



Rotary Club of Martinsburg

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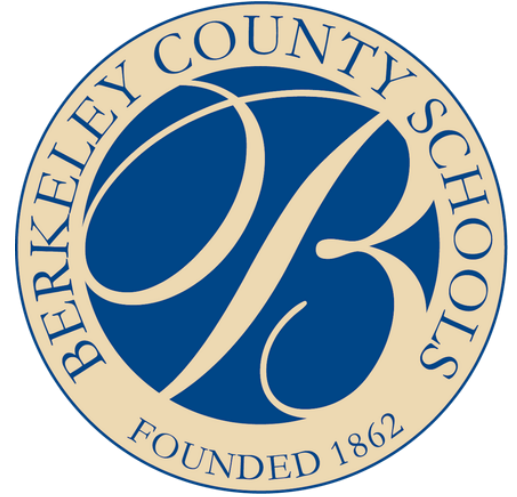
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Investments in our public school system benefit our students, staff and community

Berkeley County Schools

May 6, 2026

Written by Dr. Ryan Saxe, Superintendent of Berkeley County Schools.

As Superintendent of Berkeley County Schools, I want to take a moment to sincerely thank our families, staff, students, and community members for their continued support during times of transition and change.

Public education is constantly evolving, and with that comes important conversations, new challenges, and opportunities to grow stronger together. Through it all, our Berkeley County community has remained committed to what matters most, our students.

Every day across our schools, there is so much good happening. Our students are excelling academically, artistically, and athletically. We are seeing improvements in student achievement, increased opportunities for engagement, and continued dedication from teachers, service personnel, school leaders, and families who work tirelessly to support student success. From classroom accomplishments to career technical education pathways, fine arts performances, athletic achievements, military family support initiatives, and innovative partnerships with colleges and local industries, our students are being prepared for bright futures. These successes deserve to be celebrated.

At the same time, we know our work is not finished. We continue to look ahead and identify new opportunities that will best serve students now and in the future. These opportunities are not created by chance—they are driven by need, informed by data, and shaped by feedback from stakeholder groups including families, employees, students, and community partners. Whether it is expanding career pathways, strengthening student support services, improving school safety, or investing in programs that prepare students for college, careers, and life, our focus remains clear: doing what is best for students.

Investing in our school facilities is also an investment in our local economy. Strong schools help create strong communities. The proposed 2026 bond represents an investment of approximately \$160.4 million in Berkeley County's school facilities. Based on comparable economic impact studies, the proposed 2026 bond could generate an estimated \$250 million to \$280 million in total regional economic activity through direct construction spending, wages, materials, services, subcontractors, suppliers, and related local business activity.

Facility investments also play a major role in recruitment, both for families and for employees. Families considering where to live often look first at the quality of local schools, and modern, safe, well-maintained school buildings help attract new residents and strengthen property values. The same is true for recruiting and retaining high-quality teachers, service personnel, and school leaders. Educators want to work in environments where students have access to updated classrooms, safe learning spaces, and the tools they need to succeed. When we invest in our schools, we invest in our ability to attract and keep the very best people for our students.

I remain incredibly proud of the work happening across Berkeley County Schools and grateful for a community that continues to believe in and invest in public education.

Thank you for your trust, your partnership, and your support. Together, we will continue building strong schools, strong students, and a strong future for Berkeley County.



ROTARY CLUB OF
MARTINSBURG



NOON
MARTINSBURG
EVERY THURSDAY

Membership is the **HEARTBEAT** of Rotary

People
of Action

SPRING MILLS
SATELLITE ROTARY CLUB



5:30PM
SPRING MILLS
2ND & 4TH THURSDAY

2 CLUBS • 2 OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT

★ THE POWERFUL IMPACT OF OUR MEMBERS ★



135 TOTAL
CLUB
MEMBERS



6 ANNUAL
FUNDRAISERS



100% OF EVERY DOLLAR
RAISED IS GIVEN
BACK TO THE
COMMUNITY



\$102,000+
TOTAL DONATED LAST YEAR
TO THE COMMUNITY
THROUGH OUR VARIOUS
PROGRAMS & PROJECTS



\$54,000
DONATED LAST YEAR TO
LOCAL NON-PROFITS
THROUGH OUR GRANTS
PROGRAM



\$543,000+
(AND COUNTING)
DONATED TO ROTARY
INTERNATIONAL BY OUR CLUB,
SINCE OUR CLUB'S INCEPTION



300+ HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENT MEMBERS
THROUGH OUR
LEADERSHIP CLUB
INTERACT



1,500+ DICTIONARIES DONATED
EVERY YEAR TO ALL
BERKELEY COUNTY
3RD GRADERS



2,000+ VOLUNTEER HOURS
DONATED BY OUR
MEMBERS PER YEAR



20+ COMMUNITY
SERVICE
PROJECTS



\$4,000 SCHOLARSHIPS
AWARDED ANNUALLY



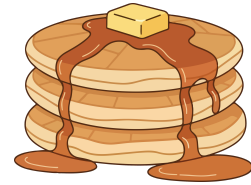
TOGETHER, WE CONNECT.
TOGETHER, WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

