



# Newsletter / February 2022

## Rotary District 7410



## Message from the District Governor Mary Ellen Bentler

In February we will celebrate Rotary's 117th birthday, an incredible milestone. We have a rich history and we have each Served to Change Lives.

February is Peace and Conflict Prevention/ Resolution month in Rotary. RI President Shekhar challenged clubs to plan and host at least one practical and action-oriented Rotary Day of Service, is there a need in your community to help with Peace and Conflict Resolution.

Service Projects can motivate Rotarians and I love hearing about the project going on in our District. Jim Thorpe Rotary Club sent me an article that they are partnering with numerous businesses and community organizations to spark a change in the "Child Care Desert". A few other clubs share their weekly newsletter with me that I enjoy reading and keeping up on what is going on in their clubs. This District has great club and Rotarians and we continue to look for ways and projects to improve their community.



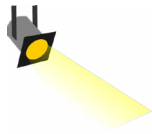
**District Conference Registration is opened.** We continue to work to put together a great conference in the "Gorges" Ithaca, NY on Lake Cayuga and yes, this is wine Country. Rotary International Foundation Trustee Jorge Aufranc will be our special guest. Also we will have Global Grant recipient Caitlin Dermody who went to University of Oxford to pursue her Masters Degree in Child Development and Education. Caitlin was supported by the Rotary Club of Scranton. Don't miss out. We will be waiting for you.

**There is a lot going on for the next few month:**

- We are in the middle of the Essay Contest and the entries must be received by the District Chair, Kate Farrel Kurosky by February 25th.
- The District Polio Plus Fundraiser night at the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins game is Saturday, February 19th at 6:05PM. Remember this is a good opportunity to donate tickets to your local Senior Center, Veterans, and others in your community.
- Foundation Auction and Flea Market March 1st to the 31st
- PETS – March 24th to the 26th. It is time to get the next Rotary Years leaders ready. PETS can have a huge impact on a Club's coming year.
- Grants Management Training – February 26th at Shadowbrook, March 5th at Shadowbrook and March 19th in Scranton.
- RYLA is back at Keystone College on June 19th to the 23rd

I hope you all have a great February. Remember Peace begins with each of us. "When you find peace within yourself, you become the kind of person who can live at peace with others." Anne Frank

In Service to Rotary,  
Mary Ellen



# New Member Spotlight



## Susquehanna Community School District Inducted as Rotary Corporate Member

The Susquehanna Community School District was officially inducted into the New Milford Area Rotary as a Corporate Member on January 20, 2022, during a high school Interact Club meeting at the Susquehanna Community High School. Mr. Brent Soden, High School Principal represents the school district as the Primary Corporate Member. Brent resides in the Hallstead area. He holds a bachelor's degree in Social Studies Education and a master's degree in Educational Leadership. His profession in education will enhance the New Milford Area Rotary focus on education and literacy in the community.

New Milford Area Rotary Membership Chair, David Palmer officially pinned Brent at the January 20th Interact Club meeting with twenty club members and the club Advisor- Jennifer Rockwell witnessing and celebrating the event. The Susquehanna Community School District joins Blue Ridge School District, NBT Bank in New Milford, and Tall Pines Farm Stoves and Fireplaces as the newest Corporate Members of the New Milford Area Rotary.

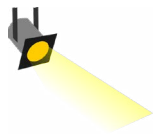
The Club currently consists of 29 members actively serving the community and world and welcomes new membership.

Contact information can be found at [www.facebook.com/newmilfordrotary](https://www.facebook.com/newmilfordrotary).

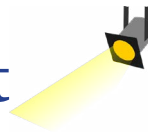
Or one can contact David Palmer, Membership Chair, at [davesolopalmer@gmail.com](mailto:davesolopalmer@gmail.com).







# New Member Spotlight



## Newfoundland Welcomes New Members



*New members – Ken Clark and Pantea Shademani Transferring Member- Michele Baehr Clark from Stroudsburg Rotary.*



*New Member- Alan Scott*



*New Member- Chuck Errig*



# District 7410 Conference

## SERVE TO CHANGE CHILDREN'S LIVES

May 5th-7th  
Ithaca, NY

REGISTER  
NOW!



