

News from District 7410

Letter from the District Governor

My Fellow Rotarians:

This is my last letter to you as District Governor. It has been a fun-filled year of hard work and I would not trade the experience for anything. This letter was delayed due to some late breaking news. Before I talk about that, I would like to thank everyone for their dedication to our wonderful organization. I also would like to thank Wes Skillings, for being the newsletter editor for the entire year. His great humor and gentle nudges have been much appreciated.

As for the late breaking news...the Passport Club is currently accepting members. One May 30, the Mid-Valley Club decided to donate their charter. It will be renamed to the Passport Club of Rotary District 7410. The website link will be www.rotarypassportclub7410.org. The link should be live by Monday. The EClub link – www.rotaryclub7410.org will continue to be active, as well. Please encourage anyone with an interest to sign up.

Do your best to engage in all that Rotary has to offer.

We are trying to get member numbers up before June 30. Any club that recommends a member will get credit towards the Membership Cup. The cost will be \$25.00 per quarter for the first year, and that will include Rotary International dues. We will “pin” and rededicate the club at the Banner Exchange on July 1, 2018.

The other late breaking news is that we will be able to accept credit cards through our main ClubRunner site. That should be active by Monday, as well. The first event will be the Jamboree on July 14-15, 2018. This is a combination river trip with a picnic in Falls, PA and a bluegrass band. This is incoming Governor Roger Mattes’ first event, so be supportive!

The Membership Cup and several other awards will be given at the Banner Exchange on July 1, 2018. It will be held at the Ramada in Clark’s Summit in the afternoon. Please plan to attend.

As for the Membership Cup, the final tally for the year will be made on June 21, 2018. The club president will be informed, so that they can send a representative to the Banner Exchange.

Don’t forget that RYLA starts on June 17. There is a special motivational speaker scheduled for Tuesday, June 19 and the graduation ceremonies will be at 3:30 p.m. on June 21. Consider attending the graduation. You will see the best of our talented young participants.

Please, make sure that you record your volunteer hours and total donations

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ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE

DISTRICT GOVERNOR CONTINUES....

for this year. Please record your tree plantings on Rotary.org. That is my personal last request as governor.

I am looking forward to attending the RI convention in Toronto on June 22-27.

I will continue to work with the Passport Club in the coming months. I will act as their liaison. I am also going to con-

tinue to work as Curriculum Chair for MidNortheast PETS. In short, as I close this chapter on this part of my Rotary career, there are many more things to do. I hope to continue to see you around the district, and will still do my best to attend events, if invited. Do your best to engage in all that Rotary has to offer.

It will enrich your life in unimaginable ways. I know that it did for mine.

All my best,
DG Karin

P.S. Email "CELEBRATE" to me, and I will send you something in return.



District Jamboree

This year we are planning on having a District-wide Jamboree on July 14th-15th! The event will include our traditional summer cookout, but will also have an **optional** Canoe/Kayak trip down the Susquehanna River, and overnight camping.

We have arranged to have the Jamboree at the George Mock Park in Falls, Pa. beginning around 3 p.m. The cookout is being catered by Ardee's Food-drinkery to include a Bar-B-Que complete with sliced smoked beef brisket, Applewood rubbed grilled chicken, fruit platter, coleslaw, potato salad, brownies and beverages.

The celebration will have a live bluegrass band playing by our camp fire. Gourmet s'mores will undoubtedly appear, along with Tall tales about "the one that got away" from Rotarians throughout the district

For the more adventurous Rotarians we will have a **optional** canoe trip starting in Tunkhannock around 11 a.m. on Saturday. Bring your own canoes, kayaks, or inner tubes and float down the bucolic Susquehanna River. You can also rent canoes and kayaks for an additional fee at The Susquehanna Canoe and Kayak Rental Company ((570) 388-6107). We will take out in Falls and join the rest of the group at the Jamboree. If you wish, you can continue down the river on Sunday morning and take out in Harding, Pa.

Come and enjoy the great outdoors with your fellow Rotarians. Bring your friends, family, and prospective members for a great time of fun and fellowship.

Register at the District's website. For more information call Grant Palmer at (570) 862-3247.



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Food Festival with a taste from the restaurants of Barrett & Paradise



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JULY 10, 2018 • 4PM - 8PM

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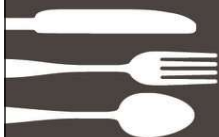
Joe O'Malley

ADMISSION

\$5

AGES 5 & UNDER FREE

Food not included



For more info or sponsorship contact Peter @ 570.656.5700

[The Rotary Club of Tunkhannock](#)

New Welcoming Signs Greet Motorists

Over the last several weeks, motorists on Routes 29, 6 and 92 have noticed four new Welcome to Historic Tunkhannock signs being erected at the town borders by members of the Tunkhannock Rotary. These new signs replaced older deteriorating wooden signs commissioned by Rotary in 2005-2007.

