

Rotary Club of Martinsburg Grapevine

Sept 8, 2022

District 7360 | Club 5296



"I Was In The Building"

Bill Wortley

Today I would like to talk a little about what happened at the Pentagon. That is where I worked as the Safety Director, Headquarters, Department of the Army. On September 11, 2001, I was out of the building at a meeting in Maryland. Although my office area did not incur any damage, my colleagues were knocked to the floor. When flight 77 hit the Pentagon, it was no longer a plane but a missile. As was seen on TV, the damage was massive. However, I could not believe my own eyes when I toured the damage. Some veteran soldiers told me they did not see damage that bad when they fought in Viet Nam.

The Pentagon is a five-sided building with five corridors or rings that make up the office space, the E-ring being the outermost ring. Flight 77 crashed through the E-ring, the D-ring, and the C-2 ring. Keep in mind that the walls of the Pentagon are at least 12 inches thick and made of solid concrete, steel, and rock. So, that was six 12-inch walls that the force of the plane went through. One of the amazing sights I saw was where the last, or sixth, wall was penetrated; the nose of the plane left an almost perfect circle. I saw just a big hole and no plane. Next time you board a plane, look at how thin the skin of the plane really is. I do that now every time I board a plane.

The next day, just try to get into the Pentagon. Each individual was thoroughly checked for the proper ID, and everyone plus all bags, briefcases, backpacks—anything that was brought in—went through a metal detector. Today, this procedure is routine; but back then it was a real change.

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As you face the outside of the Pentagon, to the right of the point of impact was an area where the Pentagon had just been reoccupied following a complete renovation. Most of this area was completely destroyed by fire, and its occupants were killed instantly, with some bodies never being recovered or identified. The area on the left side of the impact for the most part remained intact but had substantial smoke damage. Both sides were contaminated with jet fuel and sustained heavy water damage from the Arlington Fire Department putting out the fire.

In the days and months following the attack, I was responsible for the safety of the Army employees in the National Capital Region. The biggest concern of the employees was what do we do if another attack comes. How do we get out of the Pentagon? I provided guidelines to each Army organization, about 35 of them, on how to write an evacuation plan. My office reviewed each of these plans and approved them. Then in the months following, each office participated in practice evacuations out of the Pentagon, again with my office evaluating the effectiveness of the evacuations. I was also given the responsibility to ensure that each Army employee, civilian and military, was trained in the use of and then issued an emergency escape mask. More than 10,000 were trained and issued masks.

21 years ago today, 125 Pentagon employees lost their lives. The organization that I worked in lost over 50 men and women. I had worked with 12 of the lost employees on a daily basis. Of the 125 victims in the Pentagon, 70 were civilians and 55 were military personnel. Lieutenant General Timothy Maude was the highest-ranking military official killed at the Pentagon. The youngest was 3-year-old Dana Falkenberg, and the oldest was 71-year-old John D. Yamnicky, two of the 64 passengers on Flight 77.

I believe these four attacks have changed the way we live more than any other single event in our history. Our peace of mind was shattered, along with our sense of complacency. The Department of Homeland Security was created. Government offices at all levels, as well as civilian facilities, changed their security operations.

Tina Hammel, Mrs. All American Lady, spoke to our club today about her journey to get here and her personal platform as well as the National Platform for the Title Holder. Tina is a Breast Cancer Survivor and is very active volunteering in support of Breast Cancer Awareness. The National Platform for her Title is Operation We Care, a service that provides care packages to soldiers at risk due to separation from friends and family while serving our country.

Mrs. All American Lady

Tina Hammel



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.
- Rotary Minute: September is Basic Education & Literacy Month. October is Community Economic Development Month as well as Vocational Service Month.
- Our club is looking to find and sponsor local young adults who are interested in having exciting, life changing experiences as exchange students living abroad! The exchange student committee is planning to get together briefly to talk about this Rotary outbound exchange program after the regular club meeting on September 8. All are invited to attend the exchange student meeting!
- Sep 19–23 – Rotary Peace Corps Week
 - For more information, email events@partneringforpeace.org or visit <https://www.partneringforpeace.org/cpages/rotary-peacecorps-week2022>
- Oct 04 – Board Meeting at Noon, Water Dept/ Jim Oulette
- Oct 15–16 – Apple Harvest Pancake Breakfast Volunteer Event
- Oct 24 – World Polio Day
- 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



