



Newsletter / June 2021

Rotary
District 7410



2021 District Conference

June 12

The Deane Center for Performing Arts

Wellsboro, PA

Registration starts at 8am

Conference begins at 9am

This month's focus is on the 2021 District Conference!
There are lots of great events lined up to support the Conference.

A kickoff concert will take place Friday, June 11th at 7pm.
Both the Concert and the Conference are being held at
The Deane Center for Performing Arts in Wellsboro, PA.

Following the conference on
Saturday evening will be a BBQ dinner at a home nearby.

COME AND ENJOY
SOME FELLOWSHIP AND GREAT SPEAKERS
AT THE UPCOMING EVENTS!

2021 District Conference Registration

District 7410 Conference

REGISTER NOW!

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

**Saturday
June 12, 2021
Deane Center
for the
Performing Arts**

**Hosted by:
The Wellsboro Rotary
9AM - 5PM**

**BBQ Dinner to follow
5:15PM**

Why attend the District Conference?

- ★ Make meaningful connections with fellow Rotarians
- ★ Engage with Powerful Speakers
- ★ Get Involved with Strategic Planning & Break Out Sessions
- ★ Participate in Hands On Service Projects
- ★ Discover the Charm of Beautiful Wellsboro & All it Has to Offer

For Tickets to
The "Like A Hurricane" Concert
on Friday, June 11

Contact the Deane Center
570.724.6220
Deanecenter.com

**While exploring Wellsboro & attending the Conference,
book a stay at Bear Lodges! Between 5/15-11/14,
They will donate 10% of your weekday stay and 5% for
your weekend/holiday stay to Polio Plus!
Use code POLIO at checkout.**

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Like A Hurricane - Neil Young Tribute Concert

This concert is OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
and being sponsored by Rotary, as a Foundation Fundraiser.

All net profits will go exclusively to The Rotary Foundation. Rotarians who are attending the District Conference and wish to attend this concert will also receive discounted tickets! Please contact the Deane Center for the special rate and to purchase your tickets. There will also be beer & wine tastings in the late lobby before and at intermission.

The Music is back!

THE DEANE CENTER &
ROTARY DISTRICT 7410
PRESENT

LIKE A HURRICANE
TRIBUTE TO NEIL YOUNG

Friday, June 11
AT 7:30PM

TICKETS - \$25 ROTARY MEMBERS - \$20
COOLIDGE THEATER



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The
Rotary
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BBQ Dinner Entertainment



Don't forget about dinner after the conference!

BBQ style dinner in a luxurious home with a large tent



1523 Charleston Street, Wellsboro

about 3 miles from town • ample parking • look for the Rotary logo'd sign

Upon registration, a BBQ Dinner option is provided to register for as well.

Lots of great food, drink, and live music will be available.

Pre-registration is required.

The Food vendor cannot accommodate last minute add-ons so make sure you sign up so you don't miss out!

There is some great entertainment lined up for this event!



Get the party started with, Wellsboro Rotary!



Their own percussionist (Big Jim) and the Spring Break band. To top it off, this District Conference BBQ night gets even better. Rotarian Pat Davis, The Ivory Lady, is on the bill. She has spent her lifetime as a professional musician (pop, classics, country, jazz, and big band). If you can hum it, Pat can rock it on the keyboard – she is amazing. Pat will be joined by David Driskell, professional entertainer and half of the zany group, the Sadie Green Sales Jugband. Dave can play most any tune on just about any instrument you like, from the conventional to the musical saw, washboard, washtub bass and whistles. David played skis slopes around the USA and high school assemblies and gigs across England, plus France, Germany, Switzerland, Austria and more. Crazy music, stories, belly laughs, and groans are teed up for Saturday night, “Wet your whistle,” warm up your vocal cords, and get ready for some Rotary Tomfoolery!

Service Project

Goodies For Our Troops

Rotary District 7410 Service Project

GOODIES FOR OUR TROOPS

Since 2005, Goodies for our Troops has been supporting our service men and women deployed around the world.

For the service project, we will gather donated items and send as many care packages as we can!