The new wrapped signs were created by Graphic Details, a division of Keystone Truck Caps. In addition, the sign posts were covered with siding to minimize their future upkeep. Rotary thanks Wayne McCane for helping by painting all the post covers.

This project was funded by the proceeds from the 2017 Harvest & Wine Festival and is part of Tunkhannock Rotary's commitment to "making a difference" in our community.



Shown with one of the new signs welcoming visitors to Tunkhannock are (from left) Ron Furman, Wayne Krause, project leader, and Norm Kelly, with Mike Markovitz taking the photo. The club sponsored new signs more than a dozen years ago and expect the new ones to last longer and require much less maintenance.

Applicants Abound for Rotary Scholarships

Near the end of each school year, the Tunkhannock Rotary solicits applications from graduating seniors for a \$1,000 academic and a \$1000 vocational scholarship. This year, there were a record number of 26 applicants for the scholarships. Applications are judged based on academic performance and especially "service" in their school and community.

At the May 2018 Senior Awards night at Tunkhannock Area High School, Club Past-President Ron Furman, who is chair of the scholarship committee, presented a \$1,000 academic scholarship to RaeAnne Carpenter and a \$1,000 vocational scholarship to Jessica Dymond.



The Rotary Club of Dallas



Pictured from left: at the Luzerne County Fairgrounds are Art Peoples, Co-chair Colette Mahoney, Ken Chapple, Co-chair Todd Buckley, Dallas Rotary Club President Kim Reynolds, Kelvin Swanger, Janet Swanger.

It's Annual Wine & Dine Come Rain or Shine

Why not meet your family and friends at the Dallas Rotary Club rain or shine Wine and Dine Festival on June 23 from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at the Luzerne County Fairgrounds on Rt. 118, Dallas for a day of fabulous wine tasting, great food, creative crafts and live entertainment from four bands all day long.

Dozens of vendors (wineries, food vendors and crafters) will be selling their products at the event, and there will be live music all day long for your entertainment and enjoyment. Tickets are \$15.00 if purchased in advance, and \$25.00 at the gate on the day of the event. Designated Driver tickets will be available at the

gate or on line for \$5.00. And they are again offering VIP tent amenities for only \$40.00 with an entrance time of 12:00 p.m.

Live entertainment will include: Iron Cowboy, Flaxy Morgan, Big Daddy Dex and the Dan Reynolds Duo. The list of wineries is extensive this year, at least 16 in all.

Tickets can be purchased in advance at the following retail locations: J&J Deli, Dallas; Hilbert's, The Tractor Store, Dallas; Pierce Drugs, Kingston; Valentine's Fine Jewelry, Dallas; Nimble Hill Vineyard & Winery, Tunkhannock; Gerrity's Supermarkets in Hanover, Luzerne, West Pittston and Wyoming.

Purchase tickets online at: DallasRotaryWineandDine.com

.Explore the website for

more information on the wineries and vendors.

The Dallas Rotary is pleased to have one of their major sponsors returning to support their fundraising event: Century 21 Smith Hourigan Group. Proceeds from this event support their many local community projects such as a Christmas shopping spree for 45 children, a Christmas party and luncheon for the Dallas Active Adult Center, an auction and raffle to benefit the Back Mountain Food Pantry, book scholarships for graduating high school seniors, dictionaries for third graders and much more.

Some of the members of the Dallas Rotary Club recently gathered around their sign at

SEE, "WINE & DINE," PAGE 7.



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.



\$350 Cinch Sack Backpack Sponsor

Sponsorship includes:

- Name/Logo on cinch sack backpack.
- Name/Logo listed in RYLA Graduation Program.
- Name/Logo in Rotary District 7410 newsletter.



\$25 Friend of RYLA Sponsor

- Sponsorship includes: Name/logo on tee signs on Keystone campus.
- Your donation will go where it's needed most.



Yes!! I want to help maintain the quality of the RYLA 7410 program by becoming a sponsor today!

Business Name (as you would like it listed): _____

Contact Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

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

The Rotary Club of North Pocono



Scholarships At North Pocono

The Rotary Club of North Pocono presented four scholarships to students at its annual Scholarship Dinner on May 22nd.

In photo at right, this year's four recipients with presenter Joan Foytack were Liliana Ruby, Michael Parela, Josh Danna and Haley Zemek.

In photo at top the young scholars pose with Rotarians John Boos Foytack, Jane Martini-Kraynak and Josephine Bonnano.



WINE & DINE...

