ROTARY CLUB OF HUNTINGTON NEWSLETTER

August 25, 2025

SERVICE ABOVE SELF

Presiding: Monica Brooks, President-Elect

The Four Way Test

Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned?
Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Today's Program

Olen York - Assistant Professor of Entrepreneurship, the Kermit McGinnis Distinguished Professor in the Lewis College of Business, and the Director of Entrepreneurship Education in the Marketing, Management Information Systems, and Entrepreneurship Department.



Olen teaches topics that focus on the entrepreneurial mindset, team formation, utilization of creativity and design thinking to problem-solve, business model development, collaborative innovation, and the utilization of intellectual property as sustainable competitive advantage. Olen also has a variety of research interests, including entrepreneurial pedagogy, innovation and intellectual property strategy development, and entrepreneurial branding, marketing, and the relationship to intellectual property assets. Olen is a co-Founding Director of the Innovating for Impact Center for Entrepreneurship & Business Innovation (iCenter), which provides curriculum and programming for students and the community.

In addition, Olen serves as the organizer and overseer of the WV Innovation and Business Model Competition that extends extra-curricular opportunities to students to develop and pitch a business concept to a panel of judges for important feedback, potential prize money awards, and potential investment resources.

Olen is a registered patent attorney – and has been a practicing intellectual property attorney for the last 23 years, and maintains a small law practice that focuses on the counseling of intellectual property, including the acquisition of patents, trademarks, and discussions regarding licensing and litigation of such assets.



Upcoming Programs and Events

September 3 = Volunteer project at Facing Hunger Foodbank
September 5 = Rotary Board Meeting at HADCO
September 8 = Nora Ankrom and Mike Murdock – Alchemy Theatre
September 22 = Chris Chiles - KYOVA Interstate Planning Commission, and Region 2 Planning and Development Council
September 29 = Rick Macak – Rotary District Governor

Community Service – September 3

Wednesday, September 3, 1-3pm club members are invited to volunteer to pack food boxes at Facing Hunger Foodbank. We join the Barboursville Club on the first Wednesday of each month to volunteer at the Foodbank.

Rotary Website

Please bookmark this site https://huntingtonrotary.org and check out our online calendar so you'll be better informed on what's coming up over the next few months. You are just a few clicks away from staying connected on our upcoming weekly club meeting speakers, community service events, fundraising events, and social networking opportunities. The website can be forwarded to prospective members you might know so they can learn more about what "Service Above Self" is all about and how to go about joining our club.

Rotary Facebook Page

For those of you who have profiles on Facebook, please take a minute to like the Rotary Club of Huntington Facebook page, and follow as well. Also review the posts periodically and give them a like and/or a share as this helps lift our profile page and gather more views.

Leadership Transition Initiative

This year marks the second annual Leadership Transition Initiative, a fundraising effort spearheaded by the Rotary Board. It is our way to thank David Lieving and Michelle Goodman for their leadership.

Proceeds from this fundraiser will support Branches Domestic Violence Shelter and Tri-State Literacy Council. Earlier in the year, the club identified these organizations as two nonprofits we would support this year. Our goal is to raise $2500 and achieve 100% club member participation. Please join us in this endeavor.

There are multiple ways to make a financial investment. Payment options include giving through cash, check and credit card. Giving information is provided below.

Checks can be made payable/mailed to:
Huntington Rotary Club
PO Box 1311
Huntington, WV 25714

We thank David for his success in membership recruitment, financial stability and service activities. We anticipate the success Michelle will bring in fundraising, membership engagement and awareness. Together they continue to work with the board to put "service above self."

Please honor them today by making an investment at a level you feel comfortable. Your gift will support two worthy organizations. Whatever you decide to do will be greatly received and deeply appreciated.

Upcoming Events – Barboursville and Milton Golf Scramble

You're invited to support the Barboursville & Milton Rotary Golf Scramble on September 12 at Esquire Golf Club by getting a team together, sponsoring a tee or green sign, volunteering, and having fun while contributing to local community service projects. Contact a Barboursville or Milton club member for details.

Members in the News – Children's Museum



Welcome New Member Dr. Josh Baker!



Dr. Baker is in his fifth year as President at Mountwest Community and Technical College. He started his career 20 years as a community college faculty member. His career has focused on increasing college access, completion, and connecting students to career opportunities.

Welcome New Member Stephen McGill!



Stephen K. McGill is an experienced public health expert and advocate with a passion for community development and health education. He earned his Master of Public Health (MPH) degree from Marshall University in 2024, and holds a Diploma in Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights from Lund University in Mamoii, Sweden, as well as a BA in Psychology from Temple University and an A.A. in Science Teaching and Behavioral Health from the Community College of Philadelphia.

Stephen is the Co-founder and CEO of Stop AIDS in Liberia (SAIL), an organization focused on combating HIV/AIDS and advancing public health initiatives across Liberia. His work has been instrumental in raising awareness, advocating for affected communities, and securing access to vital healthcare services, leaving a lasting impact on public health efforts in the region.

He also has significant experience in community outreach, having worked as a Community Outreach Worker for two years, where he helped connect underserved communities with essential resources. Currently, Stephen serves as the Health Education Specialist, focusing on health promotion and outreach, where he works to improve health outcomes by promoting preventive measures and educating communities on healthy living. In addition to his role at SAIL, Stephen is the owner of Keystone Diversified Inc. (KDC), and a dedicated volunteer at the Cabell-Huntington Health Department and Unlimited Future Inc. His commitment to public health and social change continues to inspire and lead efforts to improve health equity both locally and globally.

Upcoming Community Events







Docent Open House
September 2nd
5:30-6:30 p.m.



The Huntington Museum of Art is looking for volunteers to join our Docent Corps! Docents are guides who are passionate and engaging volunteers with a love of art or nature.

Don't have any experience? Don't worry!

No experience is needed as all docents are thoroughly trained and supported by Museum staff!



For more information, please contact Cindy Dearborn, HMA's Director of Education, at (304) 529-2701, Ext. 321, or via email at cdearborn@hmoa.org.

HMA is fully accessible.

LUNCH & LEARN

THE HUNTINGTON REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

PRESENTED BY OHIO VALLEY BANK

Digital Accessibility 101

Wednesday, September 10
12:00 - 1:00 PM

Mountwest Community and Technical College
One Mountain Way, Huntington, WV
Room G07



Aaron Preece
Editor-in-Chief
Access World-American Foundation for the Blind

GOLF FUNDRAISER

BARBOURSVILLE & MILTON ROTARY CLUBS

FRI, SEP 12TH, 2025

REGISTRATION@ 8 AM

SHOTGUN@ 9 AM

ANY QUESTIONS? EMAIL US:

BARBOURSVILLEROTARY@GMAIL.COM

Make a payment here

Or use your phone on QR

Rotary

@Esquire Golf Course

Barboursvillerotary.org

WIN A 2025 RAV 4



100% of the Proceeds Benefit the Ronald McDonald House of Huntington!

Enter to win a 2025 Toyota Rav4 Hybrid XSE!

Raffle Tickets- $20

Drawing will take place at ChiliFest

September 27, 2025

. Winner need not be present to win. Winner is responsible for all associated taxes and fees by 10/13/2025

PROCEEDS BENEFIT: Ronald McDonald House Charities Huntington

DONATED BY: VICTORY TOYOTA Barboursville