| Member Birthdays | |
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| Porter, Penny | 8-Sep |
| Whalton, Michael | 11-Sep |
| Karos, George | 14-Sep |
| Orem, John | 15-Sep |
| Helman, Derek | 16-Sep |
| Roach, Steven | 16-Sep |
| Printz, Charles Jr. | 19-Sep |
| Kees, Allen R | 26-Sep |
| Burke, Kendall | 27-Sep |
| Janelle, Sherri | 27-Sep |
| Apple, Ken | 29-Sep |
| Fausey, Lisa | 29-Sep |
| Wadsworth, Joanne | 29-Sep |



| Wedding Anniversaries | | Years |
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| Moxley, Gail & Jeff | 13-Sep | ? |
| Cogswell, Margaret & Dan | 15-Sep | 43 |
| Kees, Allen & Becky | 21-Sep | 9 |

| Member Anniversaries | Start Date | Years |
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| Smith, Jennifer | 9/16/2021 | 1 |
| DeJarnett, Dana | 9/28/2017 | 5 |
| Kees, Allen | 9/17/2015 | 7 |
| Merceruio, Tim | 9/25/2014 | 8 |
| Whalton, Michael | 9/18/2014 | 8 |
| Sherman, Trent | 9/12/2013 | 9 |

congratulations!

Future Programs:

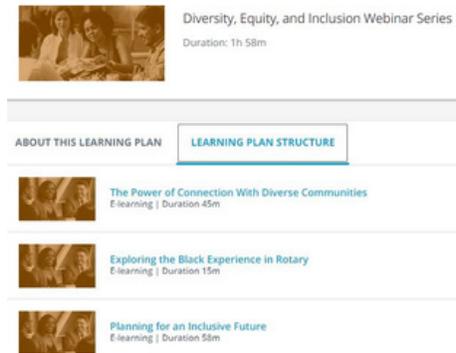
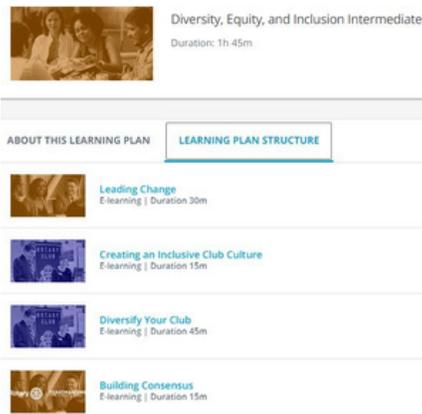
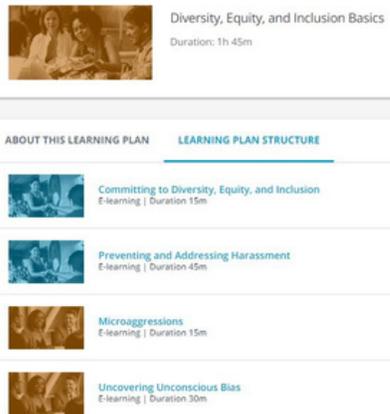
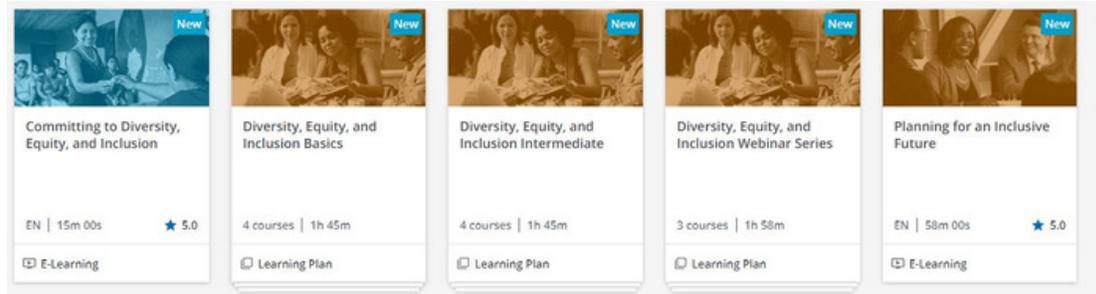
- Sep 15 – Moises Mendoza, Social Connection Marketing & Videography
- Sep 22 – Exchange Student, Pepi and 2 RYLA Graduates
- Sep 29 – Whitney Ingram, Moving Mountains Yoga
- Oct 06 – Dr Bruce Bowman, Veterinarian work in Mongolia
- Oct 13 – Mark Jordan, Convention & Tourism Bureau
- Oct 20 – Jerry Spessard, Farmer's Amanac
- Oct 27 – No Lunch Meeting – Joint dinner with Sunrise Club – DG Vickie Zimmerman