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the triangle on [Rt 309/415](#) to promote their 6th annual rain or shine Wine and Dine Festival on Saturday, June 23 from 1 p.m. until 6 p.m. at the Luzerne County Fairgrounds, Rt. 118, Dallas. Pictured from left: Art Peoples, Co-chair Colette Mahoney, Ken Chapple, Co-chair Todd Buckley, Rotary Club President Kim Reynolds, Kelvin Swanger, Janet Swanger.

Watch for the directional signs on Rt. 118 for easy entry into the event. Come join them at the festival. It's a good time for a good cause!





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.

Join the Rotary Club of Scranton on a beautiful Canada and New England Cruise out of Cape Liberty, NJ onboard Royal Caribbean’s Anthem of the Seas! *Anthem of the Seas*® isn’t the same old song. It’s a Tri-State rally cry for all the thrill seekers, gourmet globetrotters and adventure aficionados. With spaces that transform on the fly, no other ship packs in more cutting edge experiences in one single day. There’s adventure to be had with **rock climbing**, bumper cars, skydiving simulator, **Casino Royale**®, and entertainment including **shows**, **live music**, plus **bars** and **lounges** that never have a cover. Don’t miss out on a once in a lifetime cruise!

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!



North Pocono Rotary Club

Raffle Declared Success

Everybody at the North Pocono Rotary Raffle was having a grand old time— especially the five winners who each won a grand. Launched in 1996, it has been a hit for 22 consecutive years, President Diana Oliver reports.

DALLAS ROTARY CLUB

WINE & DINE FESTIVAL - JUNE 23 2018

VIP
\$40
On Line Only! - Limited Available!

\$25
At the Gate

\$15
Advance Purchase Price

\$5
Designated Driver - At the Gate/Online



TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

DallasRotaryWineAndDine.com

Gerrity's Supermarkets - 4 locations
Hanover, Luzerne, West Pittston, & Wyoming

J&J Deli, Dallas

Pierce Drugs, Kingston

Nimble Hill Vineyard & Winery, Tunkhannock

Hilbert's, The Tractor Store. Dallas

Valentine's Fine Jewelry, Dallas

This Year's Bands



Big Daddy Dex

The Dan Reynolds Duo

VIP ENTRY: 12PM - 6PM / GENERAL ADMISSION: 1PM - 6PM

AT: LUZERNE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS. RTE. 118, DALLAS

DallasRotaryWineandDine.com / f t s i

[The Rotary Club of New Milford](#)

Couple Briefs Club on Community Corps Concept

The New Milford Area Rotary Club welcomed speakers from the Edmeston New York Rotary Club, District 7170 to their meeting on May 3, 2018.

Marty and Martha Winsor spoke to the club about the “Rotary Community Corps- What, Why and How?” The Edmeston Rotary Club has sponsored a Community Corps for a number of years, and has a core group of approximately 30 Community Corps volunteers. The volunteers assist with the Adopt A Highway program, downtown beautification efforts, and a number of other Rotary Club community service projects.

New Milford Area Rotary Club President David Palmer had met other Edmeston Rotary Club members at a Rotary Leadership Institute program in Owego, NY, and learned about their Community Corps efforts. That meeting prompted the invitation to speak at New Milford, and has assisted that club in its efforts to consider starting a Community Corps as well.



Marty and Martha Winsor made the trip from Edmeston, NY, to New Milford explain their Rotary Community Corps program, which has about 30 volunteers taking part. The New Milford Club is interested in starting a Community Corps of its own.

[The Rotary Club of the Abingtons](#)

Cleanup Crew Tackles Roadside Litter in Clarks Summit



Ten strong Abington Rotarians joined forces Saturday, May 5th for an impressive highway cleanup on a stretch of [Route 6](#) & [11](#) from North Clarks Summit to Gravel Pond Road.

The road looks great and lots of assorted trash was picked up for disposal.

The MVP of the litter pickers was Dave Griffin who found a five-dollar bill, which may have been under the hourly minimum wage but not bad for a volunteer.

Shown from left are road cleanup volunteers Trip Crowley, Janice Bevacqua, Gary Lyons, Warren Watkins, Steve Selige, Michelle Crowley, Chris Selige, Veronica Krupa, Leah Rudolph, Dave Griffin. Also participating was Eileen Christian who took the photo.

[The Rotary Club of Honesdale](#)

Honesdale Beer Garden Returns to June 16 Festival

Honesdale Rotary will mark its 5th annual Beer Garden at the annual Honesdale Roots & Rhythm Music & Arts Festival on Saturday, June 16th, with a new offering-- bratwurst and sauerkraut from the Alpine Restaurant, Honesdale.

Cold domestic and craft beers, plus wine, will be sold alongside the brats, popcorn and chex mix at the Grace Episcopal Church courtyard on 9th Street, between Church and Court Streets.

