



Rotary Club of Martinsburg Grapevine

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District 7360 | Club 5296

Exchange Student

Josefína Magdalena Pospisilova - Pepi



The Rotary Club of Martinsburg heard from exchange student Josefína Magdalena Pospisilova, or “Pepi,” from the Czech Republic, on Thursday. Pepi got to Berkeley County in August as a part of the Rotary Youth Exchange program. She will be here for a year and is currently attending Martinsburg High School. She shared information about herself and her home and also answered questions from members at Thursday’s meeting. Home for Pepi is Jindřichův Hradec, a historical town in the South Bohemian region of the Czech Republic. It has about 21,000 inhabitants.

She shared stories and photos of her family, including her mother, father and brother, memories of friends, pets and experiences, and she shared her interests, which are swimming, drawing, learning new languages, skiing, listening to music and reading. She also talked about her school at home, Gymnazium Vitezslava Novaka, which was founded by the Jesuit order in 1594.

Pepi plays volleyball at Martinsburg High and has enjoyed school so far. She plans to participate in swimming and will be on exchange until July of next year. She added that the seasons are very similar, but it is a bit warmer here. “The people are very welcoming here. They go out of their way to help me with stuff. It is so nice,” she said. She was asked what she liked the best, so far, about the United States.

“How you have a huge variety of everything. For example, if you go to the store, you don’t just have one brand of corn flakes, you have like 15 different kinds,” she responded.

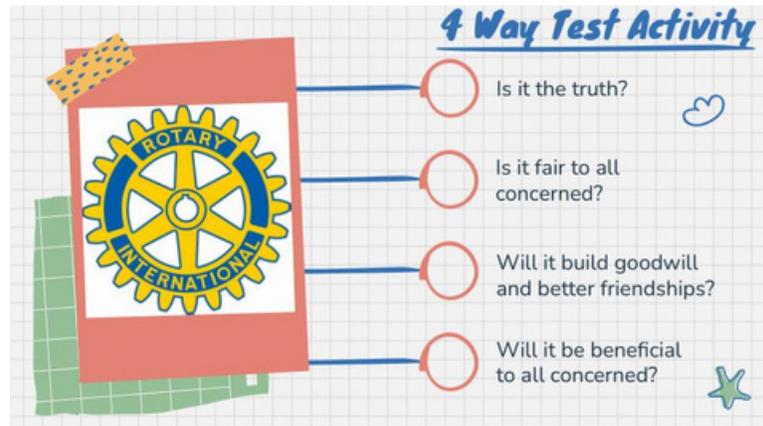
She was also asked, from a cultural perspective, what she sees as the biggest difference between the U.S. and the Czech Republic. “Everything is big here, and you can see you have lot of territory to cover. We are in a small state, so everything is hunched up and going upward, which you probably have in big cities but not here,” she explained. She referenced schools, where here, two-story school buildings are common across a larger span of land. In the Czech Republic, they include more stories and less land. Christopher Amores and Cathy Funk, of Berkeley County, are currently the host parents and family for Pepi, an experience that has been enjoyable for them.

“It’s great to be able to give them the experience of being here. Travel, in general, broadens your horizon, but when you are here as an exchange student, you really get to immerse yourself in a different culture,” Amores said. “Pepi, she is very malleable, she jumped right in – on the volleyball team, going to prom, doing all this stuff. She steps right in.”

RYLA

Emma King & Sydney Dugger

FCA Interact students, Emma King & Sydney Dugger, spoke to the club about their experience with RYLA over the summer. Below are some of the photos they shared to highlight the camp. They were very excited to share about an upcoming trip to Bolivia planned for October. I am just as excited for them to come back to share the experience with us.



