

# DISTRICT 7410 NEWSLETTER

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I pray that this, my final message to you as Governor, finds you well. As we enter the month of June and the end of the Rotary year is just days away, we also find ourselves coming out of quarantine from a global pandemic which we will each remember for our own reasons. There has been loss of life all around us. Loss of income and livelihood and major disappointments over cancellations of once in a lifetime events.

We will lose Rotarian friends for different reasons and we didn't raise the funds we projected to help our communities and complete projects. However, couples still got married, babies were born, Congratulations to President Clare from the North Scranton Club!! We found new ways to meet and stay safe to help "flatten the curve". Over 60 people joined our clubs from December to the end of May and many were inducted virtually having never even attended an in-person meeting. WAY TO GROW ROTARY!! We found even more ways to help our communities by sewing masks, cooking for our

first responders, delivering meals to seniors, school children and essential workers. We held drive by parades for our elder members, graduating seniors and others in need of some cheer. Collaboration between Rotary clubs and other community organizations was at an all-time high. We still gave out Scholarships, just not in person. PETS and District Conference looked a little different, but great speakers were still able to share and knowledge was gained. Hopefully inspiration and motivation were also taken away. It wasn't the way any of us expected to spend these past few months, but I am proud of how you Rotarians found ways to make the best of the situation and truly ROSE TO THE TOP!

I attend my first in person meeting since March 12th last week with the Sayre Club as they were able to get out into a local park and meet with some social distancing outside. There were 2 children and a new puppy in the small group, and it felt wonderful. Rotary never looked so good to me!

I've been hearing many new buzz words and phrases recently with regards to our situation. "Pivot" is a big one. There has never been a time when Rotary has had the opportunity to pivot and make the changes necessary to see our organization GROW and move forward. How will your club "pivot"?

"We were made for this" came from our CEO John Hewko in a recent Zone Zoom meeting. Rotarians worldwide are stepping up and running into the burning building to help their communities in huge ways. I keep talking about the "silver linings" and I'm amazed at how many I've found in the past 2 months; I hope you found a few as well.

This was certainly not how I thought this Rotary year would end. I along with many of you should be in Hawaii right now getting ready to enjoy the International Convention and celebrating a great Rotary year. But I'm home just waiting for Monroe County to go "GREEN" so I can enjoy some fellowship in person with friends from my club.

Let's not waste the opportunity to "Pivot" in our clubs. What can you do to change and not go back to business as usual when this is over? Take some time to make changes now that will strengthen and GROW your clubs. People want to join a cause, not a club. What is your cause?

In closing I just want to say thank you from the bottom of my heart for the shared experiences, new friends, fun times and having the opportunity to see firsthand how you each live "Service above Self". District 7410 is full of wonderful, compassionate, intelligent, giving, creative, humble, passionate people and I've been truly blessed to be serving along side of you all this year. My goal was to serve to the best of my ability and leave the District a little



# District News

## Welcome New Members

Stroudsburgs— Lisa Baldwin  
LaJoyce Brookshire  
Christa Caceres  
Holly Corcoran  
Rusty Johnson  
Theresa Johnson  
Melissa Kestle  
Andrew Kolba  
Kerri Manning  
Heather Nowosad  
Christopher Pepitone  
Herline Raphael  
Sonya Riley  
Sara Smith Katz

Tunkhannock— Laura Charles

better, building on the good work from those who came before me.

I know I am leaving the District in capable hands with DGE Joe. He and the incoming Presidents Elect have a big job ahead of them as we continue to navigate the changes that face us. But Rotarians are resilient and creative, so I know you are all up to the task.

Rotary truly Connects the World and Opens Opportunities!

Take good care and I hope to see you in person some-time soon.

In Rotary Service,

A stylized purple cursive signature of the name "Karen" with a green hibiscus flower to its left.

# NOW MORE THAN EVER, ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD: THE 2020 ROTARY VIRTUAL CONVENTION

20-26 June 2020



ROTARY  
ISN'T  
CANCELLED

*It's just  
different*

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@rotarianevanburrell



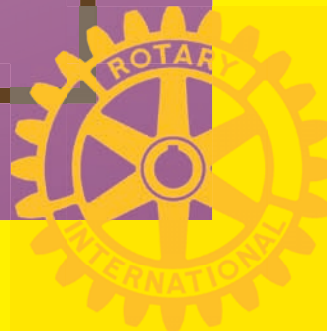
# GROW ROTARY Promotion

Results as of June 1st 2020

And the winner is...

