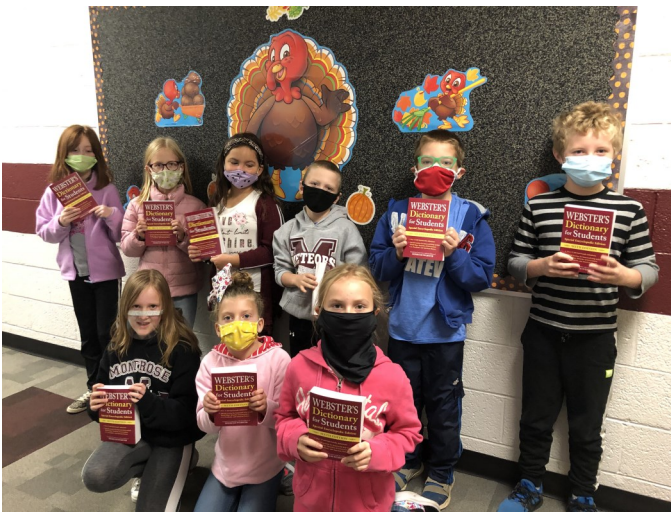


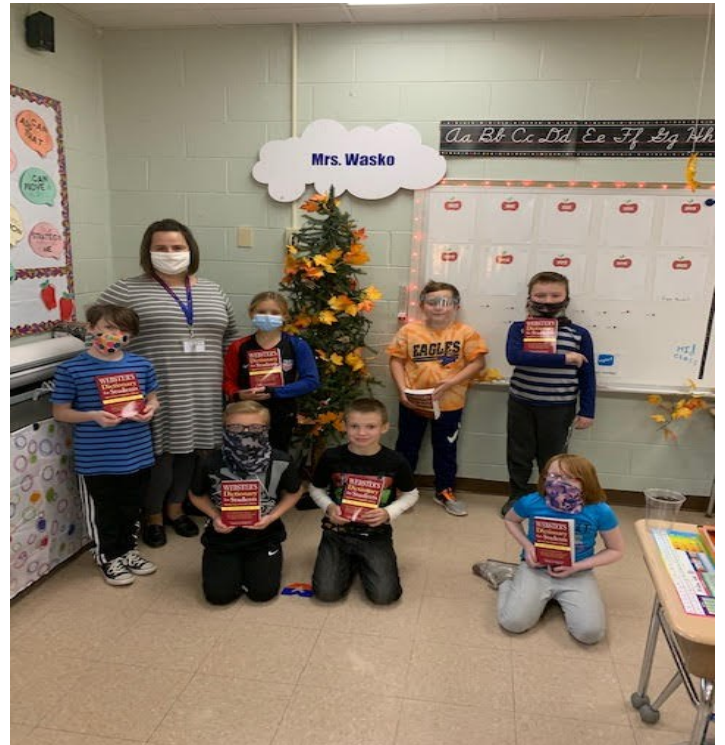
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 February — March, 2021  
**Joe Loughman, District Governor**



The New Milford Area Rotary has actively participated in The Dictionary Project by providing dictionaries to third graders in Susquehanna County schools for twenty years. Barbara Hill has been involved in the project since its inception. This year students at Mountain View, Montrose, Blue Ridge, Susquehanna, Faith Mountain Christian and Elk Lake have received dictionaries with a total of 385 dictionaries distributed. Because of COVID, in-person presentations by Rotary have not been permitted. Teachers in each district have done a wonderful job in distribution. Over the years, 4,224 students have received dictionaries sponsored through the New Milford Area Rotary.