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.
- From RLI Chair, Mitch Morgan – This is a fantastic opportunity for every member of your club to learn more about Rotary, no matter how long you have been a member and no matter what role you play in your club. Come join us for enriching evenings! Classes are from 6:30–8:30 PM. Go to www.RLIMainLine.org to register.
- Please contact Keri Goodwin if you would like to volunteer to be a Greeter. There are lots of openings between Oct & Dec. kgoodwin@panhandlehomehealth.org
- Oct 04 – Board Meeting at Noon, Water Dept
- Oct 15–16 – Apple Harvest Pancake Breakfast
- Oct 24 – World Polio Day
- Oct 27 – Combined Morning and Noon Rotary Club dinner*
DG Vicki is back for her official club visit.
- Nov 18 – Rotary Foundation Dinner, State College, PA
- Nov 19–20 – District Conference, State College, PA



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October 2022
Diversity Holidays

National Disability Employment Awareness Month. This observance was launched in 1945 when Congress declared the first week in October as "National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week." In 1998, the week was extended to a month and renamed. The annual event draws attention to employment barriers that still need to be addressed.

LGBTQ+ History Month, a US observance started in 1994 to recognize lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer history and the history of the gay rights movement.

Global Diversity Awareness Month, a month to celebrate and increase awareness about the diversity of cultures and ethnicities and the positive impact diversity can have on society.

Black History Month in the United Kingdom, Ireland, and The Netherlands.

4 St. Francis Day, feast day for St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals and the environment, celebrated by many Catholic denominations

4 Blessing of the Animals, in congruence with St. Francis Day. Many Unitarian Universalists have picked up on the Catholic tradition of blessing animals, particularly pets, as St. Francis was known for his special connection to animals.

4–5 (sundown to sundown) Yom Kippur, the holiest day on the Jewish calendar, a day of atonement marked by fasting and ceremonial repentance

5 Dasara, Dussehra, or Vijaya-

dashami, in the eastern and north-eastern states of India, marks the end of Durga Puja, remembering goddess Durga's victory over the buffalo demon Mahishasura to help restore dharma

7–8 Mawlid Al-Nabi, the observance of the birthday of Islam founder, the prophet Muhammad, celebrated during the month of Rabiulawal, the third month of the Muslim calendar. Shi'a Muslims celebrate it five days later than Sunni Muslims.

9 Eid Milad un-Nabi, an Islamic holiday commemorating the birthday of the prophet Muham-

mad. During this celebration, homes and mosques are decorated, large parades take place, and those observing the holiday participate in charity events.

9–16 Sukkot, a seven-day Jewish festival giving thanks for the fall harvest

10 Canadian Thanksgiving, a chance for people to give thanks for a good harvest and other fortunes in the past year

10 World Mental Health Day. First celebrated in 1993, this day is meant to increase public awareness about the importance of mental health, mental health services, and mental health workers worldwide.

11 National Coming Out Day (United States). For those who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer, this day celebrates coming out and the recognition of the 1987 march on Washington for gay and lesbian equality.

11 National Indigenous Peoples Day, an alternative celebration to Columbus Day, gives recognition to the

indigenous populations affected by colonization.

16–18 (sundown to sundown) Shemini Atzeret,

a Jewish holiday also known as The Eighth (Day) of Assembly, takes place the day after the Sukkot festival, where gratitude for the fall harvest is deeply internalized.

17–18 (sundown to sundown) Simchat Torah, a Jewish holiday, marks the end of the weekly readings of the Torah. The Torah is read from chapter one of Genesis to Deuteronomy 34 and then back to chapter one again, in acknowledgement of the words of the Torah being a never-ending cycle.

20 Sikh Holy Day, the day Sikhs celebrate Sri Guru Granth Sahib, their spiritual guide

20 International Pronouns Day seeks to make respecting, sharing, and educating about personal pronouns commonplace. Each year it is held on the third Wednesday of October.

24 Diwali, the Hindu, Jain, and Sikh five-day festival of lights that celebrates new beginnings and the triumph of good over evil and lightness over darkness.



