



News from District 7410

Letter from the District Governor

Greetings fellow Rotarians!

I can't say enough what a great honor it is to become your District Governor. I am looking forward to visiting all of your clubs and hearing from you about all your ideas, hopes, dreams and concerns about Rotary as a whole, and your clubs in particular.

Jackie and I have just returned from Toronto where the Rotary International Convention was held. Our district had 38 representatives in attendance, joining tens of thousands of Rotarians from every corner of the earth. It's hard not to return from such an experience without feeling fully recharged and ready to take on as many tasks as we can.

I have a few simple goals this year. First, I would like to see all of our clubs get more involved in international service. Rotary is known throughout the world for this. In large part it is one of the main reasons many members join, only to be disappointed when they discover that their local clubs aren't fully engaged in this vital role. In Toronto we were exposed to hundreds of worthy international causes desperately seeking Rotary clubs to sponsor them. R.I.'s website, www.rotary.org, has hundreds of similar projects just waiting for some club to pick up their cause. International service is not simply throwing money at a cause (although money is important). It's sending human beings to experience, firsthand, just what it is we're trying to accomplish. I guarantee that if your club sends a new member to a foreign land on a service project, to see how important our work is, that new member will stay a Rotarian for a long time.

Secondly, I would like to expand our youth programs as much as possible. We should strive to have Interact clubs in every school district and Rotaract clubs in every college and university within our District. Our youth programs are a vital link to our future membership, and can help to ensure the survival of Rotary well into the future

Finally, I want to make Rotary fun again. It seems to me that somewhere along the lines our meetings, projects, events and committees started to become all

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business and stopped being fun. We need to remember that all Rotarians are volunteers, and that we are asking for their most valuable asset – their time! We need to ensure that we don't waste it, and utilize their time wisely. If it's not fun, we're doing something wrong.

To that end I would like to personally invite every member and their family and friends to our district-wide **JAMBOREE** on July 14th in Falls, Pa. This promises to be a most enjoy-

able event where we will have a catered cookout with great food and live entertainment, Campfire, s'mores, and fellowship, featuring the bluegrass band, Dishonest Fiddlers! For the more adventurous Rotarians we offer a canoe/kayak float trip down to Susquehanna River from Tunkhannock to Falls and optional overnight camping at the George Hock Park. Obviously membership is always a concern, but I believe

that if we concentrate on making our overall Rotary experience more enjoyable, more rewarding through international service and more youthful, the membership issue will take care of itself.

This is going to be a **great** year! Please join me in making this our best year ever!

Roger

Banner Exchange Launches Rotary District Year

Rotary International District 7410 is inducting Roger Mattes, Jr. as District Governor at its annual Banner exchange on Sunday, July 1. Also on the agenda was a celebration of the gubernatorial year of Karin Susan Breitlauch. The 2 p.m. event is being held at the Ramada Inn in Clarks Summit.

Mattes, an attorney and president of the law offices of Mattes & Mattes, p.c. in Scranton, is a member of the Rotary Club of the Abingtons. He first joined Rotary in 1985, and served as President of the Rotary Club of the Abingtons in 2011-12. He served on their Board of Directors for nine years, and has held several positions in the club. He is a Graduate of the Rotary Leadership Institute, is a Paul Harris Fellow, and a member of the Paul Harris Society. He has also been active at the District level serving as a Governor-Elect, Director, an Assistant Governor, a member of the Finance Committee, and a P.E.T.S. Facilitator. He chaired the District Conference Committee for 2017 and has headed up the District's Crisis Management Team.

Mattes received his *Juris Doctorate* degree from Drake University, his undergraduate degree from DePauw University, and is a graduate of Valley Forge Military Academy. He also attended the Pennsylvania Realtors Institute where he earned a

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G.R.I designation.

Roger lectures extensively in the legal community and has been published in several scholarly books and magazines, including the *National Business Institute* and the *Trial Lawyers of America Magazine*.

He has been named as a "Top Lawyer in Pennsylvania" by the Legal Network. He is a two time recipient of the LeaseComm Counselor's Club Award, and the Winner's Circle Award. He received the American Lawyer's Quarterly Distinguished Service Citation, the J.C. Penney Golden Rule Award, the Jaycee Outstanding Service Award, and was listed in Who's Who Among American Law Students.

Roger lives in Nicholson with his wife Jackie. They have four children, Emily, Molly, Philip, and Phoebe Snow..



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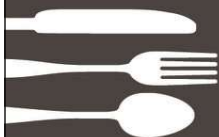


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[The Rotary Club of New Milford](#)

Club Presents Awards on 70th Anniversary



June is Student Awards Dinner month for the New Milford Area Rotary Club. This year's awards dinner on June 7th also included an award to itself as it celebrated its 70th birthday. Our most senior member, Barbara Hill (above right) was given the honor of cutting the birthday cake.