“Who doesn’t like brats and beer?” says Dolores Leopardi, event coordinator. “We like to change things up once in awhile, and this year we’ve got a little heartier fare for our patrons. It’s going to be a great day—with cold drinks and hot food in a pleasant and safe venue!”

The domestic beers will sell for \$4 per serving, the craft beers for \$6 each and wine for \$5 a glass.

The Honesdale Rotary is a service club of close to 40 members dedicated to helping both the community in which they live and work and the worldwide community. The club has donated



Honesdale Rotarians Sylvia Kingston and Stephen Moulton man the front desk at the club’s Beer Garden in 2016. Both will be back for the 2018 event on Saturday, June 18th, during Honesdale’s free-of-charge Roots & Rhythm Music & Arts Festival.



“Who doesn’t like brats and beer?”



—Dolores Leopardi, event coordinator

funds for a new filter system at the Honesdale Borough pool, batting pavilions to Honesdale Little Baseball, an AED to Honesdale Friends of Soccer and funding for the Honesdale Emergency Pantry. Part of Rotary International, which counts more than a million members worldwide, Honesdale Rotary also participates in global projects, such as Polio Plus, a cam-

paign to eradicate polio, and the Rotary’s International Student Exchange Program. “We’re looking forward to another great year!” says Rotary Club President Stephen Moulton. “And once again, we thank Grace Episcopal Church for letting us use their courtyard.”

Patrons must be 21 to enter the Beer Garden. Bring your ID!



July 3rd Fireworks

Tunkhannock High School
Athletic Field
Gates Open at 6:00PM

POPSTAR DRIVE
(formerly amRadio)

7:00PM till 9:30PM

Food Stand Open!
Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Sodas & More!
Operated by the Tunkhannock Senior Class

Sponsored by:
BP Wind Energy • Ron Andrews
Peoples Security Bank & Trust

presented by the
Rotary
Club of Tunkhannock





The Rotary Club of Wyoming
Scholarship Winners

The Rotary Club of Wyoming recently presented scholarships to three Wyoming Area Students. The winners were selected on the basis of essays submitted and personal interviews. In the photo from left are Rich Sobeck, club president; Kaleigh Shission, \$500 award winner; Gwendolyn Glatz, \$1,000 award winner; Gerald Wall, \$500 award winner, and John Harrington, Scholarship Program Chairman.

Sponsorships Available

Event Sponsors: \$1000

Your sponsorship includes registration for 4 golfers and will be acknowledged with a sign at registration and dinner plus prime location full page ad in the program

Grand Prize Hole in One Sponsor: \$500

Your sponsorship will be acknowledged with a sign on the course and a full page ad in the program- Grand Prize is \$10,000

Awards or Shirt Sponsor (2): \$500

Your sponsorship will be acknowledged with the sign at the awards table and a full page ad in the program

Beverage Sponsor: \$300 each or 2 for \$500

2 beverage stations will be set up with beer, water and soda. Your sponsorship will be acknowledged with a sign at the beverage stations and 1/2 page ad in the program (Full page if taking both)

Putting Contest Sponsor: \$250

Your sponsorship will be acknowledged with 1/2 page ad in the program and during the event- Grand Prize is \$2500 cash.

Hole in One Sponsor: \$200

Your sponsorship will be acknowledged with a sign on the course and a 1/2 page ad in the program

Special Contest Sponsor: \$100

Long Drive, Men and Women, Closest to the Pin Your sponsorship will be acknowledged with a sign at the contest hole and 1/4 page ad in the program

Hole Sponsor: \$50

Your sponsorship will be acknowledged with a sign on the course and mention in the pr

Company _____

Address _____

Contact: _____

Phone _____

email _____

Please remit payment and ad if applicable by May 23 for inclusion in the program. Door prize and gift bag donations are gratefully accepted.

**6th Annual
 Rotary Club of Hamlin
 Golf Tournament
 Monday June 4, 2018**

\$95 per player
 Registration fee includes:

- Golf Shirt (sizes S to XXXL)*
- Entry into putting contest
- Continental Breakfast
- Greens fees and cart
- Beverages on course
- Special contests during play
- Awards Dinner

Singles are welcome, we will pair

Dinner only-\$40

Payment must be received by May 23 to guarantee shirt size

Golfer Registration

Captain _____ size _____

Player 2 _____ size _____

Player 3 _____ size _____

Player 4 _____ size _____

Team Contact # _____

Dinner only guests _____



**Rotary Club of
 Hamlin Lake Ariel**

**6th Annual
 Golf Tournament
 Monday June 4,
 2018
 at**



[The Rotary Club of the Abingtons](#)

Rotarians Gather for Work and Some Play

BY EILEEN CHRISTIAN

As I looked out my kitchen window yesterday, I was reminded that winter dirt had piled up and seeing out the window to watch the birds was a challenge. I got out my cleaning tools, stood on a step ladder and washed the picture window, the better to see spring unfolding on the other side.