Dec. 1st ~May 31st

Stroudsburgs	+26
Pittston	+5
Dallas	+4
Scranton	+4
North Pocono	+3
Pocono Mts.	+3
Wellsboro	+3



# District News

Towanda	+2
Tunkhannock	+2
Blakeslee	+1
Newfoundland	+1
New Milford	+1
Trial	+1
West End	+1
Wilkes Barre	+1

Thank you for  
**GROWING**  
Rotary



## You're invited

2020 District Training Assembly  
Part 1 Saturday June 13th

9:30 to 11:30am

GROWING Rotary and Making your Plan

Part 2 Wednesday June 17th

7:00 to 8:00pm

Virtual Fundraising and using Social  
Media to Promote and GROW

***SEE THE DISTRICT WEBSITE EVENTS  
FOR DETAILS TO REGISTER***



District 7410  
NorthEast PA

# Clubs In Action

# Rotary



# The Stroudsburgs

## Action Speak Louder than Words

Stroudsburgs Rotary has been busy out and about working with the Salvation Army, the Stroudsburgs Wesleyan Church Food Pantry, Stroudsburg School District, United Way and many more other community organizations during this pandemic. Here are Rotarians in Action!

Stroudsburgs Rotary also dropped off Safe Steps to many businesses to promote social distancing and getting the word out about Rotary!



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Passport

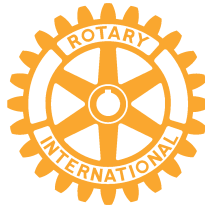
## **Cookbook Fundraiser - We Need Your Help!**

The District 7410 Passport Club is conducting its inaugural fundraising event and we need your club's help! During this time while everyone's at home we could all use a little inspiration in the kitchen.

We request that each club in the district share 3 or 4 local recipes along with something brief to share about your club and the area that you serve. Feel free to include an appetizer, main course, dessert, or even a favorite beverage. We'll compile the submissions and prepare a Taste of District 7410 cookbook. Your electronic submissions can be sent to [rotary7410pi@yahoo.com](mailto:rotary7410pi@yahoo.com). Submissions received by the end of May would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support!

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# The Abingtons

## Masks Donated

Once again the Rotary Club of the Abingtons made a donation of masks. Friday June 5th the donation was made to the Hospice Center of Allied Services.



*Left to right: Kristi Green, RN; Laura Marion, RN, Assistant Vice President, Hospice & Palliative Care; Jamie Kresge; Chris Calvey; Diane Calabro; Jim Brogna, Vice President of Strategic Partnership Development; Janice Bevcqua; Noreen Thomas.*



*(L to R): Rotarians Mike Wademan, Diane Calabro and Noreen Thomas, Cathy Gammon-Bedford Street Apartments and Rotarians Jamie Kresge and Chris Calvey Jr. 200 masks were donated.*

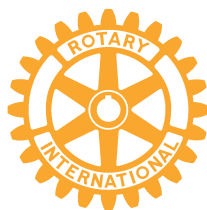


*Rotarian Chris Calvey Jr. delivering masks to Friends of the Poor, Annie Williams, Stewardship Manager for FOP. 200 masks were donated.*



*(L to R): Rotarians Mike Wademan and Diane Calabro, Karen Argenta-Linden Crest Apartment Administrator and Rotarians Jamie Kresge and Chris Calvey Jr. 200 masks were donated.*

## Rotary



## Hamlin-Lake Ariel

#1 - Rotarian Mary Ellen Bentler delivered lunch to the staff at Hamlin Family Health Center & Urgent Care on behalf of the Rotary Club of Hamlin/Lake Ariel. It is the least we could do and we thank you so much for your service to our community!

#2 - In collaboration with the Wayne County Emergency Food Relief Fund, the Rotary Club of Hamlin/Lake Ariel delivered bags of Essentials & Food to the Seniors of Hamlin Heights!

Rotarians purchased items for each "Essential/Care" Bag to give to the seniors during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Inside the bags were items such as toilet paper, body wash, mouth wash, soap, laundry detergent etc. A total of 40 bags were packed & delivered.

In conjunction with the Wayne County Emergency Food Relief Fund - we were also able to coordinate a bag of groceries to accompany each of our bags as well!

Rotarians are committed to improving our local and global community and the lives of people who call our area home. We have been active in the area since being chartered in 2012. In living up to the Rotary motto, "Service Above Self", we have completed many projects including improvements to Salem Park and the donation of a Gazebo at the Hamlin Senior Center. We hold a Safe Kids Fair annually giving away car seats, bike helmets, life vests, and much more. We collect food for local pantries and provide financial support to many other organizations. We work with Rotarians worldwide to eradicate polio, responding to disasters, improving health, sanitation, education and literacy.

