



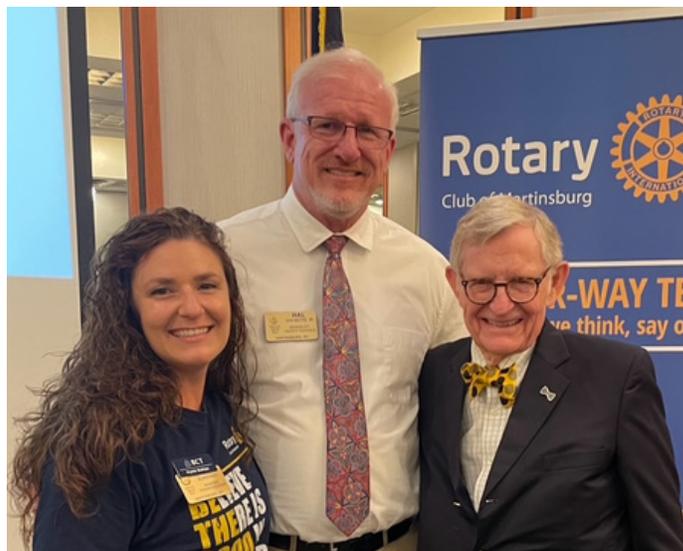
# Rotary Club of Martinsburg

# Grapevine

Jun 26, 2025

District 7360 | Club 5296

## WVU President - Dr. Gee



MORGANTOWN, West Virginia – Yesterday, June 30, 2025, was E. Gordon Gee’s last day as the President of West Virginia University. Gee, 81, has been the President at WVU since 2014 and will not be succeeded by Dr. Michael Benson, who will officially take over the position on July 15th. According to his bio on the official West Virginia University website, “Dr. E. Gordon Gee has been a leader in higher education for more than four decades. In 2009 Time magazine named him one of the top 10 university presidents in the United States. Recently, the website Great Value Colleges named him the nation’s top university president. In addition to his service at West Virginia University, Gee served as president of The Ohio State University (twice), Vanderbilt University, Brown University, and the University of Colorado. Gee, known for his signature bow ties and charismatic personality, will now enjoy his retirement and he reportedly intends to remain in the state of West Virginia, where he now calls “home.”

Under his leadership, the annual tour of all 55 counties in the state began. Gee said one of his most favorite things to do is to tell the West Virginia University story and over time Gee became a welcome sight each year.

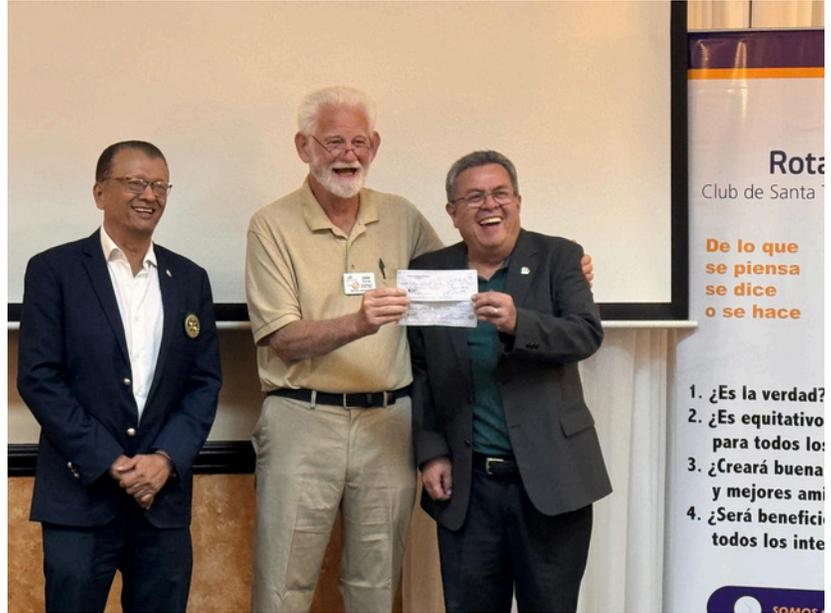
“You can imagine an Ivy League lawyer showing up with a bow tie the first time; they thought I was from Mars,” Gee said. “But, after seven, eight, or nine times showing up, I started getting notes asking me, ‘When are you going to show up? When are you coming back?’”

During the first tour, during a stop in McDowell County, he asked the county commission what he could do to help that struggling community. When the commission asked to bring the Pride of West Virginia, Gee loaded up the equipment and students in 10 buses and made the trip for a performance that will stick with him for a lifetime.

Gee is very concerned about the mental health challenges the current generation of students faces compared to students four decades ago. The proliferation of technology and cell phones has pushed us into silos that don’t promote social interaction, which was a hallmark of the college experience of the past.