People of Action



Rotary Club of Martinsburg Calendar

- May 14 – EPEC, Holiday Inn
- May 21 – Ida, Foreign Exchange Student, Holiday Inn
- May 25 – Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast
- May 28 – Grant report, Holiday Inn
- Jun 3 – Golf Tournament – Flier attached
- Jun 4 – Hospice, Holiday Inn
- Jun 11 – Installation Dinner – Save the Date (No lunch meeting)
- Sep 12 – Hope Gala – Save the Date



Member Birthdays

May 8 – Marilyn Schoon

May 16 – Nina Arnett

Member Anniversaries

May 12 – Marilyn Schoon, 21

Wedding Anniversaries

May 15 – Ken & Denise Apple, 50 years!!!



Bobbi Ann Reynolds receives her new member badge.



Martinsburg High students present to our club.



Presented by Dr. Saxe

May 12, 2026 Bond Call: Building for Growth. Building for Kids.

Proposed projects showcase a brand-new Hedgesville Middle School, a Career & Technical Education Center, expanded classrooms and facilities at Rosemont Elementary School, Martinsburg South Middle School, and Hedgesville High School, and a fully upgraded cafeteria at Tomahawk Intermediate, and more—creating more space, better resources, and brighter opportunities for students across the district.

MEMBERSHIP CORNER | Membership Committee

MAY – Building Community Through Connection

Message from the Membership Committee

Connection is what turns participation into commitment. As our membership begins to stabilize, the opportunity in front of us is not just to grow, but to strengthen how we connect as a club. Numbers matter, but relationships sustain. Members who feel connected, to people, to purpose, and to the experience are far more likely to stay engaged and contribute over time.

This month centers on intentional connection. That means moving beyond routine interaction and being deliberate about including others in conversation, activities, and relationships. Especially for newer members, early connection often determines long-term engagement. Every interaction is an opportunity to reinforce that they belong and that their presence matters.

Connection & Shared Purpose

Connection deepens when members feel aligned with something larger than themselves. When relationships are built around shared purpose, they become more meaningful, more consistent, and more lasting.

May – Building Community Through Connection “Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.”

Invitation to Action

Make a deliberate effort to connect with someone you do not regularly engage with. Invite them into conversation before a meeting, include them in discussion, or collaborate on a service activity.

Membership Snapshot

Starting Members as of July 2025, 135

Current Members as of May 1, 2026, 137

Attrition YTD, 13

Yearend Goal: June 2026, 141

Members Needed to Reach Growth Goal, 4

Interpretation:

Membership is beginning to show signs of balance, with new member additions nearly offsetting attrition. While the gap to the yearend goal remains, the trend is moving in the right direction. The next phase is critical. Growth alone will not carry us forward if connection does not follow.

Retention will be driven by the strength of relationships within the club. Members who feel connected are more likely to stay, engage, and invite others. Focusing on connection now positions the club to convert current momentum into sustained growth and long-term stability.

Ways to Engage This Month

- Upcoming Membership Committee meeting: 4th Thursday at 11:00 AM (prior to club meeting) – come join us!
- Volunteer opportunity: Participate in service projects and support committee activities – stay tuned for announcements.
- Member connection moment: Sit with someone new and introduce them to others
- Growth action: Invite a guest or newer member to join an upcoming meeting or event



Rotary
Club of Martinsburg



Pancakes for Polio

FREE BREAKFAST

Memorial Day - Monday May 25, 2026
8:30 am -10:30am | War Memorial Park

ROCS
LOCAL MARKET

Bring the whole family to War Memorial Park to enjoy a delicious **FREE** pancake breakfast including sausage, biscuits and more!



Thank you to our sponsors!



Proceeds will benefit Rotary International's mission to eradicate Polio worldwide.
Please contact Denise Greenbeck Hess at dhess@mybank.com to make a donation or sponsorship

GOLF TOURNAMENT

**Wednesday
June 3, 2026**











**Registration 8 am
Shotgun Start 10 am**

The Woods Golf Course, Hedgesville, WV

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

- **\$2,000 - Tournament Sponsor**
 - Event Recognition
 - Marketing & Advertising
 - Golf for 8
- **\$500 - Team Sponsor**
 - Event Recognition
 - Golf for 4
- **\$250 - Prize Sponsor**
- **\$150 - Tee Sign Sponsor**
- **\$100 - Individual Golfer**
- **\$20 - Player's Pack** per golfer
 - 2 Mulligans, Pro Drive, Gold Tee Shot

ADDITIONAL HOLE EVENTS:

-  Double Your Money
-  Multiple Hole In One Giveaways
-  Casino Hole
-  Putting Contest
-  Cigar Giveaways & Specials
-  Closest to the Pin
-  Long Drive
-  Ticket Giveaways
-  Prize Raffles
-  Post Tournament Buffet and Awards Presentation



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