



### Cheers! It's 2022! We survived!

#### Club Business/Announcements from President Steve Truax:

I will send weather cancellations out by email and will try to consult with the Executive Committee first.

Read Diane Smith for membership.

There is a get-well card for Pam Curtis being circulated, and Doug Frye is here with us today! On a somber note, I found out today that John Lucas passed away Tuesday, and his daughter is inquiring about Rotary setting up a memorial fund for him.

Rob Lowe is looking for people to work his pickle ball fundraiser. If you are available for helping with this, please see Rob.

#### Guests: WE HAD 6 GUESTS!!!! This is amazing and Thanks to everyone who brought them!

Randy Brown was a guest of Robert Sowell, Kendell Burke was a guest of Allen Kees, Eric Stenger was a guest of Buzz Poland, Jon Elliot was a guest of Pete Mulford, Matt Miller (has the best handwriting I have ever seen) was a guest of Steve Truax, and Norman Merriot was a guest of Manuel Washington.



Student Guests came to us today from Spring Mills High School. We were happy to have them back after their winter break. Riley Potter and Dei'ja Taylor-Mallory were joined by Teacher and Mentor, Fran Inman. As usual the student guests wowed us with their accomplishments and future goals.

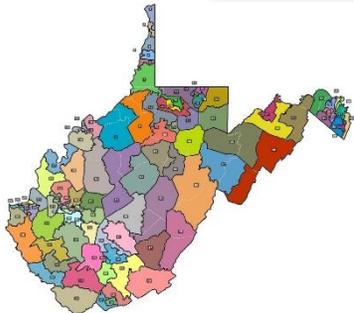


Martinsburg High School Football Coaches, Britt Sherman and Mark Ostrowski as well as a few of their players, were our opening act. The Martinsburg High School Bulldog Football team has a winning tradition in West Virginia. They have won 9 AAA State Championships covering the years of 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021. CONGRATS!!!



# 2021 The 2021 Year in Review

Presented by **Rob Mario.**



“WV Legislature adopts 100 single member delegate districts.  
That’s one for each district if you’re into specifics.

Governor Justice wants to eliminate the state income tax,  
But his timing for delivering this message was just a bit lax.

After the census reveals another population loss,  
McKinley and Mooney verbally spar to see who’s the boss.



WV Governor Jim Justice appoints the first three judges to the state’s first ever Intermediate Court of Appeal,  
“Hey isn’t that new Delegate Derrick Evans chanting “Stop The Steal”

The City of Martinsburg Charter is rewritten by a committee department,  
Had they waited longer they could’ve met it in a Monument Companies Apartment.

24<sup>th</sup> Family Court Circuit Judge David Greenburg retires thereby setting in place,  
Senator John Unger to the bench and Hannah Geffert in Unger’s space.

Gamestop and Robin Hood dominate a week or two of the news,  
And Texas ice Storms and Cancun put the spotlight on Ted Cruz

Prince Harry, Meghan and Oprah try to put the issue to bed,  
Sadly, cancellation hits Dr. Seuss, Pepe LePew and Mr. Potato Head

Alley Cat Allies attempt at fundraising results in failed heartstring tugs,  
While Berkeley County Deputies seize \$353,200 worth of street drugs

Delegate Jason Barrett is now an R but he used to be a D  
The Wellness Center will no longer be open for thee.

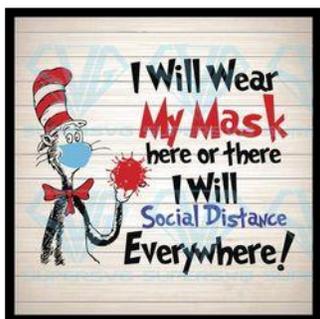
After 20 years, The Hilltop House is actually going to be a House on a Hill,  
Thanks to the West Virginia Legislature for passing that Bill.

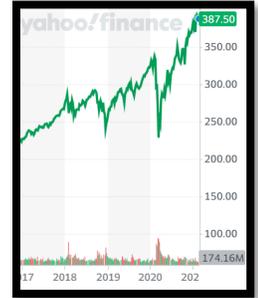
The Cuomo Brothers are OUT and the Manning Brothers are IN  
Brood Ten Cicadas? Are those Locusts like in a biblical plague for a sin?

