Foundation** helps Rotary members to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, providing quality education, improving the environment, and alleviating poverty.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

The Paul Harris Fellow recognition acknowledges individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name, of \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation.

From Mar 1 - Apr 30, the Rotary Club of Martinsburg will match dollar for dollar up to \$500 of your Rotary Foundation donation. That means if you have not contributed anything to the Rotary Foundation, right now you can contribute only \$500 to get a Paul Harris Fellow award, which would normally require a \$1000 donation. Why? because when you donate to the Rotary Foundation you get points. Those points can be gifted, as if they were dollars, by our club members and our club. Every year our club members generously donate their points back to the club in order for us to be able to offer this incredible deal to our members. Please consider donating your earned points back to our club. See Buzz Poland, Fred Hollida, or Chris Johnson for more details.



Sponsored by Rotary of Martinsburg with services provided by WVU Medicine.

39th Annual Rotary Health Screening Event!

COMMUNITY WELLNESS SCREENING

Saturday, May 3, 2025
6 am to 10 am

WVU Medicine
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Know your numbers. It's Easy & Convenient!
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- Lipid (Cholesterol) Panel - \$15
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- Hemoglobin A1C (Hb A1c, Diabetes) - \$15
- TSH (Thyroid Stimulating Hormone) - \$20
- Hepatitis C (Antibody Screen) - \$20
- Vitamin B12 - \$20
- Fit Kit (Colorectal Screening Kit) - \$25

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For questions or to receive a registration
form by mail, call 304.264.1223.



Online Wellness Screening
Registration and payment is available.
www.martinsburgrotaryfoundation.org

Pre-registration Required

Deadline to register is
Friday, April 25, 2025

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Member Birthdays

Apr 06 – Bill Stover

LET'S CELEBRATE!

Member Anniversaries

April 01 – Maria Lorensen, 28

Apr 02 – Ramadas Kamath, 6

Rotary Club of Martinsburg Calendar & Programs

- Apr 3 – New Member Bios
- May 14 – Annual Rotary Golf Tournament
- May 26 – Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast
- June 12 – Installation Dinner
- Sep 06 – Hope Gala



Top right: Student guests from Musselman High School. Bottom right: Our exchange student, Otavio, presenting at the District Spring Conference. Top left: Our club members representing at the District Spring Conference over the weekend at Bedford Springs, PA. Bottom left: Grants committee members and grants award recipients after the presentation last week.

GOLF TOURNAMENT



**Wednesday
May 14th, 2025**



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



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Peace and Conflict prevention / resolution



Disease prevention and treatment



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Economic and Community Development



Supporting the Environment

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**REGISTRATION: 8AM
SHOTGUN START: 10AM
LUNCH PROVIDED**



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