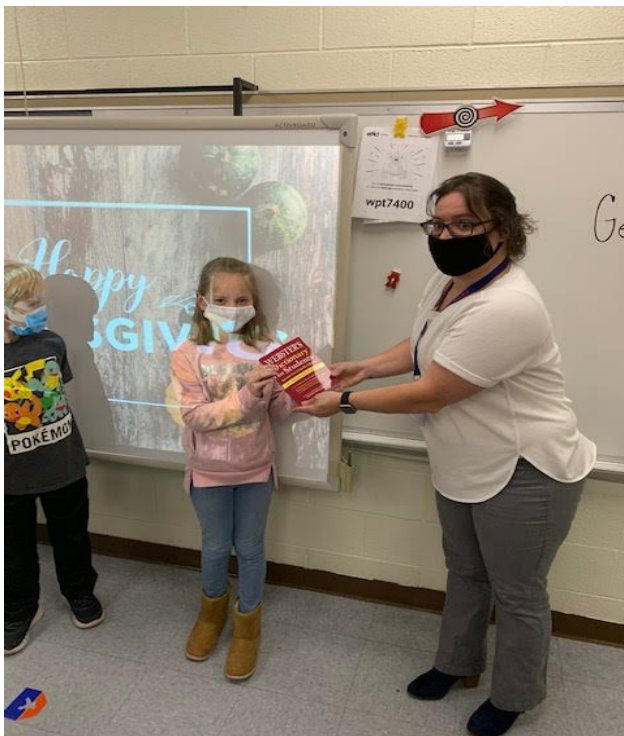


**Lathrop Street Elementary in Montrose**

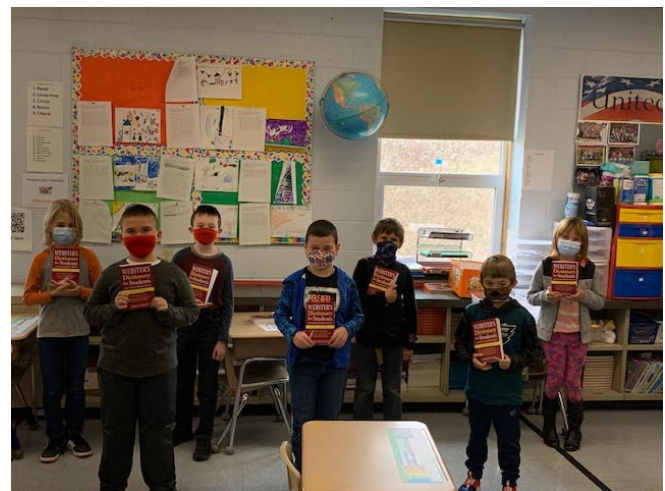


**Mountain View Elementary**  
 Mrs. Wasko, third grade teacher

Isabella Fletcher, Rozalyn Jagger, Carter Allen, Nathan Dmohoski. Kneeling left to right: Brody Barhite, David Ditchey Isabella Hudock



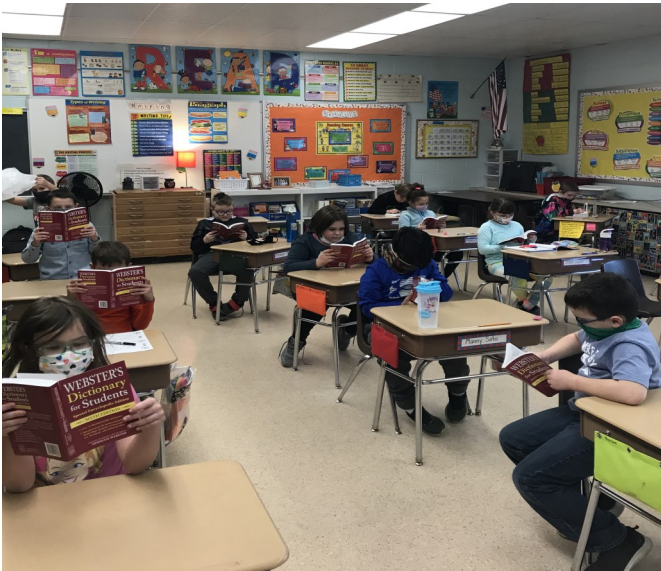
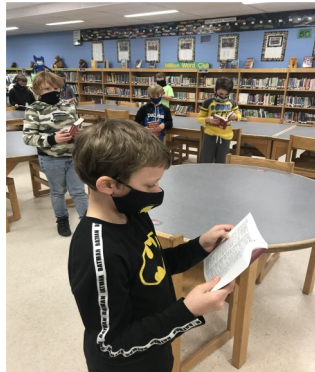
**Mountain View Elementary**  
 Mrs. Jen Riley, Hayden Canfield and Hazel Callahan