The evening focus though was on recognizing local student excellence, and the parents, guardians and loyal friends whose love and support foster these student's development. In addition, the club recognizes the support of school personnel,

School Counselors, teachers and Principals, who are essential to student growth. The New Milford Area Rotary Club is privileged to work with 4 school districts in Rotary District 7410, which encompasses much of the northeast quadrant of Pennsylvania. Those school districts are Blue Ridge, Faith Mountain, Mountain View, and Susquehanna Community.

This year's awards dinner recognized one very deserving student from each of our 4 service



Pictured above left to right are Kate Kurosky, Club Facilitator; Lucy Adams, Mountain View; Chloe Tinklepaugh, Susquehanna ; Alexa Stanley, Blue Ridge.



Pictured above left to right are Kate Kurosky, Club Facilitator; Emily Fremberg, Susquehanna Community; Alexis Wilbur, Mountain View; and Samantha Dietz, Faith Mountain Christian Academy. Megan Sommer, Blue Ridge, was unable to attend..

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District 7410 Jamboree

July 14 -15, 2018

WHO? - All Rotarians and anyone else interested in participating.

WHAT? – A District Wide Cookout with live Bluegrass music and a campfire along with **optional** canoe trip and overnight campout.

WHERE? - George Hock Park, Falls, Pa. – (The canoe trip will start in Tunkhannock & take out in Falls)

WHEN? - Saturday July 14th to Sunday July 15th beginning around 3:00 pm. (The Canoe trip will start around 11:00 in Tunkhannock).

Those not participating in the canoe trip can join us in Falls for our BBQ cookout and campfire on Saturday afternoon & night.

Cost: \$12.95 per person

Canoe rentals are available at Susquehanna Canoe & Kayak Rental - (570) 388-6107 – a Rotarian owned business.

Register in advance online at the Rotary District 7410 website
<https://portal.clubrunner.ca/50202>.





Calling all Businesses, Rotary Clubs, and Individuals!

Become a 2018 RYLA sponsor today and help instill leadership skills and foster a sense of community in our area youth!

Sponsorship Opportunities

\$1,500 Food Packaging Sponsor: The Food Packaging event will be done by a partnership with Rise Against Hunger. The event will incorporate the beliefs of service above self and teamwork as our conferees will be split into teams to build food packages that will be distributed internationally to those in need.

Sponsorship includes:

- Name/Logo listed in RYLA Graduation Program.
- Name/Logo in Rotary District 7410 newsletter.
- Signage at Rotary display table during RYLA.
- Link from RYLA website.
- Social Media acknowledgement.



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Sponsorship includes:

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- Name/Logo in Rotary District 7410 newsletter.



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For additional information or to participate in this sponsorship opportunity, please contact Karen at ryla7410@gmail.com. Thank you for your support!

Bronze Star Recipient Shares War Memories

At a Tunkhannock Club Assembly, senior Rotarian of 42 years Norm Werkheiser shared his memories of his World War II activities that earned him a bronze star. Norm wore his military shirt from the war, which still fit him beautifully with all his medals, including his bronze star. Norm made light of the activities that earned him this medal.

Norm grew up in Amish country and was drafted in 1944 as an 18 yr old farm kid. He had never been more than 10 miles from the farm. He had wanted to join the army, but his father objected. However, he got drafted. He reported to the Wilkes-Barre courthouse for his medical exam and was then sent to Indian Town Gap, where they got uniforms and their personal clothes were sent home. He went to Fort McClellan Alabama for 14 weeks of concentrated rifleman and war training.

Before shipping out, he had 10 days at home, got on the Queen Mary, crossed to Eng-

land and then to the war line in France. Soldiers could be on the front line for as much as 4 weeks with no sleep, very cold and not good conditions.

His Captain noticed that he could speak Pennsylvania Dutch German and asked him to be his company runner. Their unit was called to support another unit that needed help and they were fired upon from a hill of Germans. The Captain told Norm to stick with his sergeant. He followed the sergeant up the hill to see where the Germans were located. They got almost to the top when the sergeant took a bullet to the head.

Norm went back to the Captain and reported what had happened. He was then assigned to someone else, who also got shot under his eye and was not expected to live.

The Captain recalled him, told him that they really needed help and that he knew where a heavy weapons company was nearby. He sent Norm to go get them, but when Norm came to



Norm Werkheiser speaking to fellow Rotarians.

an intersection on the road, he did not remember which road the Captain had told him to take. He went the way he thought best, found the heavy artillery and explained his unit needed help.

He then went back to his Captain and he was greeted by the Captain with a handshake and a hug, which was very, very unusual. It turned out that the actual road directions that the Captain had given him would have taken him right into a German unit, so he was surprised and relieved that Norm had succeeded in his task. So, Norm earned a bronze star and saved his unit by taking the wrong road, rather than the road his Captain had told him to take.