# Member Birthdays

- Jul 03 – Butch Cazin
- Jul 03 – Jim Ouellet
- Jul 05 – Pete Mulford
- Jul 08 – Mike Hite



Top left photo: Norborne Preschool Director updates the club on their project funded by a grant. Bottom left photo: Diane Smith and Steve Truax pass out water during the Summer Rocks concert series in downtown Martinsburg. Top right photo: District International Chair, John Taylor, presents a check from our club for \$1,500 to the Rotary Club of Santa Tecla, El Salvador. Bottom right: Water filters being distributed to the San Rafael Arriba community.

# Rotary



## District 7360

# 25-26 District Calendar

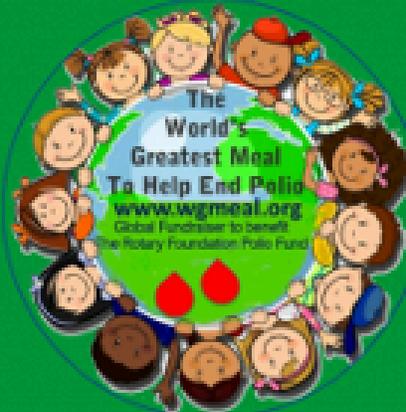
## District Governor Dawn Linn



One Summit



Zone 33/34 Summit



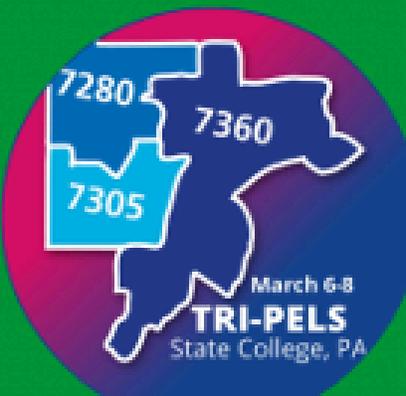
WGM



Pies/Pints/Pours for Polio



Conference & Foundation Dinner



PELS



Foundation Walk



RYLA 2026



International Assembly



Installation of DG Sean Murtagh

# Rotary Club of Martinsburg Calendar

- Jul 03 – Lunch meeting at Holiday Inn
- Jul 10 – District Governor, Dawn Linn
- Sep 06 – Hope Gala



Top photo: Rotary members come together to help build beds at the Lowes in Martinsburg for the Sleep in Heavenly Peace non-profit. Some lucky children will have a bed to sleep in because of you!! Thanks for making a difference in our community.



# G A L A

you are invited to the

**Rotary**  
Club of Martinsburg



# HOPE GALA

*Dinner, Drinks &  
Duelling Pianos*



September 06, 2025

Hilton Garden Inn, Martinsburg at 6PM

Join the Rotary Club of Martinsburg for our second annual Hope Gala. All proceeds to benefit local projects sponsored by our club. The event will have a silent auction and live auction.

*cocktail attire - black tie optional*



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# HOPE GALA SPONSORSHIPS

## Presenting Sponsor: \$7500

### **Exclusive - Only 1 at this level**

- First right of refusal for the following year
- Reserved VIP seating for 10 guests (1 table)
- Arrive in style. A luxury limo-bus will pick-up and drop-off at one location of your choice.

\*Restricted to Jefferson or Berkely County

- Logo wrap on dueling pianos - located front and center
- Event social media mentions
- Recognition in press release
- Mentions during radio announcements
- Mentions in the Grapevine

(Rotary club newsletter)

- Prominent logo on event print materials and website
- Emcee mentions during event
- Professional Group photo (delivered)

## Baby Grand Piano: \$2500

- Reserved VIP seating for 6 guests
- Event social media mentions
- Recognition in press release
- Mentions during radio announcements
- Mentions in the Grapevine

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- Logo on event print materials and website
- Emcee mentions at event
- Professional Group photo (delivered)

## Upright Piano: \$1000

- Reserved seating for 4 guests
- Event social media mentions
- Mentions in the Grapevine

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- Logo placement at event
- Emcee mentions at event

## Grand Piano: \$5000

### **Only 3 sponsors at this level**

- Industry exclusivity at this level
- Reserved VIP seating for 10 guests (1 table)
- Choice of exclusive sponsorship at event
  - Candy Buffet, Signature Cocktail or Photo Booth (first come, first serve)
- Event social media mentions
- Recognition in press release
- Mentions during radio announcements
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- Prominent logo on event print materials and website
- Emcee mentions during event
- Professional Group photo (delivered)

## Piano Man: \$2500

- Reserved VIP seating for 10 guests (1 table)
- You don't need a business to enjoy the VIP treatment. Get premium seating for 10 and show your unwavering support of the Martinsburg Rotary mission.
- Professional Group photo (delivered)

## Ebony & Ivory: \$500

- Reserved seating for 2 guests
- Event social media mentions
- Mentions in the Grapevine

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- Logo placement at event

## Keyboard: \$200

- Event social media mentions & name placement at event

## Ticket to event: \$150

Individual ticket sales will be open on July 1st subject to availability.