My next spring cleaning stop was a visit to the Rotary sponsored Little Free Libraries in Clarks Summit. One little library is located outside of the pocket park on Depot Street, Little Free Library No. 17328, put in by Rotary in June 2015. The other is #53436 located near the gazebo at the Veteran's Park on Routes 6 and 11 on the

inside turnaround. Both of these tiny libraries are part of a world-wide network of Little Free Libraries throughout the world. They were designed by Rotarians' architect Nelson Connell and built by Harry Mumford. They have panes of glass on the little doors and on the back panels. I visited the libraries and washed those windows, as well. We all have jobs to do in Rotary. Being the steward of the little free libraries in Clarks Summit is mine. People who drop off books for exchange at the library often help with straightening up the book shelves.

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Teaming Up with Boy Scouts Since 1929

Rotary Club of the Abington's is proud to Charter Boy Scout Troop 160, and has done so since 1929. Troopmaster John D'Elia recently presented the Club with a copy of the Charter, which will be on display at the Clarks Summit United Methodist Church, where the Troop meets, and the Club presented the Troop with their annual donation of \$1,000.00 to defray training and camp expenses. Pictured with D'Elia are Rotarians Chris Calvey (BS Troop 160 Eagle, Leah Rudolph (Charter Organization Rep and mother of BS Troop 160 Eagle Mike Rudolph), Club President Laurie Stephens, D'Elia, and Steve Lenceski (BS Troop 160 Eagle).

Save the Date!

The Rotary Club of the Abingtons Annual Fireworks show will be held Wednesday, July 3 at the Abington Heights Middle School, Clarks Summit (raindate July 4). We're expecting more food and amusement vendors than ever and they will be open for business at 5 p.m. The fireworks show will begin at nightfall. Cost, only \$5/ vehicle. Please be generous and park in designated areas only! Special thanks to our Friends of Rotary for making this year's event a success. Visit our Facebook page for updates



YOU'RE INVITED !!

POTS AND PANS

SHEETS AND BLANKETS



We need friends like you to help us turn a house into a home



It's a house warming to help the

WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER

Furnish their housing

for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault

MONDAY, JULY 16th, 2018 at NOON

HOSTED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF SCRANTON



At the

RADISSON LACKAWANNA STATION HOTEL, SCRANTON, PA

RSVP Margaret at (570) 352-5857

or mmccormick@aanorthpenn.com by July 9th

GIFT CARDS ARE HELPFUL TOO!

DO NOT WRAP YOUR GIFT! WE WILL BE DISPLAYING THEM!

YOUR GIFT IS THE PRICE OF ADMISSION – LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF SCRANTON

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 Dallas](#)

Dallas, Lake Lehman Students Receive Scholarships

Several area high school students, who will be college bound this fall, were recently presented with checks for \$500 each to help offset their expenses for books during their first semester on campus. The Rotary Club of Dallas has awarded more than \$100,000 in

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Seated, from left: Joshua Ferris (Dallas), Madison Klop, Lacey Carey (both Lake Lehman), John Macey (Dallas) Standing, from left: Rotarians Melissa Saxon, Dallas Rotary President Kim Reynolds, Janice Horn, Dallas Rotary Treasurer Jerry Reisch. Rotarian John Doerfler was chairman of the scholarship program, but could not attend. Not pictured: Brooke Harvey (Northwest) and Zachary Lencoski (Northwest)

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So if you visit the library and see it messy, help to tidy it up.

The Rotary Club of the Abingtons was in full force, cleaning up winter debris for a better world, on Saturday, May 5, (See Page 10.) Rotarians meet at Dr. Droug Thran's office, sip some coffee and then set out to clean up Routes 6 and 11 from where the four-lane highway begins to the Glenburn Grill. It is no easy ask to walk beside the road where large trucks, small trucks, cars, and motorcycles are zipping past. For fifty years, on the first weather-friendly Saturday in the month of May, our task force of Rotarians picks up garbage left behind by thoughtless passersby. We are guided by Rotarian Chris Selige, chairman of the event. We wear flimsy yellow vests, only to remind those riding by to proceed with caution. In no way would the vest be a protective armor if a driver was reckless. It takes a whole Saturday morning to do this chore, place the debris in garbage bags, tie up the

bags and notify Penn Dot for collection. But satisfaction is instantaneous. Our countryside looks better without garbage on the roadside. You only need to ride by to see the highway cleared of fast food bags or cigarette wrappers or plastic shopping bags in the brush along the highway to give a sign of relief.