Norm, thank you for your service.

Rotarians Spread Word at Event

On Saturday, June 23, club members manned the Tunkhannock Rotary Booth at the annual Tunkhannock Founder's Day Celebration.

The downtown area of Tunkhannock was shut to vehicular traffic and was home to over

150 specialty vendors, entertainment, demonstrations and great regional foods.

The Rotary booth provided information on Rotary, the Club's Projects and sold the first tickets for the Oct 13 Harvest & Wine Festival.



A new kind of Rotary fundraiser!!

Join the Rotary Club of Scranton on a 9 night Canada & New England Cruise on- board the “Anthem of the Seas” from Au- gust 23-Sept 1, 2018.

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Ports of Call are: Boston, Massachusetts, Portland, Maine, Bar Harbor, Maine, Saint John, New Brunswick, and Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Included in the rate is roundtrip bus transportation to the NJ Pier from Scranton, South Williamsport, Avis, Wellsboro and Stroudsburg.

For a detailed brochure, check out www.scrantonrotary.org or email Margaret McCormick at mmccormick@aanorthpenn.com.

Anyone is welcome to join us! Pass it on!

Mini-Libraries for Tunkhannock

To promote literacy in our community, the Tunkhannock Rotary has installed five free mini-libraries in the Tunkhannock area. The libraries were built by Norm Werkheiser and the project was led by Marta Kovacs-Ruiz. The first library was installed outside the Wyoming County Cultural Center at the Dietrich Theater (photo below).

Additional mini-libraries have been installed at Creekside Gardens, Lazybrook Park, Eaton Hills and Susquehanna Apartments.



Norm Werkheiser and Marta Kovacs-Ruiz at one of Norm’s mini-libraries.

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Rotary Club of The Abingtons

They're Celebrating the Fourth on the Third

BY EILEEN CHRISTIAN

The Rotary Club of the Abingtons will once again provide community entertainment in an outstanding fireworks display to celebrate the birthday of our nation on July 3, 2018. It is our thirty-second year to deliver this gift to our community.

The Abington Heights Middle School grounds will be transformed to house the event. Rotarians will start setting up early in the morning in preparation for the night. Starting at 6:00 P.M., vendors will have their tents set up to sell all kinds of picnic foods. Traditional holiday eating, like hot dogs, hamburgers, fries, ice cream and lemonade will be enhanced with specialty items from food trucks. Novelty hats and light ropes will be available for purchase at the Rotary tent. The Abington Lions Club has joined this celebration for many years. They offer picnic food for sale and use the proceeds as a fund raiser for their own good deeds.

Rotarians have been hard at work throughout the winter fund raising for this event under the direction of Rotarian Jim Hambrose, chairman. Solicitation letters were sent out months ago to area businesses and many responded by donating money to defray the cost, the largest of which is the fireworks



themselves. Trained personnel must be in place and ready when dark comes to shoot off the rockets and light up the night sky while insuring that no one is hurt. Vendors are also contacted by Rotarians, contracts are signed so the food offerings will be in place and ready to serve to the public in an attractive portable venue.

No easy task at the event is parking about 2000 cars on the fields that surround the Middle School. Our Rotarians turn into parking lot attendants and do their best to insure that cars and trucks are parked to give everyone a good view of the fireworks. A donation of \$5.00 will be asked of each vehicle.

Last year many responded with more than that.

Police, firemen and EMT personnel from throughout the Abingtons will be on hand not only for emergency care but also for directing traffic of so many vehicles coming on country roads into one place at the same time.

The event itself brings our community together for fun. We can lie on blankets while gazing with Ooohs and Ahhhs as the dark night is lit with a profusion of swiftly moving colored lights, blasting away the cares of the day and marking the light of a new day.

SEE, "FIREWORKS," PAGE 20.



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CRAFT FAIR & FLEA MARKET 8AM

Vendors and Yard Sellers wanted! Contact: John Reynolds (570) 465-7174

GENERAL QUESTIONS? Contact Bob Welch (607) 201-8481

[The Rotary Club of Tunkhannock](#)

Guest Speaker Addresses Local Opioid Crisis

At the May 31 meeting of Tunkhannock Rotary, Dr. Michael Coye was guest speaker. Dr. Coye is a graduate of the University of Scranton and Rutgers Univ. He has been a forensic chemist for 27 years for Lackawanna County.

Dr. Coye began by praising Tunkhannock Rotary's Drug Take Back Outreach Program for taking lots of drugs off the street (over a ton).

He remarked that many overdoses (OD) are due to prescription drugs, although cocaine is coming back since new regulations are impacting doctors giving chronic pain medications.