Membership - Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

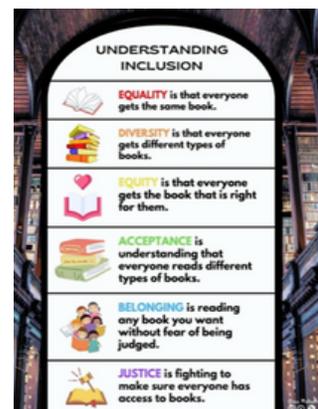
As our club continues to evolve and onboard new members, it is imperative that all club members know what is important to achieve our service objectives. Fundamentally, in order to achieve our objectives club members, need to constantly learn and adapt to the changing landscape in our community and Rotary International at large.

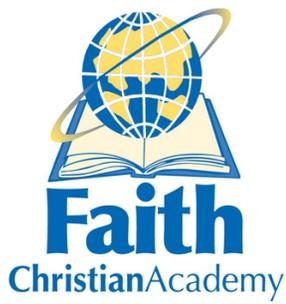
To this end, the Membership Committee shares the following online courses that provide the opportunity to learn from the same experience source that is central to Rotary International mission. The benefit of the knowledge transfer from these courses will be the delivery of standardized terminology, definitions, and awareness that will further fuel our club in the achievement of attracting, empowering, and retaining members...all members should actively embrace and help with our membership growth initiatives.



Knowledge is Power

My goal in life is to never stop learning. One of the great benefits of Rotary International is all of the wonderful e-learning courses available to members. All you have to do is log in to My Rotary, click the Learning & Reference tab, and click Learning Center. There you can sort through all of the courses Rotary has to offer including the newest courses on Diversity, Equity & Inclusion. Check it out and give us your feedback. What is your favorite e-learning course? Cheers, Tracy





Student Guests

Jenn Stanley - FCA Advisor

- Racheal Allen
- Catherine Taylor



Community Events:

- Sep 15 – Puttin' for Panhandle Home Health, 10AM or 1PM
- Sep 16 – Tailgating Under the Stars, Chamber Event @ Purple Iris
- Sep 18 – Bavarian Inn Oktoberfest, 11–6PM
- 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

Jenn Stanley - FCA Advisor, was presented with a Paul Harris Award by Pam, Berniece, and Pete. She goes above and beyond in all she does for her students.

When you match another club member, you take a pic!! Tracy & Sandy - twinning!



Butch Cazin & Mike Hite sighting at the Catholic Charities, Cuisine for a Cause Gala. 9/12/22



Selfies with Tracy 



Mrs. All American requested a photo with the Rotary President and me!!

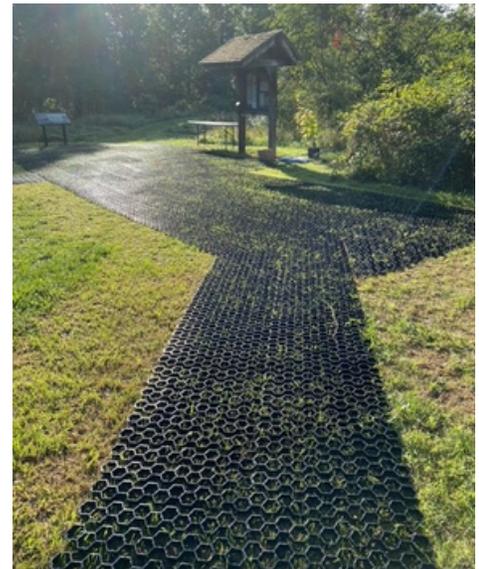


Laura & I could sit and talk for hours, and we did just that...



United Way of the Eastern Panhandle

Day of Caring, Sep 13, 2022



Great Club Member turnout for Day of Caring!
Our Club's District Grant project at PVAS is completed! Thanks to all the Club members who showed up today. Also, my coworker and I participated by weeding for Catholic Charities and helping collect and deliver for the food drive.