**Mountain View Elem.**  
 Mr. Carpenter's third grade

# The New Milford Area Rotary Dictionary Distribution cont.

## Elk Lake 3rd graders



## Rotary Club of The Abingtons

President Chris Calvey Jr. welcomed Maria Wilson, Executive Director of the Waverly Community House, and Kathleen Nelson, President of the Board of Directors to the weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of the Abingtons. Maria presented the Covid 19 procedures and policies as well as the classes, programs and special events.

"The Comm" is a 100 year old social and cultural center that connects neighbors, families and individuals.



Pictured L to R: Kathleen Nelson, Maria Wilson and Chris Calvey Jr.



Photos outside the Bedford Fire House Bruce Valentine, President Chris Calvey, Jr, Chairwoman Eileen Christian, Diane Calabro and Noreen Thomas.

Delivering the food to the Dalton Food Pantry (Bruce Valentine, Pantry Director Nancy Thompson, Eileen Christian, Billy Angel.



## To All District Rotarians:

Below find the link to an audio file interview that was done by Wilks New Radio on Rotary, The Rotary Foundation and the joint Auction in progress.

It is also on the District Rotary Clubrunner Home page if you need to go back to it.

Please note this email is going to all Rotarians who have emails on the District membership register with clubs. This email register indicates there are 1075 Rotarians active in the District, however, there are only 999 email addresses that this email can reach. If your Club hasn't updated their club's membership information, email addresses, and contacts, those Rotarians can not receive information using the system.

Paula Reynolds radio interview with Marcia Loughman regarding Rotary and Rotary District 7410's fundraising efforts.

<https://www.radio.com/podcasts/special-edition-20455/special-edition-2-6-7-356480795?>

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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, 2021**— 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 1,400 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).

# Rotary Club of Tunkhannock

## Tunkhannock Rotary Leads Volunteer Recruitment Effort for COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic

Below is an excerpt (in italics) from the Feb 24, 2021 Wyoming County Press Examiner.

The Wyoming County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) is partnering with the Tunkhannock Rotary Club to help find volunteers to work the vaccine clinics. EMA has plans to hold a two day, eight hour weekend clinic sometime in the future as no date are yet set for the clinic due to vaccine supply issues.

EMA is looking for people who are technological savvy to sit at computers and enter data for people who receive the vaccine. It is also looking for people who would have the credentials to be able to administer the vaccine.

"The Rotary does a lot of great work in the area, a lot of people follow all of the things that they do, so we reached out to them to help us find volunteers," Dziak said. "We're hoping that a lot of people come to help out."

Tunkhannock Rotary President Terri Detrick was thrilled when the club was asked to help. She said that the Rotary is always trying to help out the community in any way that it can. "The Rotary's official mottoes are 'service above self' and 'one profits most who serves best'," Detrick said.

"Tunkhannock Rotary members take those mottoes to heart and continue to step up with other like-minded organizations during this critical time."

*Anyone interested in being a volunteer at the future vaccine clinic can fill out an online form. The form can be found on the Tunkhannock Rotary Club Facebook page, click on the link and then fill out the form.*

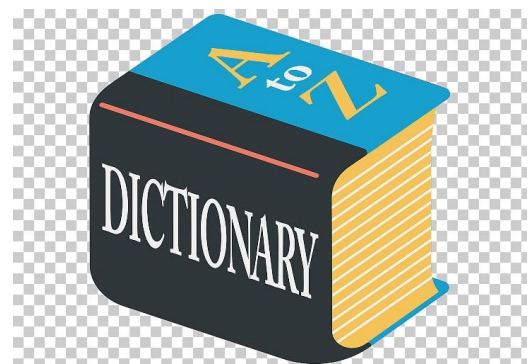
## Tunkhannock Supplies Dictionaries to T ASD 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders

The Rotary Dictionary Project is a nationwide effort to provide young students with their own personal dictionaries. This year's dictionary is filled with more than just terms and definitions. It also includes a mini encyclopedia filled with maps, facts about U.S. presidents, sign language, braille, math conversion tables and the longest word in the English language.