DG Mary Ellen Bentler  
District 7410  
2021-2022



Jorge Aufranc  
Rotary Foundation Trustee  
2019-2023

### What to Expect:

**Thursday, May 5th** - "Welcome Fiesta" and an evening of Fellowship, taking advantage of "Cinco de Mayo". Get to know other Rotarians while getting in the spirit with Margaritas, Cerveza, Tequila, and authentic Mexican Hors d'oeuvres!

**Friday, May 6th** - A continental breakfast, before Rotary. Adjourning at noon, allowing ample free time. Concluding with, a Cocktail Reception & Semi Formal Dinner with an open bar, at the Tompkins County Community College Culinary Arts Center. Live entertainment, fellowship, and fun, will cap off the night.

**May 7th** - A breakfast buffet before we return to Rotary and adjourn at 12:30 PM.

**Additional** - May 7th - For those who wish to participate, a dinner and additional overnight stay are available. Jorge Aufranc, will join us as well!

### Why attend the District Conference?

- Make meaningful connections with fellow Rotarians
- Engage with Powerful Speakers
- "Ithaca is GORGES!" - [Click here to see why!](#)

### [Register Here](#)

### [Reserve Your Room Here](#)

Early bird pricing group ID# 5211

A sincere Thank You to our sponsors!



# Passport Club

Looking to offer a flexible, accessible and affordable format to individuals who want to be Rotarians but find that traditional Rotary Clubs don't fit their lifestyle, the newly reinvigorated District Passport Club is looking for your help!

## The unique elements of a Passport Club:

- Members are encouraged to participate in service projects organized by other Rotary clubs.
  - Rotarians are invited to visit other Clubs and participate in their Club activities regularly.
  - Relaxed attendance policy.
  - Fewer in-person meetings.
  - Innovative concept designed to give members a more flexible Club experience while supporting the mission of both local District Clubs and Rotary International.
- Our Club members, currently small in number, want to help support District service projects wherever possible either in person or virtually which in turn may help us to grow our membership.

Please contact Club president, Chip Jaeger, at [Rotary7410passportclub@gmail.com](mailto:Rotary7410passportclub@gmail.com) if you have an upcoming project or know of someone who may be interested in joining the Passport Club.

Thank you in advance for your support!



# Events!

**Rotary**  
District 7410

**New Rotary Club  
Start Up  
In Montrose!**

March 10th, 2022  
Susquehanna Free Library  
6pm-8pm  
Lite fare • door prizes  
Informational Meet & Greet  
Please contact Samantha Maruzzelli  
with any questions and to RSVP  
570.885.1810

For more information on  
Rotary International, please visit:  
rotary.org



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CONNECT**

Rotary unites problem solvers around the globe behind one goal: to do more good. Our members are driven to bring communities together to create lasting change. Connecting to make things better – that's what people of action do. [Learn more at rotary.org/action](https://rotary.org/action).

**Rotary**  **PEOPLE OF ACTION**

**CELEBRATE OUR FOUNDATION!**

**Rotary**  
Zones 28 & 32



**\$120 USD / Ticket**  
*(Includes \$100 Donation to TRF)*



**VIRTUAL GALA & FUNDRAISER**  
**February 23 @ 8pm ET**

**For Details & Tickets**  
<https://go.rotaryzones28and32gives.org/rotary-zone-gala>  
*(or Use QR Code with your mobile)*



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# Events!

**Rotary**  
District 7410 

*You're Invited*  
*Move & Groove with Rotary!*

4.2.22  
ShadowBrook Resort  
Tunkhannock

Cash Bar • Lite Fare • Dancing & Mingling  
Door Prizes • Photo Booth

Open to the Public  
[Click Here to Register!](#)



**2nd Annual** Join Our Stay-At-Home **2nd Annual**  
**Online Auction / Flea Market**

**March 1 - March 31**

**Great Items Available in Support of  
Rotary Projects and Ending Polio**

Sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Northeast PA

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**[Trellis.org/rotaryauction22](https://trellis.org/rotaryauction22)**

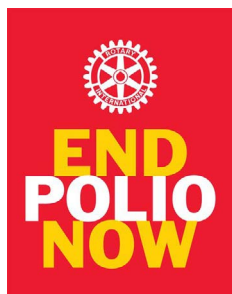


**[Click Here to View the Auction Items!](#)**

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# ROTARY DISTRICT 7410 POLIOPLUS SOCIETY APPLICATION



As a Rotarian and supporter of Polio Eradication, Rotary's #1 international priority, I wish to participate in this child focused humanitarian effort as a member of the PolioPlus Society of Rotary District 7410.

