



Rotary Club of Martinsburg Grapevine

Nov 24, 2022

District 7360 | Club 5296

American Red Cross



Stacey McFarland, Executive Director of the Greater Shenandoah Chapter, presented about the American Red Cross. The Mission of the Red Cross is to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors. We can help by volunteering (shelter services, disaster health services, disaster action team, board membership), donating, sharing speaking opportunities, and downloading the app. Be prepared! Set up your organization on Ready Rating. www.redcross.org



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Upcoming Rotary Club Calendar & President notes:

- As Pepi gets acquainted with her host family and school, remember we still need another host family for 2nd semester at MHS. Also, if your family is taking a neat, Day or weekend trips to places of interest, think of including Pepi if she has time and interest in joining you. Our club is also looking to find and sponsor local young adults who are interested in having exciting, life changing experiences as exchange students living abroad! The club's exchange student committee would be happy to talk with those interested in applying for this year's Rotary outbound exchange student program. The committee members are Elaine Bartoldson, Maria Lorensen, Richard McCune, Buzz Poland and Doug Frye.
- Dec 03 – Salvation Army Bell Ringing @ Martinsburg Walmart, 10AM–6PM
- March 11–12 – 2nd Annual Rotary Pickleball Tournament, Randy Smith Center, Inwood
- May 27–31 – Rotary International Conference, Melbourne, Australia

December 3rd, Martinsburg Walmart

Thanks to everyone who volunteered.

- 10–11AM Maria Lorensen & Vickie Elliott
- 11–12PM Chris Johnson & Elaine Bartoldson
- 12–1PM Jim Ouellet & Pete Mulford
- 1–2PM Dana DeJarnett & Jennifer Smith
- 2–3PM Steve Cox
- 3–4PM Tracy & Maya Regalia & Kevin Brackens
- 4–5PM Mike & Linda Hassing
- 5–6PM Doug Arndt



Top left: Past President, Steve Truax, is presented 2 awards by President Pete Mulford. 21–22 Rotary Citation, Serving to Change Lives & 21–22 Rotary Foundation Certificate of Appreciation – End Polio Now. Bottom Right: 2023 Little Miss Berkeley County pictured with Carol Rhan, International Committee Chair, leads the club in the Pledge of Allegiance.



December Birthdays	
Collis, Craig	1-Dec
Rhan, Carol	6-Dec
Wortley, William	11-Dec
Weidman, Ernest L Jr.	12-Dec
Oates, Max O. Jr.	13-Dec
Hite, Pamla	19-Dec
Merceruio, Tim	25-Dec
Hilleary, Thorton	28-Dec
Rice, Lacy I. Jr.	29-Dec

Member Anniversaries		
Rhan, Carol	12/30/2021	1
Hamilton, Sandra	12/19/2013	9
Elliott, Vickie	12/29/2005	17
Kelley, Gary	12/15/2005	17
Reid, Kim	12/1/1985	37
Stover, Bill	12/1/1978	44

Wedding Anniversaries	
Cazin, Butch & Estela	21-Dec
Cox, Steve & Betty	14-Dec
Schoon, Marilyn & Bill W.	18-Dec
Poland, Buzz & Lisa	23-Dec



Future Programs:

- Dec 01 – Bobby Clements, Growth in the County
- Dec 06 – Board Meeting
- Dec 08 – Ken Apple, Tax preparation tips
 - The Salvation Army Christmas Angel gifts are due at this meeting
- Dec 15 – Christmas Dinner – Chris Kinsler, Year in Review ~~***~~No lunch meeting
- Dec 22 – Carol Rhan, Rotary International

Community Events:

- Dec 03 – Christmas on Main, Main Street Martinsburg, 10AM
- Dec 06 – Martinsburg Parade, 7PM

December 2022



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 in regard to persons with disabilities in order to improve their lives and provide them with equal opportunity

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

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

18-26 Hanukkah, a Jewish holiday that is celebrated for eight days and nights. Hanukkah celebrates the victory of the Maccabees, or Israelites, over the Greek-Syrian ruler, Antiochus, approximately 2,200 years ago.

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 makes its way back to the Earth. A solstice is an astronomical event that happens twice each year when the sun reaches its highest position in the sky.

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-January 1 Kwanzaa, an African-American holiday

started by Maulana Karenga in 1966 to celebrate universal African-American heritage

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

27 St. John's 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 celebra-

tion 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