



Rotary Club of Martinsburg Grapevine

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District 7360 | Club 5296

My WV Adventure

Kacy Harmon



"Mill Creek Intermediate teacher Kacy Harmon recalled something her dad always tells her whenever she embarks on her next big chapter, like leaving for college. "Don't forget who you are and where you came from," she said. Harmon is hoping to pass that on to her students and many others with the release of her new book, "My West Virginia Adventure Journal," which she announced Tuesday in conjunction with National West Virginia Day. The book is a pseudo-activity book, with places to visit in all 55 counties and places to share memories. "That's really what motivated the book: I want to share it with the kids and their families," Harmon said. "So much, especially the past two years, we've spent time online and on our phones, not getting out and being able to explore, do different things. I really want it to be a way that the families can spend time together."



As a native West Virginian, the research process allowed Harmon to find places for her own family to visit, as well as a chance to reflect on places she's visited throughout her life. Her mom, Susan Shafer, laughed that Harmon's love for the state has always been evident through her college and teaching careers, through an outline of the state Harmon created with her uncle that hung in her dorm room, an outline that was nearly 5 feet tall. As Harmon considered all the places she learned about, the grand amount was a symbol of not just her love for the state but what she hopes the book will serve to do.



"I love our state. I love highlighting it. I have gigantic West Virginias all over my classroom and famous West Virginians on my wall," Harmon laughed. "I just have so much pride for our state, and I think sometimes we get a bad rep about our state, people like to pick fun. Really, they just need to come see it for themselves and see the wonderful things our state has to offer."

Jessica Wilt, The Martinsburg Journal

"My West Virginia Adventure Journal" is available for order on Amazon, and Harmon will be seeking other outlets, as well. She will be hold a meet-and-greet and book signing on April 29 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at Jordan and Hess Co at 202 S. Queen St. in Martinsburg.

To follow Harmon's author information, check out Perfect Harmony Designs on Instagram and Facebook."



Community Events:

- July 30 – Aug 6– BC Youth Fair
- Sep 15 – Puttin' for Panhandle Home Health, 10AM or 1PM
- Sep 24 – CHS Blue Jean Ball at the CT Racetrack
- Oct 12 – Women of Distinction Luncheon
- Oct 21 – Clorox tentative ribbon cutting for new Martinsburg facility



Thank you to all of
our dedicated &
selfless Rotarians!!

Upcoming Rotary Club Calendar & President notes:

- The exchange student committee is looking for a host family for the second half of the year. Our exchange students name is name is Josefina Magdalena Pospisilova or "Pepi" from the Czech Republic. The committee members would be very happy to talk with anyone who may have an interest. The exchange student committee members are Elaine Bartoldson, Maria Lorensen, Buzz Poland, Rich McCune and Doug Frye.
- Allen Kees has volunteered to step into the role of Golf Committee Chair for 23/24. Craig Martin will be working with Allen Kees this upcoming year as they plan the Golf Tournament together. Thank you both for your service!
- Our service commitments remain strong. THANK YOU to all who volunteered at the FOOD concession for the Youth Fair! The Pancake Breakfast for the Apple Harvest at the fairground is an upcoming event we will also be seeking volunteers for. Please see Steve Truax for more information.
- Oct 15–16 – Apple Harvest Pancake Breakfast, Volunteer Opportunity ****Seeking Chair/Co–Chair for this event****
- Oct 27 – Combined Morning and Noon Rotary Club dinner* to welcome DG Vicki back for her official club visit.
- Nov 18 – Rotary Foundation Dinner, State College, PA
- Nov 19–20 – District Conference, State College, PA



Chaz Prince was recognized for his Paul Harris, Plus 4, for his long-standing support of the RI Foundation.

Future Programs:

- Aug 4 – Pastor Tim, Rescue Mission
- Aug 9 – Board Meeting
- Aug 11 – Jason Ledney, Cyber Security
- Aug 18 – Irvin Wright, Rotary DEI program
- Aug 25 – HS Football Coaches
- Sep 1 – Mike Hessing, CEO Shenandoah Community Health
- Sep 6 – Board Meeting
- Sep 8 – Tina Hammel, Miss All–American Lady
- Sep 15 – Moises Mendoza, Social Connection Marketing & Videography



August Birthdays	
Mason, Charles	1-Aug
Zanotti, Robin	5-Aug
Hamilton, Sandy	8-Aug
Arndt, Jeffrey S.	9-Aug
Andrewas, Isabella	10-Aug
Klein, Jim	10-Aug
McCune, Wm. Rich Jr.	10-Aug
Bartoldson, Elaine	11-Aug
Sowell, Robert L. Sr.	12-Aug
Stedman, Jason	18-Aug
Knowles, Kevin	25-Aug
Sadat, Michelle	29-Aug
Simms, Megan	29-Aug
Bowen, Bill	30-Aug
Regalia, Tracy	31-Aug

Wedding Anniversaries		
Bartoldson, Elaine & Craig	17-Aug	37
Printz, Charles & Donna	6-Aug	45
McCune, Wm. Rich & Judy	16-Aug	19
Sowell, Robert & Melissa	27-Aug	34

Member Anniversaries		
Overington, John	8/1/1985	37
Zanotti, Robin	8/24/2006	16
Frye, Douglas	8/6/2009	13
Hite, Pamla Ann	8/27/2015	7
Phelps, Denise	8/29/2017	5
Branner, Dustin	8/9/2018	4
Mason, Charles	8/12/2021	1
Goodwin, Keri	8/19/2021	1



AUG 06 JAMAICA INDEPENDENCE DAY

It's Jamaica Independence Day!
Prepare your black, yellow, and green apparel for this celebration.



AUG 06 HIROSHIMA DAY

On Hiroshima Day, we remember one of the deadliest days in recent history.



AUG 06 BOLIVIA INDEPENDENCE DAY

Get your red, yellow, and green out because it's Bolivia Independence Day



ROTARY NEWS

The RLI website for registering for the next courses is: rlimainline.org.

The next Part II is being held on August 23,25, and 30. The next Part III is being held on September 20,22, and 27. All courses are still on Zoom, from 6:30–8:30 pm.

Once registered, the member will be sent the packet of course materials about 10 days before the program.

- Why Attend??
- Rotary Knowledge
- Exchange ideas.
- Club Strategic Planning.
- International perspective.
- Leadership Development.
- Team Building.
- And, it is FUN.

Rotary Mixer



Member Orientation