I hereby commit to making an annual donation to the PolioPlus program of the Rotary Foundation as follows: (select one)

- ☐ \$100 per year to PolioPlus (this is the minimum amount to become a PolioPlus Society member)
- ☐ A contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_per year to PolioPlus (more than \$100)
- ☐ A contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_ only this year; unfortunately, I cannot do this every year

Society members will receive a PolioPlus Society membership pin and Paul Harris credit. Make your donation online at [www.rotary.org/donate](http://www.rotary.org/donate) and select the Polio Fund, or through your Rotary Club. If made on-line, one can establish a recurring donation.

E-mail or mail this completed form to the District PolioPlus Chair at [davesolopalmer@gmail.com](mailto:davesolopalmer@gmail.com) or Dave Palmer, 443 Mateer Road, Hop Bottom, PA 18824. Contact Dave for questions at 570-498-6637.

***Until the last child is immunized, and the world is certified polio-free, every child is at risk.***

Name:

Signature:

Date:

Club Name:

Phone Number:

E-Mail:

Your PolioPlus Society pin will be presented to you at your club meeting or other appropriate meeting you might desire, to insure you are recognized for your commitment to eradicating polio from this earth.



# Public Image Committee

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# District Directory

We have been working hard on revising a new District Directory and are happy to share that it is up on our website for all to print and view!

[Please click here to view a copy!](#)



2021-2022  
*District Directory*



**SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES**

Serving 11 Counties in Northeastern Pennsylvania, USA

**Rotary International President**

Sherkhar Mehta

Rotary Club of Calcutta-Mahanagar  
West Bengal, India

**District Governor**

Mary Ellen Bentler

Rotary Club of Hamlin/Lake Ariel



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**Rotary**  
District 7410



## **Rotary District 7410 PolioPlus Fundraiser Night!**

**Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins vs. Springfield Thunderbirds**

**Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 6:05 pm**

**Support Rotary District 7410 with group seating and recognition! The Penguins will also be celebrating our annual Military Appreciation Night!**

(Limited space) CCA Ice Level Lounge: \$50 (Ticket includes buffet of chicken tenders, hot dogs, and beverages)

**Bowl Seating Prices: Red Zone: \$23.75; Gold Zone: \$21.75; Blue Zone: \$18.75**

**All PAID tickets come with a Penguin Beanie and McDonald's Value Meal Voucher!**

**For Each ticket purchased \$4 goes back to the Rotary Foundation to end Polio!**

**Or Visit <https://fevo.me/rotaryfundraiser0219>**

**Please return orders to:**

**WBS Penguins | Colby Gaugler | 40 Coal St | Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702  
or call Colby Gaugler at (570) 970-3605 or e-mail [cgaugler@wbspenguins.com](mailto:cgaugler@wbspenguins.com)**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

# OF TICKETS: \_\_\_\_\_ ZONE: \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

CREDIT CARD: \_\_\_\_\_ EXP: \_\_\_\_\_ DELIVERY: **WILL CALL (NO FEE) OR MAIL (\$1.00)**

CHECK NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ (MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO WBS PENGUINS)

**Come join us at the CCA Ice Level Lounge and enjoy a great night of hockey, food and drink!**

**\$5 of the \$50 ticket for the CCA Ice Level Lounge comes back to the Rotary District.**

**Or you can buy tickets in the stands and the Rotary District gets \$4 per ticket.**

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# RYLA 2022 - the time to get involved is NOW!

RYLA Conference is planned for June 19th through 23rd but could be canceled due to lack of volunteers

- Do you have a passion for working with our area youth?
- Can you spare some time in the summer to engage with young leaders?
- Would you help the next generation develop leadership skills while having fun and making connections?

What is RYLA?