So, some people are self-medicating for depression and pain with street drugs. Or they are getting drugs from doctors to treat their pain. For a root canal, they will give you a prescription for 20 Vicodin. Pain management is its own business now.



Dr. Michael Coye, forensic chemist for Lackawanna County

For shoulder surgery, you can be prescribed 60 Oxycodone. But some people crush it, heat it up and inject themselves. People can die from it.

Fentanyl patches are used for chronic pain and terminal diseases. It is 100 times stronger than heroin. People are now taking the patches and they are smoked and/or chewed. Fentanyl varieties are being made in China and they ship it to the U.S. in the mail. People are dying with the needles still in their arms.

Statistics Confirm Opioid Crisis

The opioid overdose statistics have changed over the years. In the 1990s, there were overdoses one to three times a month, but now once every three days, Dr. Coye told the group.

Different people metabolize drugs differently and that is contributing to the deaths due to genetic differences between people at the same drug dosages.

Dr. Coye urged everyone to get and understand the information on the drugs that you are taking. He also urged everyone to learn what is being done to combat the opioid crises in our area and the nation.



Tunkhannock Welcomes Newest Member at June Luncheon

At the June 21 Luncheon, District Membership Chair Ron Furman inducted Terri Detrick as the newest member of the Tunkhannock Rotary. Club Terri is very active in the community and is a financial advisor at Lincoln Financial Services in Tunkhannock.

Terri was sponsored by Secretary Carol Ziomek. In photo above Terri (second from left) is welcomed by (from left) Carol Ziomek, President Samantha Maruzzelli and Membership Chair Ron Furman.



July 3rd Fireworks

Tunkhannock High School
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The Rotary Club of Honesdale

Club Gets Early Start on Inducting New Slate of Officers

Honesdale Rotary has a new president for the next year: Dolores Leopardi, office manager for Koberlein Environmental Services. Leopardi was installed June 12 during a dinner event at Woodloch Springs. In accepting her role, Leopardi, who joined the club five years ago, told her fellow Rotarians, "I'm honored to be president, but I want you all to know that no one, including the president, is more important than any of you."

The club also announced several other new officer designations: Andy Chapman, president-elect/vice president; Beth Latour, 2nd vice president and Rory McGhie, sergeant-at-arms. Kay Reynolds retains her role as club secretary and Larry Caruth remains the treasurer.

The dinner, orchestrated by club member Jim Mould, included many other awards and the installation of two new members: Heidi Goyette and John Block.

Outgoing President Stephen Moulton, Business Operations director at the Himalayan Institute, was awarded a Paul Harris Medal for service. He noted in his remarks that he enjoyed his tenure as president and felt "much had been accomplished, including instituting one night meeting a month to



Shown from left are New Honesdale Rotary President Dolores Leopardi; President-elect and 1st Vice President Andy Chapman; 2nd Vice President Beth Latour; Secretary Kay Reynolds; Roger Mattes, Rotary District 7410 Governor-elect; and outgoing Honesdale Rotary President Stephen Moulton. Missing: Treasurer Larry Caruth; Sergeant-at-arms Rory McGhie.

encourage working people to join Rotary." gency Food Pantry and more.

A local community activist, Sharon Herzog, who is not a Rotarian, was given a special Paul Harris Award for her work with local schools, the Emer-

A former Rotarian, Brian Fulp, was also honored, for his continuing work with the junior Rotary club, Interact, at Honesdale High School.

MINI-LIBRARIES...

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The Club is grateful to the Tunkhannock Public Library and its Executive Director and Rotarian Kristin Smith-Gary for the donation of some books for the mini-libraries from their surplus books collected, but not sold, at their periodic book sale fundraisers.

After seeing the mini-library at the Dietrich Theater, the Boy

Scouts of Mehoopany decided they also wanted to construct and install mini-libraries in their town.

Mehoopany resident and Rotarian Ron Furman told the Club about this proposed project and the Tunkhannock Board of Directors voted to fund the supplies for the Boy Scouts to carry out this literacy project.



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The Scranton Rotary Club would like to extend an invitation to our friends and family in the community to help us help the Women's Resource Center furnish housing for victims of domestic violence. How? Purchase a gift for the Women's Resource Center and bring it to lunch at the Radisson on July 16th.

Women's Resource Center's mission is to end domestic and sexual violence through advocacy, education, and social change.

[The Rotary Club of Hazleton](#)

New Hazleton President Strives to Inspire

Katherine Oh was installed as the 98th President of the Rotary Club of Hazleton at the annual Presidents Party held at the Valley Country Club on June 27, 2018.

Kathie has been a member of the Rotary Club of Hazleton for five years and she was sponsored for membership by Mary Celeste Kosko.