Being a Rotarian is not all service. We like to have fun as well. When our spring clean-up chores are finished, we gather at the baseball field on May 10 for an evening of ball park food and watch the all-American classic of baseball featuring the Railriders and Rochester Red Wings from seats reserved for Rotarians on the deck behind first base.

Indeed, it is great to be a member of the Rotary Club of the Abingtons where we can clean up our community and have fun with our friends. If you want to join our club, call me at 570 563 1171.

Rotary Club of Tunkhannock

Helping Take Back 1.25 Tons of Drugs



Every Spring and Fall, Tunkhannock Rotary provides the publicity and community outreach for the Wyoming County District Attorney's Office organized Drug Take Back Event at CVS and Rite Aid Pharmacies in Tunkhannock and Lech's Pharmacies in Laceyville and Nicholson. The latest Drug Take Back took place on Saturday, April 28.

In addition to the community outreach prior to the event, members of Tunkhannock Rotary served as greeters/helpers to members of the public dropping off their unneeded or expired drugs in the designated containers.

District Attorney Jeff Mitchell reported that 297 lbs. of drugs were collected, so it was a huge success. Over a ton of drugs have been collected in Wyoming County since the Drug Take Back Events began.

	Spring	Fall	Total
2010-12			209
2013	119	78	197
2014	131	162.5	293.5
2016	300	134.45	434.45
2016	347	288	635
2017	273	157	430
2018	297		

Total Poundage of Prescription Drugs Taken Back 2495.95

Note: Rotary got involved in the Spring of 2014



Paul Harris Fellow

Tunkhannock President Samantha Maruzzelli presented a Paul Harris 1+ pin to Jim Welch

Four Hundred Kids Compete in Special Olympics

Every year, the Tunkhannock Rotary donates money to the Special Olympics in addition to organizing the Rotary Relays Invitational. The Special Olympics were held at Tunkhannock Area High School on Tues, May 15 before the strong storms hit and the tornado warnings were issued. About 400 students from special education classes from 15 districts in the area competed in track and field competitions.

Rotarian Rich Seaberg, Resource Officer for the Tunkhannock Area School District, attended with Max, the community service dog whose training the Club has funded for several years.

The officials of the Special Olympics acknowledged all the sponsors at the event with a plaque thanking them for their support. Rich and Max accepted the 2018 sponsorship plaque for the Tunkhannock Rotary

[The Rotary Club of Tunkhannock](#)

Newly Planted Trees Outnumber Rotarians

Members of Tunkhannock Rotary have heeded the call of Rotary International President. Ian Riseley to plant a tree for every Rotarian in our Club, which numbers 70 active members.

The Club began last Fall by financing the nonprofit Tunkhannock Tree Association (TTA) planting of 10 trees on borough streets in honor of our current Rotarian military veterans. Among the trees planted in Nov were: 1 Quercus Bicolor 'Beacon', 2 Zelkova S 'Village Green', 1 Acer Tataricum, 2 Acer Tataricum 'Hotwings', and 4 Acer Ginnala 'Ruby Slippers'.

The TTA volunteers were aided during the tree planting by 5 student volunteers from the Tunkhannock Area High School Future Farmers of America Agricultural curriculum.

The non-profit TTA ceased operations in Feb/March 2018 and turned over the care and responsibilities for the trees to the Tunkhannock Borough Shade Tree Commission. Several members of the TTA are volunteering with the Commission to take care of the trees, including Bob and Patrick Robinson (Bob is also a member of the Commission).

As recently reported to the Club by Bob and Patrick Robinson, all 10 trees have taken and are doing well. Many of these trees have seeds that turn red and will add color to their areas

since they look almost like flowers. The 10 trees contribute to the sustainable resources in our town.

Twelve trees were also planted by club members and 50 seedling trees were planted in the Mehoopany area by a team of Rotarians and their families led by Ron Furman. That brings the total to 72 trees planted in Wyoming County by Rotary.

In addition, Rotarian John Hovan sponsored 70 trees to be planted in honor of the Tunkhannock Rotary by the Arbor Day Foundation.

Following John's lead, Rotarian Carol Ziomek sponsored the planting of 24 trees in honor of the Tunkhannock High School Interact Club, also through the Arbor Day Foundation. They planted 24 trees in honor of the 23 members plus the faculty advisor of the 2017-2018 Interact Club in the Chippewa National Forest in the heart of northern Minnesota.

The trees are in recognition of the outstanding work of the Tunkhannock Interactors this year and their active participation in Earth Day 2018 activities.

Downtown Benches for Tunkhannock

In recent months, shoppers and visitors to downtown Tunkhannock have noticed the appearance of three new benches in the business district and a change in location of another bench.