Held at Keystone College in LaPlume, PA, the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is a 5-day conference training program that brings together young adults to develop their character and enrich their leadership skills. Throughout the week, RYLA conferees learn about Rotary and how to embrace the 4-way test while working on group assignments, participating in service projects, and listening to motivational speakers. Numerous activities teach the participants how to respect other's opinions, work in teams, and develop their confidence and self-worth.

Rotary members of District 7410 have supported this important experience for northeastern and central Pennsylvania area youth. The RYLA program provides an opportunity for these teenagers to flourish and to unlock their leadership potential, all while having fun!

But, the RYLA program is in danger of being canceled.

Since 2011, Rotarians Karen DeMatteo and Amy Leiser have developed and continued this crucial outreach opportunity to Rotary District 7410. Due to the pandemic, both the 2020 and 2021 RYLA were canceled, and many student and staff members cannot return in 2022. In addition to the loss of student staff, Karen DeMatteo has put her house on the market and plans to relocate out of the area.

They can't do it without you! Rotary District 7410 is looking for new Rotarians to bring fresh ideas and continue the positive energy and growth opportunities RYLA provides to our youth.

If you would like additional information about RYLA 2022 or how you can get involved with this worthwhile and meaningful event, please contact Chairs Karen DeMatteo at [karenandrotary@gmail.com](mailto:karenandrotary@gmail.com) or Amy Leiser at [director@monroehistorical.org](mailto:director@monroehistorical.org).

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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **ROTARY DISTRICT 7410 of NE Pennsylvania Recruits Future Peace and Development Leaders for Rotary Peace Fellowship**

**SAYRE, PA FEBRUARY, 2022—** From social injustice to the impacts of a global pandemic, recent events have underscored the need for professionals skilled in mediation and peace building.

Rotary, a global membership service organization dedicated to world peace and understanding, is training the next generation of peace and development leaders through its Rotary Peace Centers program.

With the vision of creating sustainable peace through addressing the root causes of conflict — Rotary Peace Fellows participate in a rigorous program of academic study and practical training. Each year, Rotary provides 130 fellows the opportunity to earn a master's degree or post-graduate diploma in peace and development studies at one of eight Rotary Peace Centers, located at leading universities around the world.

Launched in 2002, Rotary Peace Centers have trained over 1,500 individuals for careers in peacebuilding in more than 115 countries, and program alumni serve as leaders in both governmental and nongovernmental agencies, international organizations, and more.

Rotary District 7410, NE Pennsylvania invites those interested in learning more about the Rotary Peace Fellowship program to contact:

*Nancy H. Brittain, District Rotary Peace Fellowship Chair*  
*Sayre Rotary*  
*Email: [NancyLBrittain@icloud.com](mailto:NancyLBrittain@icloud.com)*  
*Cell Number: 570-423-0288*

To learn more about the program, applicants are encouraged to visit the Rotary Peace Centers website at [www.rotary.org/peace-fellowships](http://www.rotary.org/peace-fellowships).

#### **About Rotary**

Rotary brings together a global network of volunteer leaders dedicated to tackling the world's most pressing humanitarian challenges. Rotary connects 1.2 million people of action from more than 36,000 Rotary clubs in almost every country in the world. Their work improves lives at both the local and international levels, from those in need in their own communities to working toward a polio-free world. For more information, visit [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).

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## CLUBS IN ACTION

### Bring On The Pancakes and Syrup!

In honor of National Pancake Day March 1, 2022

Thursday February 17, 2022 Collection

At the

Bedford Street Fire House from 11-1PM

321 Bedford Street Clarks Summit

The Rotary Club of the Abingtons will collect pancake mix and syrup for  
the Dalton Food Pantry.