The Rotary Club of Hamlin Lake Ariel is made up of your friends and neighbors who care about our community.

#3 - Rotarian Mary Ellen Bentler delivered 12 pizzas on behalf of the Rotary Club of Hamlin/Lake Ariel to Julia Ribaudo's Extended Care Center. These individuals are caring for some of our most vulnerable people during this time and we are thankful to be able to provide them

with lunch. This serves as not only support for what they do, but also allows them to limit the foot traffic in and out of the facility - further protecting the seniors.

Thank you to John's Italian Restaurant in Hamlin, PA for helping us do this for them! We appreciate your support as well.

#4 - Members of the Rotary Club of Hamlin/Lake Ariel began work on the walking trail at the Western Wayne Little League field in Sterling, PA.

There are plans underway to revamp of Western Wayne Little League field in Sterling and the Rotary Club of Hamlin/Lake Ariel has committed to assisting them with developing a walking trail around the field. The finished project at the field is going to be absolutely beautiful and we are eager to see the process!

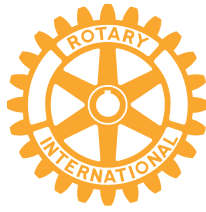
The walking path needs to be cleared of brush/trees. Rotarians Tatiana & Herb Black, Karen Koskey, Harry Talalas, Ted Silver, and Mary Ellen Bentler met recently to begin work. There is much more to do and we look forward to moving forward with this project. We believe this will be a great addition to the community and something people can enjoy for years to come!

#5 - The Hamlin Community Library was in need of a table for outside their new and BEAUTIFULLY landscaped lawn. Rotarian Jacky Gillette did the landscaping, and Rotarians Bill and Eileen Culley made the table happen!

Originally, the Library was planning to purchase the table and assemble it - but Rotarians doing what Rotarians do best knew that there was another way! Bill and Eileen Culley not only donated the funds to make the table happen...but, Bill also took the challenge and made this amazing hexagon table! The table was donated to the Rotary Club of Hamlin/Lake Ariel, and from there - we donated it the the library!

Awesome job to all and we hope that many people will enjoy this table!

## Rotary

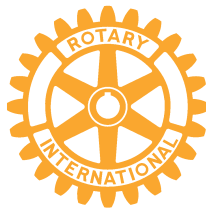


## Hamlin-Lake Ariel

#6 - In an effort to give back and show appreciation for local businesses during trying times - the Rotary Club of Hamlin/Lake Ariel provided donuts and baked goods to some businesses in the area. On behalf the Club's behalf, Rotarians Michael & Sonya Verton along with Tatiana Black spent a Saturday afternoon out & about

providing smiles & promoting the mission of Rotary. Thank you for doing this and thank you to our community for supporting our Rotary Club!

## Rotary



## New Milford Area

### **New Milford Area Rotary Says Au Revoir To Milo Demange Of Nancy, France**



The New Milford Area Rotary Club held its first in person club meeting at Green Gables Pavilion on Thursday June 4th, after months of virtual meetings, due to the COVID-19 pandemic shutdown. Not only were the members thrilled to see one another once again, but also thrilled in receiving the traditional Rotary Exchange student country brief. Milo Demange of Nancy, France captured the club's attendees with photos and tales of his life in the north-eastern French Department of Meurthe-et-Moselle. Milo has voluntarily spent the past nine months attending Mountain View High School as a matriculating Senior, though upon his return to France he will be required to repeat his Senior year in the French school system.

New Milford Area Rotary Club's- Melody Haley, Club Counselor; Milo Demange, and Kate Farrell Kurosky, YEO

During these nine months, Milo was hosted by Jamie Galvin of Lathrop Township, along with his son Benjamin. As a Mountain View High School student Milo participated on the cross country and basketball teams, attracting throngs of fans and supporters as he dove into American sports and culture. Volleyball was to be next on Milos sport experience, but the COVID-19 Pandemic brought that to an end. During the next several months of virtual on-line classes at Mountain View, Milo's extra-curricular activities included learning how to draw maple sap and make maple syrup; the mechanics of splitting and stacking firewood; and learning how to embroider.