Oh's Rotary activities have included service as the Club President-Elect, Rotary Project Committee Chair, Kids Holiday Shopping Spree Chair and board member. She has been involved with the spaghetti dinners, distribution of dictionaries to areas third-grade students, Kidz Coatz, Night at the Races, the Beer and Wine festival and often serves as hostess for the weekly meetings.

When asked what her goals for the club would be, Kathie stated:

"This year's Rotary theme is 'Be The Inspiration' and I believe the goals of the Hazleton Rotary Club for the upcoming fiscal year should be to see that we are answering "yes" to each of our "4 way test" questions as we plan and complete each of our community services and projects.

The Rotary 4 Way test asks:

First: is it the TRUTH?

Second: is it FAIR to all



Katherine Oh was installed as the 98th President of the Hazleton Rotary Club on June 27th.

concerned?

Third: Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIP?

Fourth: Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

If we can answer "yes" as we complete each service or project, then we can "Be the Inspiration" needed to best serve the Greater Hazleton Community and we will have met my goals as Hazleton Rotary President for the upcoming year."

Kathie graduated from Toms River North High School, Tom's River, New Jersey. She is married to Ting Oh and has two sons and two grandchildren.

She was one of the recent recipients of the YWCA Pearl Award. Kathie also actively volunteers for the Greater Hazleton Area Chamber of

Commerce and also sponsors the Valley Vets VFW Post 8161 Golf Tournament each year which helps local Vets.

She is the co-owner, along with husband Ting, and Marketing Director of Fyzical Therapy & Balance Center, 1077 North Church Street, Hazle Township. Their facility opened at this new location in the fall of 2017.

Kathie officially takes over the reins of the club on July 1, 2018. Other officers and Board members will be: President-Elect, Alan Whitaker; Vice President, Gary Lawler; Recording Secretary, Lani Drobnock; Treasurer, Pat Owens; Sergeant-at-Arms, John Schwear and 1st Past President, Toni Christman. Members of the Board will be: Tim Genetti, Gene Dougherty, Jim Kelshaw, Tom Lagana, Joe Lettiere, Carla Thaller, Kim McNulty, Jason Brenner, and John Beltrami. Pat Korb will continue as Publicity Coordinator.

For more information on Rotary Club activities, go to www.hazletonrotary.org and the Rotary Facebook page, Rotary Club of Hazleton.

Save the date, Saturday, August 25th for the annual Hazleton Wine & Beer Festival, 11:00AM-6:00PM, Hazle Township Babe Ruth Field, Hazle Township Boulevard.

End of the Summer Extravaganza



August 30, 2018

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Brian Vnuk, President, Rotary Club of Plymouth

[The Rotary Club of Wyalusing](#)

Busy Izzy Reluctantly Bids Adios to Wyalusing

He was known to everyone as Izzy, thanks to a football coach who couldn't pronounce his name. That is understandable because his full name is Ismael Mateo Butron Carvajal and he came to Wyalusing as an exchange student from Oruro, Bolivia.

A late-May meeting focused on Izzy's year since it was his last meeting with the club. He talked about how he was shocked upon arriving because he wasn't expecting it to be so rural. He recalled the interminable drive through the wilderness to get to his new home. He quickly adjusted and came to enjoy rural and small town living.

Izzy wasn't shy about participating in many activities that were new to him. His favorite was basketball, where the highlight was bringing everyone to their feet when he sank a three-point shot. He also played football and sang in the chorus.

He did miss playing tennis and soccer, even though he made it a point to bring his tennis racket. Wyalusing does not have either tennis or boys' soccer in its sports programs.

He was particularly grateful to his host families— Elaine and Chris Poost and Carmen and Eric Eberlin. The Eberlins' son, Scott, became a close friend.

Izzy had to return to Bolivia early, before graduation here, in order to take tests for college admission. He would like to participate in one of Rotary's short exchanges to another country and learn another language.

He was active in school activities and willing to try new things and events like donkey basketball. He was popular with the students at Wyalusing and loved to get together with other exchange students in District 7410.

There was a presentation of an engraved key ring with Wyalusing Area Rotary



Izzy Butron attended his last meeting with the Wyalusing Rotary Club in late May because college testing called him back to Bolivia. Izzy had hoped to stay for Wyalusing Valley High School's commencement on June 12., He felt better when told the Rotary Club would send him a DVD of ceremonies. He is shown with Wyalusing Rotary President Wes Skillings.

and his name on it. The club will also be sending him a copy of the DVD of graduation and one produced about the Class of 2018. Graduation ceremonies were also live-streamed on the school district website and Izzy was planning to check it out from Bolivia.

Club members assured him he was always welcome to return to Wyalusing and that he could count on our hospitality and a place to stay.

Izzy handed out pins representing Bolivia to club members that he made and designed with his mother's help.