Donations may be dropped off February 17th or in advance at:

PS Bank, 100 Old Lackawanna Trail

Or

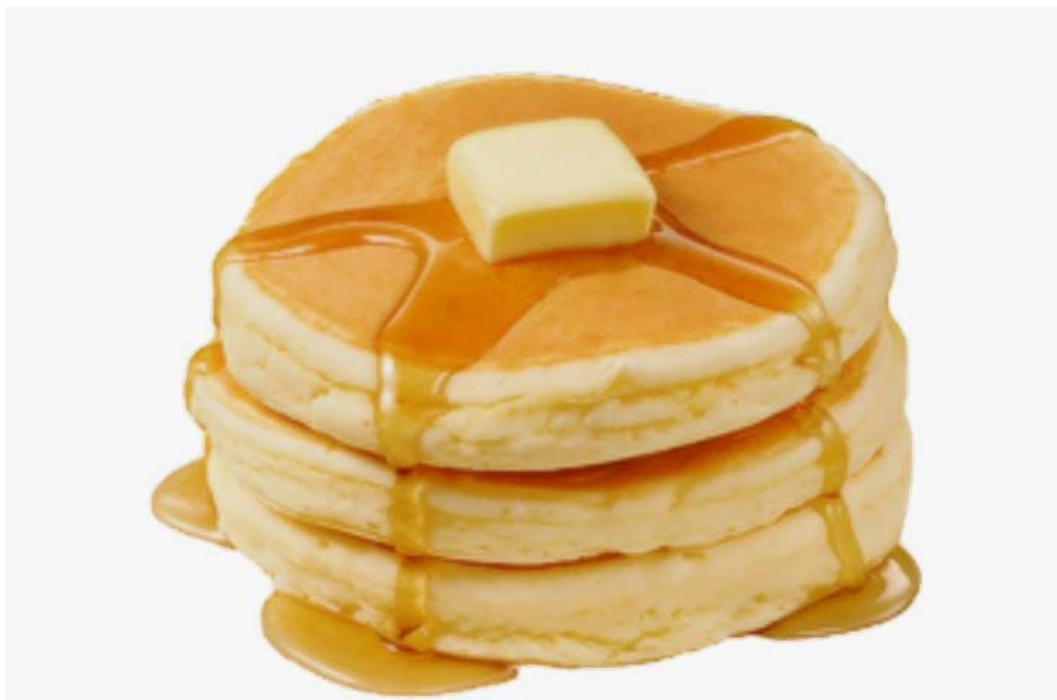
Community Bank, 931 South State Street

Monetary donations accepted:

Rotary Club of the Abingtons

"Service Above Self"

PO Box 392 Clarks Summit PA 18411





## Abington Rotary Nets \$9000 for the Salvation Army

Long-time Rotarian and Chairwoman of the Salvation Army Kettle Drive, Diane Calabro, presented a check for \$9000 to Major Bob Schmig at the Thursday January 20th weekly luncheon meeting at the Bedford Fire House.



*L to R in front:*

*Schmig, Leah Rudolph, Calabro, Virginia Johnson, Joe LaCoe*

*L to R in back:*

*Anita Nelson, Veronica Dende, Chris Selige President, Gail Cicerini Co-Chair, Dave Griffin,  
Warren Watkins, Roger Matter Past District Governor, Billie Angel*

## AREA 7



### Teamwork Makes the Dream Work!

Rotarians in area 7 have been joining together to create a bigger impact on their community. Before the holidays, the Kingston, Pittston, and Wilkes-Barre Rotary met up on 2 separate occasions to volunteer with the Wyoming Valley Habitat for Humanity.

Consider reaching out to other clubs in your area to find out what opportunities there are for you to work together and put:

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## Dallas Rotary Program Benefits Firefighters

After a large fire recently at the Offset Printing Company in Dallas in temperatures well below freezing, it became apparent that the local firefighters needed some help to stay warm. The Dallas Rotary Club decided to purchase a large amount of hand warmers (320 sets) to keep their local heroes as comfortable as possible while they are out there for hours in the freezing cold. Three members of the club presented them to the firefighters from 12 different boroughs and townships at a monthly meeting of the Back Mountain Firefighters Association.



*Seated from left: Jill Shaw, Captain from Fairmont Township Ambulance Service; Jack Dodson; Fire Chief from the Kunkle Fire Department and chairman of the association; Dan Manzoni, Fire Chief from Jackson Township Fire Department.*

*Standing from left: Fred DiMaria, President of the Rotary Club of Dallas; Ted Horn, Vice President of the Rotary Club of Dallas; Art Peoples, Past Rotary District Governor and Past President of the Rotary Club of Dallas.*





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UP YOUR SLEEVE



**American  
Red Cross**



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BLOOD**

**Luck Of The Draw Blood Drive  
Lemnitzer Armory**

**232 Tryon Street - Honesdale**

**Tuesday, March 8, 2022  
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

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All Presenting Donors Will Receive An American Red Cross  
St. Patrick's Day T-Shirt (while supplies last)  
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Please visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: Lemnitzer to schedule an appointment.