Milo commented that his biggest surprise upon arriving in the United States was the preponderance of full-size pickup trucks. In France and much of Europe such vehicles are rare. Milo returns to his native France this summer, with an appreciation of American culture, food, and friendship. An appreciation shared by all his American hosts, for his native France. Milo Demange is an exceptional ambassador and leaves a legacy of mutual curiosity and respect, unfortunately cut somewhat short by the COVID-19 Pandemic.

# Clubs In Action

## Hawley Rotary Youth Projects



For the past four years, we have purchased take-home books every month for each student (34) in Hawley Head Start 1 classes. Parents are encouraged to read with their children as they build a library of books during the year.

Every year (for decades) Santa and an elf appear to an enthusiastic class asking if each student has been good for the year. Educational presents are distributed to the students.

In addition, Hawley Rotarians buy gifts for one or two Head Start children on the “Angel Tree” allowing the students to have a real Christmas from Santa.



Since 2006 The Hawley Rotary Club has held a Spring Easter Egg Hunt which involves a Rotarian reading a story to the children, making a craft to take home to their parents, and finding three eggs on the playground or in the classroom if it's raining. Following the event, each child receives a prize.



For the 2019-2020 school year, Hawley Rotarians made three raised bed gardening boxes for Head Start children to grow their own food and flowers



# Clubs In Action

## Wallenpaupack Area High School



\$500 donated in prizes by Hawley Rotary await Wallenpaupack Area students who participate in the District Essay contest.



In the past 16 years Hawley Rotary has collected and donated jackets to children ages 3 or 4 (Head Start) through 13 -14 (Middle School) in the Wallenpaupack Area School District. Since the inception of this project over 1,250 jackets have been distributed to students.



Ten Students of the Month are chosen by their service to the local community, to the school or their church rather than academics or athletics. The amount and variety of activities of these ten students is truly remarkable and recognition of their achievements is given at a special luncheon and in the local newspaper.



Hawley Rotary was proud to present a check for \$4,000 to the new Wallenpaupack School District Food Pantry. The money was made possible through a District 7410 grant. Accepting the check for the District is Rosemary Martinyuk who was the 2018 recipient of Hawley Rotary's Four Way Test Award.



Two awards to graduating seniors are presented at Wallenpaupack Area High School's assembly: a \$1,500 scholarship and a \$500 award for highest scholastic honors in foreign languages.

# Clubs Events

# Rotary Happenings 2020



## Citizen of the Year

### 2020 Barrett Township Nomination

Nominations for Barrett Township's annual Citizen of the Year award will be accepted now through Saturday, May 7th. A short message expressing the reason for the nomination is required. Please include your name & phone number. The Citizen of the Year will be announced at Concert in the Park on July 7th. Mail nominations to:

**Rotary Club of the Pocono Mountains, PO Box 341 Cresco, PA 18326**

## Annual Scholarship

### Now - April 10th

Attention high school seniors living in Barrett and Paradise Townships, we are still accepting applications for our \$2,500 merit-based scholarship. Visit our website to access the application. Applications will be accepted through April 10th.

## Banners Throughout Barrett

### On going

Help us beautify our community while demonstrating your pride for the people and businesses that make it great. Join our effort by purchasing a Hometown Hero banner or Business Banner to be displayed along Route 390 in Barrett Township. Our Hometown Hero banners are a great way to honor any hero - not just veterans or service men and women but also fireman, EMS members, policemen, etc. You can also promote your business by purchasing a business banner. For more information and applications, please visit our website.

## Senior Giving Tree

### December

Help make the holidays bright for some of our local seniors. Every Christmas we will be decorating a tree with ornaments that contain a small wish list for one of our seniors in need. Ranging in price, these small but valuable donations are most appreciated.

## Night @ the Races

**Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> • Starting @ 4pm**

Hosted @ The PourHouse  
1014 Route 390, Mountainhome, PA

## Concert in the Park

**Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup> • Starting @ 4:30pm**

Hosted @ the Former Barrett Elementary Center  
(Rain Date: July 8th, 2020)

## Annual Golf Tournament

**Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup>**

Hosted @ Skytop Lodge

## Fall Festival

**Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> • Starting @ 12pm**

Hosted @ the Former Barrett Elementary Center  
(Rain Date: October 4th, 2020)

## Barrett Township Halloween Parade

**Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> • Starting @ 2pm**

Along Route 390 in Barrett Township  
(Rain Date: November 1st, 2020)

## Annual Christmas Celebration & Tree Lighting

**Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> • Starting @ 6pm**

Hosted @ the Mountainhome Methodist  
& The Friendly Community Center



[www.rotaryclubofthepoconomountains.com](http://www.rotaryclubofthepoconomountains.com)

