



Rotary Club of Martinsburg Grapevine

Dec 14, 2023

District 7360 | Club 5296



MARTINSBURG



HIGH SCHOOL

MHS Football Coaches, Sherman and Walker, attended our Rotary meeting this week. They brought some of their top Senior players as well. The Bulldog's recently won their 10th state title since 2010 – The 2023 State Championship. The Herald Newspaper reads: “Walker guided the Bulldogs to their first eight state titles (2010–13, 2016–19) and then left after the 2019 championship season to become the head coach at Division II Concord University. After leading Concord to a 9–2 record and being named the Mountain East Conference Coach of the Year in 2022, Walker wanted to come back to Martinsburg, where he'd won 56 straight games before he left. Britt Sherman – who took over for Walker as the Bulldogs' head coach and led them to the 2021 title – went back to his previous position as Walker's offensive coordinator. The team didn't skip a beat.

“It's amazing, the work they've put in and the focus they've shown,” said Walker after upping his winning streak with Martinsburg to 69 straight. “It's a great group of guys, and I'm just blessed to be associated with them.”





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Rotary Club of Martinsburg Calendar & President Notes

- RLI Main Line Part 1, January 22, 2024 at 6:30 PM
- RLI Main Line Part 2, February 20, 2024 at 8:00 AM
- 3rd Annual Pickleball Tournament, March 9–10 at Randy Smith Center
- RLI Main Line Part 3, March 25, 2024 at 6:30 PM



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Upcoming Programs:

- Dec 21 – Journal – Year in Review
- Dec 28 – District Programs – RYLA, Youth Exchange
- Jan 4 – Elder Abuse Prevention
- Jan 11 – Martinsburg – Year in Review
- Jan 18 – Martinsburg Public Library



Join The Martinsburg Sunrise Rotary Club for an evening you will never forget!

A MASQUERADE AT THE STABLES @ ARDEN

A Benefit for The Boys & Girls Club of the Eastern Panhandle & the MSR Foundation.

Top Left: Join the Morning Rotary Club on 2/17 from 7–11PM for a fun event! Top Right: Socks collected at the Holiday Party for the Rescue Mission. Middle Right: Club President, Michelle Sadat, presents a new member badge to Nadine Kennedy. Welcome to the Club!! Bottom Left: Club President, Michelle Sadat, awards Tim Mercurio with a Paul Harris pin.

December Wedding Anniversaries	Years	
Cox, Steve & Betty	14-Dec	61
Schoon, Marilyn & Bill Wortley	18-Dec	47
Cazin, Butch & Estela	21-Dec	48
Poland, Buzz & Lisa	23-Dec	?

December Member Anniversaries	Years	
Bartoldson, Drew	12/19/2022	1
Van Metre, Harry	12/8/2022	1
Hamilton, Sandy	12/19/2013	10
Kelley, Gary	12/15/2005	18
Elliott, Vickie	12/29/2005	18
Pill, Richard	12/1/1985	38
Reid, Kim	12/1/1985	38
Poland, Buzz	12/27/1973	50!!!!!!

December Birthdays	
Collis, Craig	1-Dec
Wortley, William	11-Dec
Hite, Pamla	19-Dec
Merceruio, Tim	25-Dec
Rice, Lacy	29-Dec



DIVERSITY HOLIDAYS December 2023



FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE



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WORLD AIDS DAY

our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion Rotary



1 World AIDS Day, commemorates those who have died of AIDS and acknowledges the need for continued commitment to all those affected by the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

3 International Day of Persons with Disabilities, designed to raise awareness regarding persons with disabilities in order to improve their lives and provide them with equal opportunity.

3-24 Advent, a Christian season of celebration leading up to the birth of Christ.

7-15 Hanukkah, a Jewish holiday that is celebrated for eight days and nights. Hanukkah celebrates the victory of the Maccabean, leaders of the Jewish people, over the Greek-Syrian ruler, Antiochus, approximately 2,200 years ago.

8 Immaculate Conception of Mary, celebrates the solemn celebration by various Christian denominations of belief in the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

8 Bodhi Day, a Buddhist holiday that commemorates the day the historical Buddha, Siddhartha Gautama (Shakyamuni), experienced enlightenment; also known as Bodhi in Sanskrit and Pali.

10 International Human Rights Day, established by the United Nations in 1948 to commemorate the anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, a religious holiday in Mexico commemorating the appearance of the Virgin Mary near Mexico City in 1531.

13 St. Lucia's Day, a religious festival of light in Scandinavia and Italy commemorating the martyrdom of St. Lucia, a young Christian girl who was killed for her faith in 304 CE. She secretly took food to persecuted Christians in Rome while wearing a wreath of candles on her head so both her hands would be free.

16-24 Las Posadas, a nine-day celebration in Mexico commemorating the trials Mary and Joseph endured during their journey to Bethlehem.

21 Yule Winter Solstice, celebrated by Pagans and Wiccans. The first day of winter and shortest day of the year represents a celebration focusing on rebirth, renewal, and new beginnings as the sun begins to move farther away from Earth.

25 Christmas Day, the day that many Christians associate with Jesus' birth.

26 Boxing Day, a secular holiday celebrated in the United Kingdom, Canada, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, and South Africa.