In 2005 during Patricia Ehrenzeller's Rotary Club Presidency

and as part of Tunkhannock's Centennial Streetscape Project, 11 benches were purchased by the Tunkhannock Rotary for placement in prime locations in the downtown revitalized business district. Upon their arrival, the benches were as-



sembled by the students at the former St. Michael's School, metal Rotary emblems were attached and the benches placed in the town's business area. Each year, Rotarians check on the benches and perform any necessary maintenance to the original benches.

At the end of Ann Way's 2016-2017 Presidency, she awarded the Rotarian of the Year recognition to the entire Tunkhannock Rotary for outstanding achievements during her Presidency. To commemorate this honor, the Rotary Board of Direc-

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Exchange Students Tell about Italy, France

At the April 26 Tunkhannock Rotary Luncheon, the Club heard from Inbound Italian Exchange Student **Vitto Sica**. Vitto is from Naples, Italy, where they have great pasta and food in general.

His brother Stefano, who was an inbound exchange student in Tunkhannock last year, took the SATs, did well and was accepted into Ecoles Bocconi in Milan to study economics.

Vitto talked about various historic cities in Italy, starting with Rome, then Milan (the business city) with more opportunity for jobs and business, shops etc., Venice, Florence and his home town of Naples.

Naples has the Mount Vesuvius volcano in the area. Etna and Vesuvius are connected and if one erupts, then the other is safer and vice versa.

Naples is famous for its spaghetti and pizza, which is the most popular and best-known creation of all Neapolitan cuisine. Vitto then talked a little more about the food and meal-time, with pasta as the first meal. The 2nd meal is usually meat or eggs.

Vitto ended his presentation by talking about his experiences in Tunkhannock as an exchange student. During the Fall, he played soccer, had a lot of fun and met a lot of people.

He also played basketball, where he met a lot of people

from his soccer days.

This spring, he played tennis and became quite the tennis star at Tunkhannock Area High School, playing at the District level. His photo has appeared several times in the local newspaper for his tennis achievements.

Inbound Exchange Student **Nico Chaulet** from Limoges, France, gave his presentation to the club on May 3. Nico is 17 years old and has a 20-year-old sister.

He talked about Paris, the capital of France, and showed photos of key landmarks like the Eiffel Tower and Arc de Triomphe.

France is famous for wine, bread, cheese and croissants, in addition to a lot of regional specialty foods. Nico is from Limoges near Boudreaux (two hours), which is famous for red wine.

His hometown of Limoges is a medium size town and known for porcelain, cathedrals and gardens. It has a beautiful train station. They also have a porcelain museum in the town.

While on his exchange year, he has been to NYC, Washington DC, Boston, Philly, and will be going to Texas soon.

After their presentations, President Samantha Maruzzelli presented each of them with a book on Pennsylvania signed by many Rotarians.



Exchange Students Vitto Sica (above) and Nico Chaulet with President Samantha Maruzzelli



Chocolate Tart Anyone? Find out who traveled 200 Miles for fancy vittles on Page 20...



Rotarians Tour Culinary Institute of America

On Tuesday, May 15, a busload of Tunkhannock Rotarians, their families and friends traveled to Rhinebeck NY for some shopping and then had a tour of the Culinary Institute of America (CIA) in Hyde Park, NY. The tours were led by students in the Culinary Arts Program. It was very interesting to tour the CIA, hear about its history and famous alumni/teachers and see the areas where the students learn baking and the culinary arts. Some of their creations were on display and were outstanding in their intricacies.

Although several tornados and torrential rain followed the bus's arrival at the CIA (which

went into lockdown), full power was maintained throughout the storm and fabulous dinners were consumed in 3 of the student-staffed CIA restaurants (French Bocuse, Italian Ristorante Caterina de' Medici & Forno Trattoria and American Bounty) from special menus created for the Rotary visitors. The servers at the restaurants were the students who will graduate from the CIA in the next several weeks. The Institute holds several graduations staggered throughout the year.

Unfortunately, many towns in NY lost power, which resulted in the trip home being doubled in length due to traffic issues, es-



pecially on routes 9 and 84, which were parking lots of stopped traffic almost to the PA border. The bus eventually arrived safely in Tunkhannock, although part of the town was without power due to the storms until the following afternoon. In spite of the weather and travel issues, everyone had a great time on this trip.

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book scholarships since the inception of the program more than 50 years ago.

It has been an honor and a privilege for the Rotary Club of Dallas, an all-volunteer community service organization, to share in the dreams of our best and brightest young people from Dallas, Lake Lehman and Northwest Area School Districts. They received their scholarships at a recent dinner held in their honor at the Irem Country Club in Dallas with their parents and siblings in attendance.