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ROTARY CLUB OF  
MOUNTAIN TOP

# ***COOKIES FOR A NOBLE CAUSE***

All proceeds will benefit programs in  
our community!

there will be no nuts used in this recipe

***To order Contact:  
John Kanyuck 570-466-9528***

**PICK UP DATE: AUGUST 4, 2020**

**1PM TO 5 PM**

**CRESTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL PARKING LOT  
ROUTE 309 MOUNTAIN TOP**

***BAKED FRESH BY  
SIMPLY DELICIOUS  
DESSERTS***

***\$7.00 PER DOZEN***





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—Milford-Matamoras • Newfoundland—  
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Position Open

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## Volunteer Opportunities

Do you need volunteers to help with an upcoming project or event? Send me your requirements - date, time, specific help needed. Let's bring our clubs together in service!

# District News

## *Traveling? Why not visit fellow Rotarians at other clubs in the District?*

Please find dates and locations below.

**Attention Club Presidents: If the information below is not up-to-date, please update it on the District website [RotaryDistrict7410.org](http://RotaryDistrict7410.org) and let me know at [rotary7410pi@yahoo.com](mailto:rotary7410pi@yahoo.com)**

Club	#	New	Morning	Noonish	After Hours
Abingtons	49	0		12:10; TH; Ramada	
Athens	12	0		12:05; W; Microtel	
Blakeslee	13	0			6:30; W; Century 21 Blakeslee
Dallas	44	0			6:30; TH; Irem Country Club
Dunmore	15	0			6:15; M; Carmella's
Forest City Area	12	0			6:30; 1st & 3rd M; Elegante
Freeland	4	0			5:45; M; MMI Prep Cafeteria
Hamlin-Lake Ariel	30	0			5:30; T; R Place
Hawley	19	0			6:00; TH; Settlers Inn
Hazleton	67	0		12:00; W; Genetti's	
Honesdale	38	0		12:00; T; Cordaro's	6:00; 1st T; Rotating
Jim Thorpe	20	0		12:00; T; Gathering Place	
Kingston	23	0			6:15; W; Theo's Metro
Lehighton	9	0		Check Facebook	6:00; M; Beacon Diner Twice Monthly
Milford-Matamoras	33	0		12:15; T; Balch's Restaurant	
Mountaintop	22	0	7:30; W; Chalet Restaurant		
Mt. Pocono	19	0			6:00; TH; Bailey's Steak House
New Milford	17	0			5:30; 1st & 3rd TH; Green Gables
Newfoundland	38	0			6:00; M; John's Italian Restaurant
North Pocono	18	0			6:00; TH; Elmhurst Country Club
North Scranton	26	0	8:00; W; Perkin's		5:30; TH; Sidel's Restaurant
Passport Club	19	0	Rotating;	Check	Rotarypassportclub7410.org
Pittston	17	4		12:15; T; Perkin's	
Plains	21	0			6:00; 1st & 3rd W; Woodlands Inn
Plymouth	20	0			7:00; TH; Keeley's Alehouse
Pocono Mtns.	17	0			6:15; W; Carrazza's Italian Restaurant
Sayre	21	0		12:10; T; Grille at the Train Station	
Scranton	45	1		12:00; M; Radisson Hotel	
Slate Belt	18	0			6:00; TH; Scorecard Sports Bar
Smithfields	14	0			7:00; T; Shawnee Inn
Stroudsburgs	121	13		11:55; TH; Sycamore Grille	
" Satellite	?	0			6:15; TH; Peppe's Bistro, E. Stroudsburg
Towanda	15	1		12:05; M; Woody's Ale House & Grill	
Trail/Factoryville	13	1		12:00; T; Gin's	5:30; 4th T; D&L Rail House
Troy	27	0	7:30; TH; Iron Skillet		
Tunkhannock	74	1		12:15; TH; Purkey's Pink Apple	
Weatherly	8	0			6:30; 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> W; Weatherly Country Inn
Wellsboro	47	0		12:15; TH; Penn Wells Hotel	
West End	13	0	7:30; TH; West Pocono Library		
Wilkes-Barre	25	0		12:00; T; Check Facebook.com	/RotaryClubofWilkesBarrePA/
Winola	11	0			6:00; TH; 1st Ardee's; 3rd Bartolai
Wyalusing Area	20	0	7; 1st TH; Mark's Valley View	12:00; 2nd TH; Wyalusing Hotel	5:30 Social; 3rd TH; Wyalusing Hotel
Wyoming	23	0			6:15; TH; Fire & Ice