

NEW MARKET ROTARY

by Ros Poplar

Guest Speaker Jon Henry addressed the New Market Rotary Club regarding food access in the Shenandoah Valley. Jon, who is both a member of the Rotary Club of New Market and the proprietor of Jon Henry General Store, has recently completed a major expansion of his business to offer more retail space for groceries with a focus on staples for those in the community who are food deprived. This is "Service Above Self" in action! The club is lucky to have Jon as a member and New Market is lucky to have him as a member of the business community. More information can be found [here](#).



The Rotary Club of New Market was honored to have guest speakers from the Massanutten Regional Governor's School (MRGS) in Mt. Jackson VA. Ms. Katherine Klus teaches Calculus and Statistics and Ms. Claire Shirkey is a senior at MRGS and Mountain View High School. She will be attending Virginia Tech in the fall. MRGS for Environmental Science and Technology is one of the 19 Academic Year Governor's Schools in the state of Virginia. Massanutten is operated as a joint school serving the counties of Page, Rockingham, and Shenandoah, as well as Harrisonburg City. The school provides an integrated, collaborative, and enriched inquiry-based curriculum to highly motivated and gifted students centered around the exploration of interactions between human and environmental systems at local, regional, and global levels. A superlative presentation highlighting a unique and highly rewarding educational experience. More information can be found [here](#).



On April 6, Sheriff Tim Carter addressed the club regarding the many daily challenges both he and his men and women in blue face serving the citizens of Shenandoah County. It is a daunting task and greatly appreciated by all. We are fortunate to have Sheriff Carter as the senior law enforcement officer in our county. Sheriff Carter is extremely active in his county and community. He is Past President (twice; 2005-2006 and 2015-2016) of the Rotary Club of Woodstock and Immediate Past District Governor of Rotary District 7570 (2019-2020), and currently serves as the District Secretary of Rotary District 7570. Tim is a member of the Board of Directors and served as its President and Vice-President of Response, Inc., Shenandoah County's shelter for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. It is always a pleasure to have him speak and we look forward to a return engagement.



Congratulations to Ros Poplar on receiving the Area's 110% Award.

He commented, "I really consider this to be a Club award versus an individual award as it represents the collective hard work, dedication, and focus of our small but dynamic club. I accept it on behalf of our collective membership. More importantly, thank you to everyone in the Rotary Club of New Market and Steve Morlan for your leadership, inspiration, and tenacity that you have displayed as our AG throughout the year. Without your steady and able hand to guide us, we would not be where we are today."



Congratulations!

continued...NEW MARKET ROTARY EASTER EGG HUNT

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On a brisk Saturday morning on April 9, the Interact Club of Mountain View High School sponsored the town's annual easter egg hunt at the New Market Park. The effort was also supported by the Rotary Club of New Market. This year's event drew several hundred children in search of eggs stuffed by Interact Club students as one of their local service projects. The Interact Club is sponsored by Ms. Lisa Gibson and has had extremely active year giving back to the local area through numerous efforts that exemplify Rotary International's motto of "Service Above Self." Pictured is the Interact Club's Mr. Bunny (Brandon Biller) who was extremely busy both "laying" the eggs and entertaining both children and parents alike. Another great day in the valley!