[The Rotary Club of Tunkhannock](#)

Ambulance Gets Rotary Backing for Rescue Annie

Tunkhannock Rotary is applying for a Rotary District Grant to buy a QCPR Rescue Annie and Baby System for the Tunkhannock Ambulance Association. This system includes new mannequins that will be used to train people on cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

Training officer Amy Markovitz and Ben Hall are EMTs with the TAA and spoke at a recent Rotary luncheon.

TAA's coverage area includes 6,000 residences. They provide EMS and rescue services for the county and neighboring counties as needed, particularly since some areas do not have paid daytime employees. Their mandate also includes community training; thus they provide classes for police, churches, boy scouts and many community organizations.

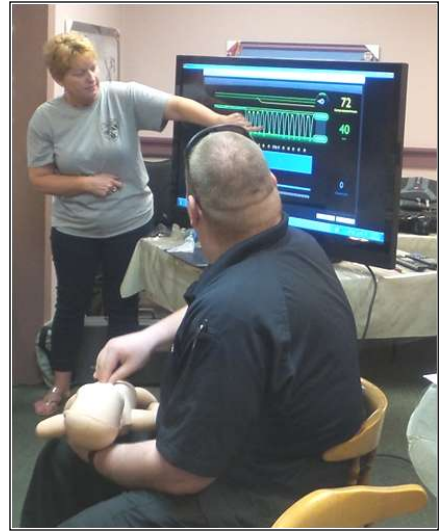
For successful rescue by CPR, chest compressions are what they need to do first, although mouth breathing is also important. Three minutes after a cardiac emergency, you start to see brain damage. Compressions alone can save them or sustain them until EMS arrives.

Training is very important since it builds muscle memory. CPR training for EMS personnel is done several times per year, so they have good reaction time and muscle memory. Compressions need to be to the

right depth to be successful and increase the survival rate.

Ben demonstrated CPR using their current old mannequin, where they can only see visually if one is doing it right. They use the song "Staying Alive" to get the right tempo for the compressions.

Then Ben did the same demo with the new QCPR baby mannequin that they had borrowed. They showed what feedback they get on the computer monitor including: how good they are, compression depth, compression rate, hand placement and other salient facts. Amy quoted some statistics regarding heart incidents that indicated a 57 percent sur-



Amy Markovitz and Ben Hall demonstrating the rescue baby mannequin for the QCPR System.

vival with CPR, but only 8 percent without CPR, underscoring the importance of CPR training.



Plains Rotary Community Service Award

The Plains Rotary presented its annual community service award to an eight-grade student at Plains Solomon Junior High School. The award is named in honor of the late Plains Rotarian and Plains Chief of Police Roland Biscontini. Rotarian Roland was a strong believer in giving back to the community and helping people in need. The 2018 recipient of the award is Grace Lehman. Grace was presented a certificate and a check for \$250. Pictured with Grace are Plains Rotarians Past District Governor Paul Muczynski and Plains Rotary Community service chair Gino Bartoli.

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The pleading note and President Samantha with her new substitute "gavel"

Mystery of the Missing President's Gavel

It is a tradition in Tunkhannock Rotary to attempt to gavel-nap the current President's gavel and hold it for ransom. Previous Presidents have tried various methods to hold onto their gavels, such as, wearing them on a string around their necks, wearing them in a necklace wine glass holder, hiding them after use in their briefcases or handbags or putting them in the back pocket of snug fitting jeans.

For a while, it looked like President Samantha Maruzzelli might be the first President in the last 5 years to hold onto her/his gavel until the end of their term. Although Pres. Samantha tried very hard to protect her gavel and managed to hang onto it until mid-April, it disappeared at a Rotary meeting while Samantha was distracted in conversation with a member.

At the Apr 26 Rotary Luncheon, Pres. Sam was presented with a humorous slide presentation regarding the activities of her wayward gavel (created by Glenn Holcombe), which included a pleading note and a

substitute "gavel" (also made by Glenn). The slide show can be viewed [here](#) for those interested.

According to the slide show,

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D.A.R.E. Students Graduate

On Friday May 24, approximately 200 fifth graders in the Tunkhannock Area Middle School graduated from the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Program.

The D.A.R.E. program is a police-based course meant as a class-room experience to teach students good decision making, helps them define problems and make responsible/good choices at a young age. The course provides practice responding to good and bad pressure, including peer pressure, and teaches them how to be a positive peer pressure for their families and friends. They also talk about communication styles and how overwhelming electronic communication can be for them, including cell phones.

It can be hard for kids to get up in class and discuss things, but the DARE class provides a safe place and they learn that they need to respect each other if someone else is talking.

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Former Exchange Student Back in U.S. to Study

Frank Yu was our 2015-2016 inbound exchange student from Taiwan. He was visiting Tunkhannock on a short one-week visit to friends he made during his exchange and came to our June 14 Rotary Luncheon. Frank is studying in a Community College in Seattle and will then transfer to four-year University.