DASARA

25–26 (sundown to sundown) Birth of Báb, a Bahá'í holiday celebrating the birth of the prophet Báb

26–27 (sundown to sundown) The birth of Bahá'u'lláh, the founder of the Bahá'í religion

31 All Hallows' Eve (Halloween), a celebration observed in a number of countries on the eve of the Western Christian feast of All Hallows' Day. It begins the three-day observance of Allhallowtide, the time in the liturgical year dedicated to remembering the dead, including saints (hallow), martyrs, and all the faithful departed.

31 Reformation Day, a Protestant Christian religious holiday celebrated alongside All Hallows' Eve (Halloween) during the triduum of Allhallowtide in remembrance of the onset of the Reformation

31–November 1 (sundown to sundown) Samhain, a Gaelic, Pagan, and Wiccan festival marking the end of the harvest season and a celebration of the dead and ancestors.



RESPONDING TO FLOODS IN PAKISTAN - ShelterBox

Multiple disasters affect millions of people worldwide, including recent catastrophic flooding that destroyed over 1.9 million homes in Pakistan. Using aid pre-positioned in Dubai, ShelterBox mobilized quickly to help the thousands of families devastated by the flooding and left with nowhere to live.

The ShelterBox response team is on the ground delivering emergency supplies, including essentials to protect families from the elements and kickstart their recovery during this difficult time: tents, tarps, water filters and carriers, mosquito nets, and solar lights.



The proposed school bond of \$124,490,000 is being placed on the November 8, 2022 general election ballot and proposes new construction, renovations, and additions as well as major repairs, replacements, updates, improvements and/or enhancements of current facilities that cannot be financed through an annual school district operating budget.

If the bond passes, there is a potential for an additional \$25,000,000 from the West Virginia School Building Authority.

Wedding Anniversaries	Years
Whalton, Michael & Susan	6-Oct ?
Phelps, Denise & Mark	7-Oct 4
Jolliff, Brian & Debbie	16-Oct 28
Carpenter, Jim & Diana	19-Oct ?
Hollida, Fred & Denise	20-Oct ?

Anniversaries	Total Years
Miller, John	10/25/2020 2
Knowles, Kevin	10/17/2019 3
Sadat, Michelle	10/25/2018 4
Fausey, Lisa	10/19/2017 5
Starliper, Kevin	10/23/2014 8
Wagoner, Pam	10/23/2008 14
Moxley, Gail	10/12/2006 16
Sowell, Robert	10/20/2020 17
Rodgers, James	10/29/1998 24
Wadsworth, Joanne	10/1/1997 25
Roach, Steven	10/15/1988 34
Preston, Charles	10/5/2006 46
Weidman, Ernie	10/8/2009 49



Community Events:

- Sep 24 - CHS Blue Jean Ball at the CT Racetrack
- Oct 8 - Hedgesville Heritage Day, 8-4PM
- Oct 12 - Women of Distinction Luncheon
- Oct 15 - Apple Trample, 10:30AM
- Oct 22 - 4-State Food Truck Fest, Main Street Martinsburg
- Nov 12 - The CVEB/Crusader's 1905, Veterans' Day Parade

Oct - Member Birthdays	
Starliper, Kevin	3-Oct
Moxley, Gail	5-Oct
Phelps, Denise	6-Oct
Smith, Jennifer	6-Oct
Shull, Darrell	7-Oct
Webster, Elizabeth	10-Oct
Elliott, Vickie	11-Oct
Spencer, Chad	14-Oct
Vogan, Keith	15-Oct
Cogswell, Margaret	17-Oct
Parsons, Fred	17-Oct
Janes, Brad	18-Oct
Elliott, Jon	23-Oct
Washington, Manuel	26-Oct
Kelley, Gary	29-Oct

Future Programs:

- Sep 29 - Whitney Ingram, Moving Mountains Yoga
- Oct 06 - Dr Bruce Bowman, Veterinarian work in Mongolia
- Oct 13 - Mark Jordan, Convention & Tourism Bureau
- Oct 20 - Jerry Spessard, Farmer's Amanac
- Oct 27 - No Lunch Meeting - Joint dinner with Sunrise Club - DG Vickie Zimmerman