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## Purple Pinkie Project

The Honesdale High School Interact Club is going above and beyond to support the fight against Polio disease with the Purple Pinkie Project.

The Purple Pinkie Project is a campaign that collects money towards efforts to eradicate polio from the globe. Polio is a crippling infectious disease that attacks the brain and spinal cord, causing paralysis. Children under the age of 5 are at the greatest risk of contracting this disease.

Doctors started dyeing the pinkies of vaccinated kids purple. In villages and towns around the world, this was the clear indication of who had been vaccinated and who had not yet received the vaccine.

The Purple Pinky Project is a great way we can show our support to all around the world. All students will have the opportunity to pay to get their pinky's dyed purple throughout lunch times on February 8, 9 and 10th. Also Interact members will be at the JV and Varsity Girls' Basketball game on Friday, February 11th as well as at the Boys' Basketball game on Monday, February 14th.

The community also gets a chance to join in: "The Purple Pinkie Project" rolls out February 8th and will run for two weeks. "In other countries when the polio vaccine is distributed, children line up to receive their vaccine," said Brian Fulp, the club's Rotarian coordinator, "Once they have gotten their vaccine, they will get a piece of fruit or a toy. To make sure the students only come through the line once, the Rotarians dye their pinkies purple. This also helps identify who has not received the vaccine."

"The students will also be visiting businesses throughout Honesdale to collect \$1 and a photo for their social media page," said Bennet Fritz, Interactor, "We want to bring awareness to Polio Eradication to the community and we think meeting face to face and creating a social media buzz in town is a great way to go."

We hope to see you and your purple pinky very soon! Thank you for the support of this important initiative.

For more information about how you can help, contact Brian Fulp at 570-309-7860



Friedman Jewish Community Center & Rotary Club of Kingston Present

# BOWLING BENEFIT FUNDRAISER



**When: Sunday, April 3, 2022**

**Time: 2:00-4:00pm**

*(includes 2 hours of unlimited bowling, complimentary shoe rental, pizza & soda)*

**Where:** Chacko's Family Bowling Center | 195 N. Wilkes-Barre Blvd.

**Cost:** \$25 per person

10 Corporate Lane Sponsors available at **\$100.00** per lane

For tickets, sponsorships and any information, email: [gary.bernstein@nepajca.org](mailto:gary.bernstein@nepajca.org)

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

# of bowlers \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 per bowler (maximum of 5 per lane)

Yes, I'd also like to be listed as a sponsor @ \$100 per lane \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Registration deadline: **March 27, 2022**. Please make checks payable to **Friedman Jewish Community Center**



## Christmas Programs for Children

The Rotary Club of Kingston recently sponsored their annual Christmas programs for children. This year, fourteen students from the Wyoming Valley West School District each received \$125 in jackets, pajamas, socks, shoes, etc. The group also fulfilled the wishlists for nine children within the Children and Youth system.



*First row: Joseph Mitchneck, Whitney Lopuhovsky, Samantha Bovolick, Judy Barrett, and Eva Bates.*

*Second row: Edward Price, Brian Wilson, Debra Cwalina, Gary Bernstein, Lou Marcin, Gary Woods, and Robert Kopec.*



## Newfoundland Club Updates

The holidays have been very busy for the Newfoundland Rotarians. Christmas in the park was hosted on 12/12 and brought hundreds of children out to enjoy crafts, wagon rides, cookies, cocoa and of course a taste of Rotary.

The members collected blankets and presented a cash donation to Wallenpaupack High School Food Pantry Director Rosemary Martynik.

Many snow gloves, blankets and Rotary love were provided to Wayne County Children and Youth.

Family and community fun will be had with the donation of a Pickel Ball Court at Wallenpaupack South Elementary. The club members also adopted families in need and gave them a joyous holiday with gifts for the entire family.

Happy 2022 we look forward to continuing to Serve to Change Lives.