He wants to study International Business or Marketing. His parents have a business and they want him and his brother to help them out after he graduates.

Frank commented that Seattle is not as much fun as Tunkhannock, since he has to study and doesn't have much free time. He will be doing a summer course for July & Aug, then he goes back to Taiwan at the end of Aug. It has been almost a year since he was back in Taiwan.

When he first arrived, he stayed with a host family for 6 months in Seattle. He moved out 1 month ago and now rents a room in a house, is independent and he says he is a good cook.



Former Tunkhannock Inbound Exchange Student from Taiwan,

He sent his regards to everyone from our District that he met during his exchange year.

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area school districts, as a Student of the Year for 2018. The criteria utilized for this recognition are academic excellence/diligence, and significantly, Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self".

Each recipient is chosen by committee at their school district.

Also recognized were this year's Essay Contest winners. Three essay contest submissions were chosen of the dozen presented to the club. Of those three, Alexa Stanley of the Blue Ridge School District placed third at the District 7410 level.

Alexa Stanley read her award winning "Making a Differ-



ence" essay to the crowd of 30 plus Rotarians and guests. Assistant Governor Norm Kelly (above) presented Alexa her recognition and award.



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You could pack up your family, take a long ride and go away for the Fourth of July. How much better is it to come to our local celebration, meet old friends, walk through the grounds, eat fun foods; buy and wear a funny hat, slip light ropes around your kids' necks and then lie on your own blanket with your family and enjoy this home town celebration.

It's the Fourth on the Third. Do come.

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Plenty of Paul Harrises Presented

At recent Tunkhannock Rotary meetings, Club Rotary Foundation Chair Al Noble and President Samantha Maruzzelli presented PHF+1 pins to Barbara Tourscher and Ann Way, and a PHF+2 pin to Bill Milligan.

In addition, President Samantha Maruzzelli personally recognized Vice President Ryan Visneski (below) as a new Paul Harris Fellow for his assistance and friendship to her, especially during her Presidency



Paul Harris Trio: Barbara Tourscher, Ann Way and Bill Milligan



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her gavel 'borrowed' her credit card and flew business class to Monte Carlo. While there, her gavel enjoyed luxurious food, wine and hotel accommodations, the beaches and games of chance in the Casino, exhausting Sam's credit card. Now homeless and on a park bench, the sacred gavel was pleading for money to fly coach class home to Samantha.

A collection was taken up at the June 28th Installation and Awards Banquet to help President Samantha retrieve her engraved gavel, so she can have it to finish out her term. The money collected will be donated to the Rotary Foundation.

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They also learn to avoid risky situations and to never put themselves in a situation where they cannot get themselves out of, especially a creepy alleyway.

There is also a D.A.R.E. mentor program where high school students go to the Middle School and discuss topics directly with the kids. The 5th graders will talk about things with the mentors that they may not discuss with teachers. The mentors also talk with the kids about the good and bad things that happened to them in class.

Rotarian and Tunkhannock Area School District Community Resource Officer Rich Seaberg teaches the course. He has taken Max, the community service dog, whose training Rotary has

helped underwrite, to D.A.R.E. classes and the kids love to have her there. She can find drugs and other things, including people. They will go outside, the D.A.R.E. mentors take off their shoes and then they go hide. Max smells their shoes and she then finds them in their hiding places.

Earlier this year, the club presented Rich Seaberg with a check for \$1,500 to fund the graduation t-shirts and essay prize. At the graduation ceremony, each student wore the D.A.R.E. t-shirt which acknowledged the Tunkhannock Rotary on its back.

The essay contest winner read the winning essay and was presented with a \$100 check courtesy of the Tunkhannock Rotary.

You're All Invited to this Zone Conference!

September 20-22, 2018, we will be holding the first ever Zone 24/32 Conference. Oh wait you say, we've had Rotary Institutes for years. Right you are. So what's the difference? **This event is open to ALL Rotarians. Past Officers, incoming officers, current officers, AG's, district Rotarians, club Rotarians. Everyone!**

Why you might ask? It is our belief and experience that non governor types get incredibly motivated, energized, and engaged when they can interact and engage with you who are more experienced and have a different knowledge base (possibly higher Rotary IQ) and skill set. We've seen it over and over. So now we're going to get intentional about it. We're eliminating the silos and allowing for and encouraging growth through collaboration.



That will only be successful if YOU are there...

It doesn't matter how long ago you were Governor. We want you back. It doesn't matter how long it has been since you've been to a Zone event, we want to celebrate you. We stand on your shoulders. All of us do. Welcome back. Welcome home.

I am simply the Convener. There is an extraordinary team of people planning an outrageously exciting event. This is YOUR event.