26 St. Stephen's Day, a day to commemorate St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr, or protomartyr.

26 Zartosht No-Diso (Death of Prophet Zarathushtra), a day of remembrance in the Zoroastrian religion. It commemorates the anniversary of the death of the prophet Zoroaster, or Zarathushtra.

26-January 1 Kwanzaa, an African-American holiday started by Maulana Karenga in 1966 to celebrate universal African-American heritage.

27 St. John the Apostle and Evangelist Day, feast day for St. John, celebrated by Christian denominations.

28 Feast of the Holy Innocents, a Christian feast in remembrance of the massacre of young children in Bethlehem by King Herod the Great in his attempt to kill the infant Jesus.

30 Feast of the Holy Family, a liturgical celebration in the Catholic Church in honor of Jesus, his mother, and his foster father, St. Joseph, as a family. The primary purpose of this feast is to present the Holy Family as a model for Christian families.

31 Watch Night, a day for Christians to review the year that has passed, make confessions, and then prepare for the year ahead by praying and resolving.



CHRISTMAS



KWANZAA

"To know the true reality of yourself, you must be aware not only of your conscious thoughts, but also of your unconscious prejudices, bias and habits." – Unknown

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12 / 21 / 2023



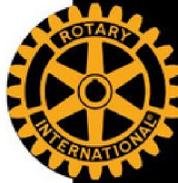


Helping Our Local Community.



GRANTS PROCESS

- Applicant must be a non-profit charitable organization, government agency, Rotary Foundation, or other Rotary Club.
- Must demonstrate need for a specific project, pilot program, or program (not to include operating and/or administrative expenses such as salaries and operating expenses or ongoing operations—i.e., we will not provide a grant to a Food Pantry to buy food).
- Must be able to demonstrate impact of the grant.
- Funding must provide services to Berkeley County residents (exceptions can be made for other Rotary Clubs)
- Funding must be for future projects or programs. (Grants may not be used to reimburse organizations for activities or expenses already completed or in progress.)



WHO? AND WHAT?

Grants for a maximum of \$20,000.00 per organization will support projects that demonstrate need for small capital items or "seed money" for pilot programs and special services that provide direct and tangible benefits within Martinsburg/ Berkeley County or larger projects or pilot programs that demonstrate long-term sustainability and impact.



SEVEN AREAS OF FOCUS

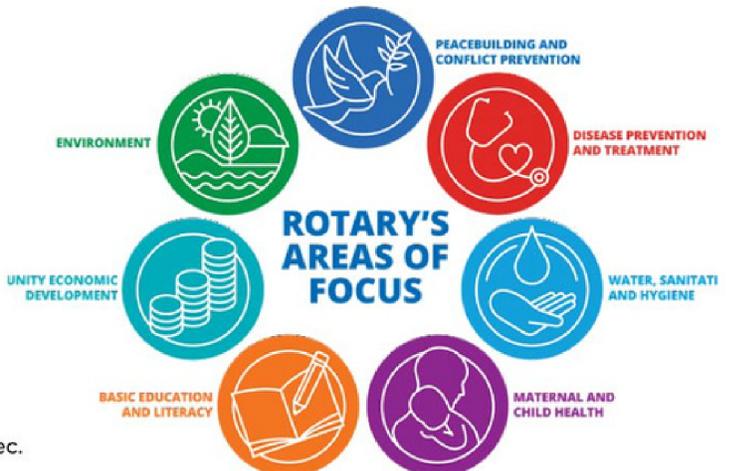
All grant applications must relate to the seven areas of focus for Rotary International: Promoting peace; Fighting disease; Providing clean water; Sanitation, and hygiene; Saving mothers and children and supporting education; Growing local economies; Protecting the environment.



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Non-profits in the community are encouraged to apply for the grants Dec. 1, 2023 through Jan. 31, 2024.



UPCOMING EVENTS



OUR FACEBOOK GROUP

NOV 9

SMSRC MEETS AT CNB BANK (5:30)
BRING SOUP/WV ITEMS

DEC 6,7,9

**WESTVIEW BAPTIST GIFT BOXES -
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

DEC 12

**HOLIDAY PARTY - MRC
MC FARLAND HOUSE (5:30-7)**

DEC 14

SMSRC MEETS AT CNB BANK(5:30)

JAN 11

SMSRC MEETS (LOCATION TBD)

JAN 25

SMSRC MEETS (LOCATION TBD)

FEB 8

SMSRC MEETS (LOCATION TBD)

NOV/DEC DONATION OPPORTUNITIES:

- SOUP FOR WESTVIEW BAPTIST
- WV ITEMS FOR SM JR.CARDINALS

EXPLORE

The World

rotary youth exchange

Students

Youth Exchange is an opportunity for you to experience something new - a new way of living. There are long-term, lasting a full academic year, and short-term, from several days to three months when school is not in session.

Parents

Give your student (15-19 years old) an opportunity of a lifetime. They will become a global citizen. They will learn a new language, discover another culture and develop lifelong leadership skills and friendships.

Host Families

Enrich the lives of your family by hosting an exchange student from another Country. This is a great opportunity to gain new perspectives and make lifelong friends.

INTERESTED?

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Application Due by Mid November - apply at www.exchangestudent.org