Since 2007, Rotary has purchased over 4,600 dictionaries for the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders in the Tunkhannock Area School District. Although delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Club delivered this academic year's dictionaries to the school in Feb.

After appropriate quarantine at the school, the dictionaries were distributed to the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders accompanied by a video of Dictionary Chair Sandy Lane, telling the children about the dictionaries, Rotary and some of the special topics covered in the appendices.

Recently, the Club received a wonderful Thank You letter from the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders for their dictionaries, that they look forward to each year. In some cases, this is the first book that some of these children personally own for themselves.



## Rotary Club of Tunkhannock

### Tunkhannock Supports Tunkhannock Public Library

Rotary has 7 areas of focus (including basic education and literacy) for projects that can make lasting positive impacts in the world. Over the years, the Tunkhannock Rotary has supported a variety of programs that advance literacy in Wyoming County, including support for the Tunkhannock Public Library.

Although the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in the cancellation of Rotary's major fundraiser, the 2020 Harvest & Wine Festival, Rotary maintained a reserve fund to ensure that at least some reduced donations could be made in 2021 to those organizations that support one of Rotary's 7 areas of focus.

Therefore, at the Jan 28 Rotary Zoom meeting, President Terri Detrick presented a virtual check for \$4,000 to the Library, which was accepted by their new Executive Director Dellana Diovisalvo.

Dellana, who joined the Library in Oct 2020, then shared with the club some of the challenges that have faced the Library over the last 9 months due to the COVID-19 pandemic, especially in view of the Library's Mission to provide all Wyoming County residents with free and convenient access to a wide range of information and entertainment resources.

While the Library was closed for a time (although it maintained a variety of online services/programs and curbside book pickup), it reopened again on Oct 1. At that time, Dellana realized that they needed a contingency plan in the eventuality that the state closed everything again. With all the safety precautions that they had put in place, Tunkhannock was the last library in our District to keep their doors opened but did close down over the holidays.

During this closure, in addition to expanded online programs and curbside book pickup, they allowed for people to make appointments (1 family at a time) to use library computers, fax machines and even browse the collection, which their patrons really liked. It allowed people without home computers or internet to apply for unemployment benefits and to check on their stimulus checks.

Among the Library programs that previous Rotary funds had helped support were the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Program, the purchase of children's books and a subscription to the Wall St. Journal, to name a few. Dellana indicated that some of this year's donated funds would be used to purchase children's books and for community outreach programs, all of which will help advance literacy in Wyoming County.



Dellana Diovisalvo

# Rotary Club of Tunkhannock

## Tunkhannock Rotary Provides Support to Dietrich Theater



At the Feb 4th Rotary Zoom Meeting, Erica discussed how our annual donations help the theater fund community programs for 2- to 94-year-olds. She also shared some of the challenges that have faced the Dietrich due to the pandemic and their exciting plans for 2021.

## Rotary Provides Funds for Children

Katharine Pohidal, Director of the Ruth Matthews Bourger Women with Children Program at Misericordia University was the guest speaker at the Feb 11 Tunkhannock Rotary Zoom Meeting.

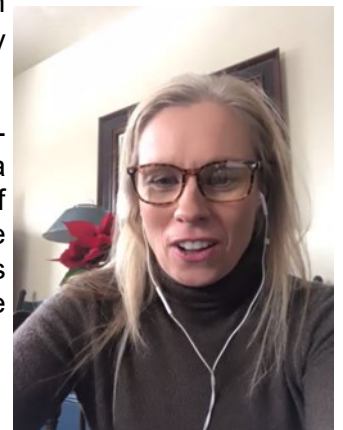
Katherine began her talk by thanking the Rotary for helping them with a \$1,000 donation to buy children’s gifts at Xmas for the families in this program.