So, go to:

<https://portal.clubrunner.ca/50077/sitepage/2018-montreal-conference/conference-schedule>

and see what the program looks like.

Register and join us in Montreal.

Encourage others from your Governor's Council, District, and Clubs to join you.

The early bird discount ends June 1st so act NOW.

We look forward to welcoming you to Montreal....and celebrating you.

**Sincerely,
Jeffry Cadorette
Incoming Rotary International Director**

The Rotary Club of Tunkhannock

Students Give Appraisal of Leadership Program

Every year, Tunkhannock Rotary sponsors a student to attend the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Program. The program was developed by the late actor, Hugh O'Brian. This year the gathering was at Shippensburg University on May 17-May 22.

At the June 7 Tunkhannock Rotary meeting, the Club heard from HOBY participants Emily Stanski and Elizabeth DeMarco, who will be one of our outbound short-term exchange students this summer. The top 10 percent of their class was invited to apply. They wrote an essay on their leadership qualities and two winners were selected.



Emily Stanski (left) and Elizabeth DeMarco talk about HOBY.

Emily and Elizabeth talked about their experiences at HOBY, where they assessed and then enhanced their leadership skills with seminars, games, cheers and participation in community-based programs.

On Friday, they went to the

Harrisburg Capital building and heard from a former HOBY Ambassador, Rep. Kate Klunk, who is in the legislature. They were divided into groups and into minority and majority parties and considered different laws. They had a mock legislative session in the house and voted on the proposed laws.

Sunday was a wrap up and life after HOBY. They were challenged to do 100 hr of service in the year following their HOBY to win awards for different levels of service.

They both felt that the best part of the program was the service projects and meeting kids from other parts of the state.

Rotary Club of North Pocono

Speakers Visit Club



North Pocono Rotarians Diana Oliver-Hiller (left) and Joyce Foytack flank Robert H. Angeloni, President of the Nativity School. Ann and David Hawk have played integral roles in founding of the school. Its enrollment will increase from 34 to 58 students next year as a tuition-free school.



Gerard Hetman, NP Rotarian Joan Foytack and Bill Davis, after Hetman and Davis reported on the progress being made on the Rails To Trails coming to the North Pocono area in a very informative presentation.

North Pocono Installation

PDG Bill Hiller installed North Pocono officers on Thursday June 28, 2018

Diana Oliver-Hiller, President

John Boos – Vice President

Mary Mychayliw, Secretary

Jane Martini-Kraynak – Treasurer

Linda Wright – Director (Community)

Joan Foytack – Sgt.-at-Arms

Kevin Duffy – Director

New Rotarians

Honesdale John Block
 Heidi Goyette
 Sherry Grandinetti
 Rory McGhie

Mountaintop Justin Weber

Newfoundland Thomas Komarek

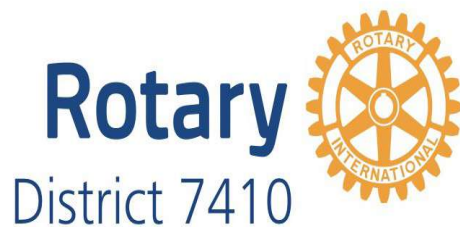
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 John Jeffries
 Kin Roberts
 Rosemary Brown
 Barbara Lunici
 Krista Somers

Tunkhannock Terri Detrick

Wyalusing Area Wendy Gaustad

District 7410 — 2017 Club Data

Club	Total Memb.	New Memb.	Attend %
Abingtons	49		36.96%
Athens	7		
Blakeslee	12		65.45%
Dallas	44		
Dunmore	16		80.00%
Forest City Area	13		61.50%
Freeland	5		
Hamlin Lake Ariel	29		
Hawley	22		47.00%
Hazleton	78		36.27%
Honesdale	39	4	
Jim Thorpe	24		50.00%
Kingston	21		63.00%
Lehighton	9		
Mid-Valley	2		100.00%
Milford-Matamoras	32		
Montrose	12		
Mountaintop	26	1	
Mt. Pocono	18		
New Milford	18		
Newfoundland	35	1	79.55%
North Pocono	17		
North Scranton	27		66.00%
Pittston	18		28.00%
Plains	17		60.00%
Plymouth	21		
Pocono Mountains	17		60.00%
Sayre	19		62.00%
Scranton	38		0.00%
Slate Belt Rotary	21		60.00%
Smithfields	21		56.70%
Stroudsburgs	106	6	53.48%
Towanda	12		
Trail	16		
Troy	22		
Tunkhannock	71	1	44.69%
Weatherly	10		
Wellsboro	44		
West End	16		
Wilkes-Barre	30		
Winola	11		
Wyalusing Area	23	1	45.00%
Wyoming Rotary	21		49.00%





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