



Rotary Club of Martinsburg Grapevine

Nov 3, 2022
District 7360 | Club 5296

Eastern Panhandle Reading Program

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MISSION OF EASTERN PANHANDLE READING PROGRAM

To encourage life-long literacy and increase reading proficiency by providing free books and supplies to children in Berkeley, Jefferson and Morgan Counties, West Virginia.

VISION OF EASTERN PANHANDLE READING PROGRAM

To gift every 2nd-grade child in Berkeley, Jefferson and Morgan Counties a set of books that belongs to them.

THERE ARE 2,200 SECOND GRADE STUDENTS IN BERKELEY, JEFFERSON AND MORGAN COUNTY HOMES WITH NO BOOKS, CHILDREN LOSE THREE MONTHS OF READING COMPREHENSION OVER THE SUMMER. THIS ACCUMULATES FROM PRE-K TO THIRD GRADE. AS OF 2017, ONLY 32% OF 4TH GRADERS IN WV READ ON GRADE-LEVEL.



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.
- A Grants committee has formed and is being chaired by Michelle Sadat. The Rotary Club of Martinsburg's Foundation is soliciting proposals for two different grant opportunities for non-profit organizations. Non-profits in the community are encouraged to apply for the grants Dec. 1, 2022 through Jan. 31, 2023.
Application and instructions can be found at <https://www.martinsburgrotary.com/grants/> and can be submitted online, emailed to grants@martinsburgrotary.com or mailed to:
Rotary Club of Martinsburg, PO Box 2073, Martinsburg WV 25402.
- November 9th is your last day to buy Rotary Foundation Dinner Raffle Tickets. If interested, please contact Chris Johnson.
- Nov 11 – Veterans Day ceremony at War Memorial Park, 11AM – Volunteers needed
- Nov 17 – Club Mixer, 167AW, Martinsburg WV, 5:30PM
- Nov 18 – Rotary Foundation Dinner, State College, PA
- Nov 19–20 – District Conference, State College, PA
- May 27–31 – Rotary International Conference, Melbourne, Australia



Student Guests

Savannah Clemmons

Samantha Baxter



Wedding Anniversaries	Years	
Fausey, Lisa & Brian	7-Nov	24

November Member Birthdays	
Seibert, Jim	3-Nov
Vogan, Georgia Ann	13-Nov

Member Anniversaries	Start Date	Years
Russell, Dean	11/1/1988	34
Carpenter, Jim	11/12/2015	7
Ouellet, Jim	11/29/2018	4
Smith, Wesley	11/3/2020	2
Shull, Carol	11/12/2020	2
Beauchamp, Laura	11/24/2021	1

Future Programs:

- Nov 10 – Veterans Day Program, presented by our Vets
 - Location Change – Martinsburg Moose
- Nov 17 – High School Basketball Coaches @ Purple Iris

Community Events:

- Nov 12 – The CVEB/Crusader's 1905, Veterans' Day Parade
- Dec 03 – Christmas on Main, Main Street Martinsburg, 10AM



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November 2022

Diversity Holidays

National Native American Heritage Month, which celebrates the history and contributions of Native Americans.

National Family Caregivers Month, proclaimed in 2012 by former President Barack Obama. It honors the more than forty million caregivers across the country who support aging parents, ill spouses, or other loved ones with disabilities who remain at home.

1 All Saints' Day, a Christian holiday commemorating all known and unknown Christian saints (In Eastern Orthodox Christianity, the day is observed on the first Sunday after Pentecost.)

2 All Souls' Day, a Christian holiday commemorating all faithful Christians who are now dead. In the Mexican tradition, the holiday is celebrated as Dia de los Muertos (October 31–2), which is a time of remembrance for dead ancestors and a celebration of the continuity of life.

11 Veterans Day, a US federal holiday honoring military veterans. The date is also celebrated as Armistice Day or Remembrance Day in other parts of the world and commemorates the ending of World War I in 1918.

13–19 Transgender Awareness Week, the week before Transgender Day of Remembrance on 20, in which people and organizations participate in Transgender Awareness Week to help raise the visibility of transgender people and address issues members of the community face



19 International Men's Day emphasizes the important issues affecting males, including health issues that affect males, improving the relations between genders, highlighting the importance of male role models, and promoting gender equality. This holiday is celebrated in more than seventy countries.

20 Transgender Day of Remembrance, established in 1998 to memorialize those who have been killed as a result of transphobia and to raise awareness of the continued violence endured by the transgender community

20 Feast of Christ the King, a Catholic holiday established to thank God for the gift of time and a rededication to the Christian faith

24 Thanksgiving Day in the United States. It began as a day of giving thanks for the blessing of the harvest and of the preceding year.

25 Native American Heritage Day, held annually on the Friday after Thanksgiving, encourages Americans of all backgrounds to observe and honor Native Americans through appropriate ceremonies and activities. The day was signed into law by President George W. Bush in 2008.



28–January 6 Nativity Fast, a period of abstinence and penance practiced by the Eastern Orthodox, Oriental Orthodox, and Eastern Catholic Churches in preparation for the Nativity of Jesus

27–December 24 Advent, a Christian season of celebration leading up to the birth of Christ

30 St. Andrew's Day, the feast day for St. Andrew within various Christian denominations



TRANSGENER AWARENESS WEEK