Hygiene Items	Snacks
Travel size wet wipes & hand sanitizer	Trail mix, sunflower seeds
Male deodorant (not aerosol)	Cliff / granola bars / power bars
Travel size body wash, hand lotion, shampoo	Beef jerky / slim jims (no pork/ham)
Travel size toothpaste, toothbrushes, floss	Cookies / oreos
Sunscreen (not aerosol)	Candy (skittles, M&Ms, hard candy....
Foot aids (insoles, cream, powder)	no milk chocolate candy bars)
Lip balm	Crackers (peanut butter, cheese)
Eye drops	Canned / dried fruits & nuts
Disposable razors	Tuna and chicken salad
Travel size Avon skin-so-soft	Ramen noodles / cup of soup
	"To go" powdered drink straws
	Tootsie pops / other lollipops

Miscellaneous

- Note paper / envelopes
- Pens
- DVDs, CDs, Video Games

Cash Donations

- To cover the cost of shipping

Add a Personal Touch

- Have your club members or school groups participate
- Cards / letters / notes
- Drawings

If you have any questions about the project or how your club can help, feel free to contact Nate Gage at 570-787-3651 or baiter6@yahoo.com.

If you know of a service member who would appreciate a care package, reach out so we can get them added to the list.

Donations may be made directly by mailing a check payable to Goodies for our Troops with "Rotary" in the memo line to Goodies for our Troops PO Box 383 Wellsboro, PA 16901. Goodies for our Troops is a 501c3 organization.

Rotary PEOPLE OF ACTION

If you would like to get involved with this initiative, please contact your local Rotary Club

For additional information & questions, please contact:

Nate Gage
570.787.3651
baiter6@yahoo.com

The service project this year is in support of Goodies for Our Troops, founded by Dawn Pletcher, with the mission of supporting our armed service members serving their country by sending care packages on a regular basis to service members on "the list" to receive them.

Anyone can be added to the list, so if any Rotarian wants to add someone, they are able to do so!

We have already successfully solicited \$700 worth of items from Visions Federal Credit Union for this event!

Support for service project will take 3 main forms:

1. Prior to the conference, clubs are encouraged to collect items to be included in care packages to be sent to service members.
2. Distribution of the all donations will take place at the District Conference. There will be 2-3 work sessions. This will entail a group (of as many as 15 Rotarians / guests) heading to Goodies for our Troops to help prepare boxes for shipping (preparing shipping materials, packaging donated items, doing anything else that is needed to help carry out the mission). Goodies is just a short walk or drive from the Deane Center.
3. Cash donations are encouraged - postage is the largest expense that Goodies for our Troops has.

Details on making donations also found on the flyer



Have you joined Rotary in the past few years? You are invited to join us for
A New Member Orientation class “Welcome to the World of Rotary”

This virtual 1 hour “speed dating” type event will take you through 5 different areas of
Rotary to increase and enhance your knowledge of this organization we all love.

It’s 100% FREE and you might even come away with a prize. Our first session is
scheduled for Tuesday, June 1st at 7pm. The goal is to hold them quarterly in the next
Rotary year. Anyone is welcome to attend, new or not so new members!!

Please Pre Register to receive the zoom link.

You are invited to a Zoom meeting.

When: Jun 1, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUsduCsrTwvGdSjQgRwe5XU_A2OxjS8E-2Y

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about
joining the meeting.

Brought to you by the District Membership Team

Contact PDG Karen DeMatteo for questions

karenandrotary@gmail.com



Virtual Alumni Rotary

Have you heard about the newest club being formed in District 7410?

It's a Virtual club that is made up of "mostly" Alumni from Interact, Rotaract, RYLA & Youth Exchange. Because it will be totally virtual the members can reside anywhere, yes anywhere in the world!

In fact, they are going to call themselves "**International Innovators**".

The next meet and greets are June 2nd at 7pm and June 8th at 7:30pm.

Registration is required to receive the link.

Open to all and please share the word if you know of someone who might benefit from being a part of a great new club like this."

Reach out to PDG Karen at karenandrotary@gmail.com
if you have questions.

Virtual Alumni Rotary Club Meet & Greet!

Wednesday, June 2nd, 2021
7:00 – 8:00 PM

Please RSVP in advance using
the link below:

<https://www1.com/connected/meetjune2>

All are invited!



LEARN HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Want to do good in your local community?
Interested in helping others around the world?
Have great ideas, but need support from others?