Schools reopened but teachers and students wore masks,  
It’s better than remote learning and not doing your tasks

Berkeley County purchased over 100 acres for park land,  
And then brought on Bob Williams to lend them a hand.

After a long run Main Street Martinsburg’s Randy Lewis retired  
In his place a young fellow named Robbie Blair was hired.





But alas Randy Lewis was not the only one to split the scene.  
There was Deputy Superintendent Don Dellinger, and Board president Queen.

The Suez Canal was blocked and the Colonial Pipeline was hacked,  
While some Democrats planned for a court that was stacked.

Covid's variants Delta and Omicron are still here, yes, did I stutter?  
While one prominent official was indicted for use of a bolt cutter.

The breakfast in the park was back, it's good for the souls  
Martinsburg has a new mayor and his name is Kevin Knowles

The market went higher so many waited to buy on the dips  
Caused by supply chain issues, China and chips.

If you wanted a new ride here on earth it was hard to buy cars  
While up in the sky Ingenuity was cruising on Mars.

At age 90 Captain Kirk went up into space a full 66 miles  
Bringing all of us old Trekkies some hope, and a face full of smiles.

Well I hope this summary of the year made you smile too.  
And I wish you all the best, as we blast off into Two Thousand and Twenty Two."



### January Birthdays:

Member Birthdays	
Bartoldson, Drew	23-Jan
Brookreson, Joseph	17-Jan
Collis, Berniece	7-Jan
Linsenmeyer, Jim	31-Jan
Preston, Charles A.	15-Jan
Slick, Scott	15-Jan
Snyder, Carolyn	23-Jan

### Member Anniversaries:

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Agee, Jonathan	1/1/2021	1
Cazin, Butch	1/12/2006	16
Collis, Berniece	1/18/2001	21
Janelle, Sherri	1/24/2019	3
Jenkins, Vicki R	1/21/1999	23
Johnson, Chris	1/14/2010	12
Linsenmeyer, Jim	1/16/2020	2
Parsons, Fred	1/1/1990	32
Pifer, Chris	1/30/2020	2
Pifer, Renee	1/1/2019	3
Poland, Buzz	1/1/1974	48
Truax, Steven	1/12/2017	5

### Wedding Anniversaries:

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Bowen, Bill & Monica	23-Jan	51

### Future Programs:

- Jan 13 – Tina Nipe, Tenth Degree Technologies and E-Sports
- Jan 20 – Bob Williams, MBC Parks & Rec
- Jan 27 – Boy Scouts
- Feb 1- Board Meeting.
- Feb 3- Principal Pat Blanc from St Joe

**Presentation:**

President Steve presenting Ms. Inman with the Spring Mills Interact Groups annual support check for \$250.



# Become a Sponsor

## Berkeley County 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration

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Norborne Berkeley - \$25,000  
Adam Stephen - \$15,000  
Thomas Bryan Martin - \$10,000  
Alexander White - \$5,000  
Morgan Morgan - \$1,000

Berkeley County is celebrating it's 250th in 2022 with multiple events including a color run, duck derby and fireworks!!

We hope you will join in this quality of life-focused celebration where History Happens Here!

<http://berkeleywv250.com/becomeasponsor/>



The Pickleball Tournament is Happening! Dates: March 12 & 13. Seeking Volunteers for the event. Please contact Rob Lowe for more details. Please share Facebook event.



**When:** Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 11:00 am EST to 12:00 pm EST USA  
**Where:** Zoom Webinar, Register by clicking here: [rotaryshares.org/empowergirlsnow](https://rotaryshares.org/empowergirlsnow) (check email)  
**Who:** All Rotarians and Guests are welcome.  
**Why:** Equality is a fundamental human right that’s necessary for a peaceful, prosperous, and sustainable world. Still, girls and women worldwide face inequities in areas including health and education, and they experience violence and poverty at higher rates than men.  
**What** you will walk away with: Inspiration and Ideas for Club projects, District Conference ideas, Club presentation ideas and so much more.

### ***A Look Back in Time***

This Rotarian artifact was contributed by Buzz Poland. I have no idea what it is, maybe a pocketknife with a chain...? Next time you see Buzz, ask him about this.



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