The Program started in 2000 to help single moms with young children at the poverty level, who could not access education. It provides the opportunity for the moms to earn their college degree in addition to providing housing to these families. The moms get free housing for up to 4 years, attend college full time, work at least 10 hr per week and have time with their children. They also help them sustain their degrees and help with placement post-graduation.

The last year has been a challenge due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but they have been able to continue to providing housing and support to these families through the generosity of the local communities.

The program is currently helping 16 single mom families, many of whom were house insecure or homeless and will be expanding to 20 families in Aug 2021. The moms primarily come from the local tri-county area. The program’s goal is to help these women and their children out of poverty permanently.

Katharine finished by mentioning that they are beginning a collaborating with HANDS of Wyoming County to assess the impact of COVID-19 on this region including on single mothers with children.



**“Everything we do opens another opportunity for someone, somewhere”**

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  Rotary Opens Opportunities

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## Rotary Club of Tunkhannock

### Tunkhannock Helps Support Seven Loaves Soup Kitchen

Seven Loaves Soup Kitchen Board of Director's President Raleigh Bloch was the guest speaker at the Feb 18 Tunkhannock Rotary Zoom meeting. Raleigh provided an update on the Soup Kitchen and their efforts to help feed those that are experiencing food insecurity in Wyoming County during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Since Spring 2020, the Soup Kitchen's dining room has been closed and meals are provided for take-out only, Monday through Friday from 5:00 pm. to 6:00 p.m. In addition, they are providing grocery bags of food, for those in need to take home.

In 2020, the Kitchen set a record for the number of meals served at 18,882 or approximately 75 meals per day. During their partnership with the United Way and the FED program, the number of meals prepared per day escalated to 140, although the FED program ceased on Feb 1.

To prepare this many meals takes a lot of volunteers, 252 to be exact, donating 7,163 hours of their time during the year. They could not open their doors without these volunteers and Raleigh issued a huge Thank You to all the volunteers from the churches, various organizations, and individuals in our community.

He also acknowledged the food donations from area businesses, which are especially important since they do not take government funding due to all the regulations tied to such funding.



Pres. Terri Detrick presents Seven Loaves Soup Kitchen check to Raleigh Bloch



**February 17 was National Random Acts of Kindness Day the following was posted in The Tunkhannock Rotary Bulletin:**

Make a note to do nice things throughout the day. Are you looking for ideas?

Pay for the coffee or meal of the person in front of you in line.

Leave a kind note for someone, no explanation needed.

Share words of encouragement. You never know who might need them.  
Put your skills to work for someone in need. For example, offer to create a résumé for someone seeking a new job.

Drop off a load of groceries at the local food pantry.

Mail a "thinking of you" card to someone you've not talked to in a while.

Order a bouquet of flowers to be delivered to anyone in the hospital. That means, call the florist and tell them to pick a hospital or nursing home and deliver flowers to the person the front desk thinks needs it the most. It could be a sick child, an elderly person with no family or college student down on their luck.

Send a thank you note to the local fire department, police departments or any military personnel.  
Just smile.

Compliment the first three people you talk to.

Write a hand-written note to a teacher.

Say good morning to the person next to you on the elevator.

Pick up litter. Spend 10 minutes cleaning a park or your neighborhood.

Place uplifting notes in library books, on restroom mirrors, on someone's locker, or on their computer screen.

Dedicate 24 hours to spreading positivity on social media.

Hold up inspiring signs during rush hour.

Leave a generous tip.

Set an alarm to go off three times on World Kindness Day, when the alarm sounds, stop what you're doing call/text/email someone simply to tell them how awesome they are.

No need to wait for February 17, to roll around