The funds to support the scholarship program and other Rotary outreach programs are raised at two major fundraising events: the Wine and Dine Festival in the spring and the Golf Tournament in the fall. This year the wine festival is on Saturday, June 23 at the Luzerne County Fairgrounds on Rt. 118, Dallas, and the golf tournament is on Monday, September 17 at the Irem Country Club, Dallas

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tor's commissioned two stone benches for Tioga St. between Bridge and Warren Sts. In addition, a new wooden bench was placed in the garden at the side of the Wyoming County Cultural Center at the Dietrich Theater.

Also, after consultation with the Dietrich Theater, one of the older Rotary benches was moved in front of the Dietrich Theater, so that there was a bench on either side of their theater entrance for use by patrons and shoppers..

This benches' project was funded by the proceeds from the Rotary Harvest & Wine Festival and is part of Tunkhannock Rotary's commitment to "making a difference" in our community.

The Rotary Club of Dallas

Supporting Library Operation

At a recent meeting of the Rotary Club of Dallas, their guest speakers were from the Back Mountain Memorial Library. Library Director Martha Butler and the Children's Librarian Jennifer Perch, discussed the founding of the library and what it has to offer the community.

Mrs. Butler spoke about the technology updates at the library, the giving tree and the used book store which has the best bargains in town. Ms. Perch talked about the many children's programs, noting that the library has become a hub for tutoring.

A check was presented to them to help support the operation of the library.



Library Director Martha Butler (left) with Rotary President Kim Reynolds (center) and Children Librarian Jennifer Perch.

World's largest argest paid library fine?

\$345.14 in Illinois for a book overdue 47 years.

North Pocono essay winners honored at a recent club meeting were Josh Dana and Jenna Schmidt, respective 2nd and 3rd place club winners. Top performer was Gale Ramos, who placed second in the Rotary District.



Happy Birthday!

North Pocono May and April birthday boys were John Boos (left) and Kevin Duffy with Joan Foytack.



The Rotary Club of Tunkhannock

Volunteers Key to Success of Rotary Relays

On Thursday, May 10, some of the junior high athletes (grades 7-9) of the Wyoming Valley Conference met at Tunkhannock Memorial Stadium to participate in the 34th Annual Tunkhannock Rotary Relays Invitational. For the last three years, the event has been chaired by Rod Azar, who himself ran in the Rotary Relays in 1982 as a seventh grader.

The PIAA officials were the only individuals who were paid for their services for this event. Everyone else was a volunteer from the Rotary, their family members and from Tunkhannock High School. The Tunkhannock Junior Class ran the food concession for the Relays to raise money for their upcoming senior class events.

Sponsorships from local businesses helped defray the costs for the event and the medals and trophies awarded to the winners of each event. Specially designed t-shirts were available for purchase and the names of the teams and the sponsors were featured on the back of each shirt.

Teams included students from: Crestwood,



Rotarians Wayne Krause and Mary Tempest (in yellow Rotary hats) helping out at the long jump.

Hazleton, Lake-Lehman, Tunkhannock, Wyoming Area and Wyoming Valley West. Medals were awarded to the top three individuals/teams in each event and a trophy was presented to the overall winners of the boy's and girls' events.

Wyoming Area won the overall boys' events with Tunkhannock coming in third. Hazleton won the overall girls' events.

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**

New Rotarians

New Members

Mountaintop Bill Aigeldinger

Dunmore John Drobnicki



Don't be a couch potato...

Remember that "you cannot do all the good the world needs, but the world needs all the good you can do."

District 7410 — 2017 Club Data

Club	Total Mem.	New Mem.	Attend. %
Abingtons, The	57		33.33%
Athens	17		
Blakeslee	11		76.22%
Dallas	43		54.00%
Dunmore	15		
Forest City Area	13		53.90%
Freeland	5		
Hamlin Lake Ariel	31		43.33%
Hawley	22		58.00%
Hazleton	78	3	35.59%
Honesdale	39		42.00%
Jim Thorpe	25	1	40.00%
Kingston	20		66.00%
Lehighton	9		66.60%
Mid-Valley	2		100.00%
Milford-Matamoras	25		60.00%
Montrose	12		
Mountaintop	21		49.00%
Mt. Pocono	18		
New Milford	18		
Newfoundland	35		66.67%
North Pocono	17		
North Scranton	22		73.00%
Pittston	17		41.00%
Plains	19		55.00%
Plymouth	21		
Pocono Mountains	21		0.00%
Sayre	19	2	70.00%
Scranton	38		0.00%
Slate Belt Rotary	19		70.00%
Smithfields	21		34.44%
Stroudsburgs, The	104		53.69%
Towanda	12		80.00%
Trail	16		46.00%
Troy	23		60.00%
Tunkhannock	64		47.32%
Weatherly	10		
Wellsboro	0		0.00%
West End	16		60.94%
Wilkes-Barre	30		
Winola	11		
Wyalusing Area	23		30.00%
Wyoming Rotary	21	1	50.00%



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