Learn how you can connect with Rotary and
make an impact with the support of an
international organization of 1.2 million
members. Hear about our newest Rotary club,
specifically designed for busy people in all
locations who want to give back.

Questions? Contact rotary7410s@gmail.com



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Virtual Alumni Rotary Club Meet & Greet!

Tuesday June 8th 2021

7:30 – 8:30 PM

Please RSVP in advance using
the link below:

<https://www1.rotary.org/en/join>

All are invited!



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STRIKE OUT Polio

with

Rotary
District 7410



August 15th
Game Time: 1:05 PM
Tickets:
General Admission - \$13
Seats - \$14
PNC Field

proceeds benefit the Rotary Foundation to end Polio

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Tailgate Party planning underway - details to follow

[CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE TICKETS](#)

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Rotary
Northeast PA



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

***District 7410 Banner Exchange
Please Join Us!***

Join us to celebrate our current Governor Joe, Welcome our incoming Governor Mary Ellen and install our District Officers.

Sunday, June 27, 2021

1-3PM

**R Place, 482 Hamlin Highway
Hamlin PA 18427**

**Lite Fare with Refreshments
Cash Bar**

The event is FREE thanks to sponsors,
but registration is required:
tinyurl.com/BannerExchange21

Hamlin/Lake Ariel club will be collecting
bars of soap in support of a project.

UPCOMING TRAINING

The Training Team is conducting a training night for all
Secretaries & Treasurers
on **June 9th**

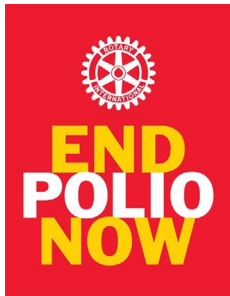
Club Runner is going to create & train 2 breakout rooms. One for Secretaries and one for Treasurers.

DGE Mary Ellen Bentler will be sending out a Zoom invite link in the upcoming days



PolioPlus Society Application

ROTARY DISTRICT 7410 POLIOPUS SOCIETY APPLICATION



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

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

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

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

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

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

Name:

Signature:

Date:

Club Name:

Phone Number:

E-Mail:

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



CLUBS IN ACTION

This year, Rotary District 7410 held their annual essay contest which was open to high school juniors & seniors. Rotary District 7410 offers this Essay Contest as an incentive for young people to develop their skills of self-expression, and as evidence of a sincere desire to demonstrate service above self, which is Rotary's consistent motto.

Rotary's theme for 2020-'21 is "Rotary Opens Opportunities". The Essay theme for this year is: "How can you personally take an opportunity to protect the environment"? Protecting the environment is an official cause of Rotary International. As a worldwide organization, Rotarians are interested in supporting projects that can make a positive, measurable, sustainable impact on the earth.

Over 1.2 million women and men, in over 35,000 clubs and in over 200 countries around the world strive to make a difference in the world every day. Rotary has been making a difference in the world since 1905, and has left an indelible mark. Today, Rotary volunteers concentrate on seven areas of focus. These include: Water and Sanitation, Maternal and Child health, Economic Development, Disease Prevention, Education, Peace, and Polio Eradication.



The Rotary Club of Hamlin/Lake Ariel received 5 essays from Western Wayne High School.

As a club, we decided to award a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prize.

Congratulations to our winners!

1st Place: Bridgette Flannery, 11th Grade

2nd Place: Jamie Bryan, 12th Grade

3rd Place: Carter Swingle, 12th Grade

Our first place winner's essay was sent on to the District 7410 contest and we are also happy to announce that this student came in 2nd place district-wide! Way to go, Bridgette!



One May 1th, the Rotary Club of Hamlin/Lake Ariel completed their annual roadside cleanup along Route 59- in Hamlin. A big heartfelt "Thank You!" is in order for all our members and community members that came out this weekend to help with our Road Clean-up on Route 590!



Rotary PEOPLE OF ACTION
 Rotary Club of Hamlin/Lake Ariel
 2021 Road Clean-Up Route 590



Rotary Club of Hamlin/Lake Ariel
 8th Annual
Golf Tournament
 June 7, 2021
SKYTOP LODGE
 Register/Info:
www.HamlinRotary.com

8th Annual Golf Tournament
 hosted by the
 Rotary Club of Hamlin/Lake Ariel
 June 7th, 2021
 Where: Skytop Lodge
 1 Skytop Lodge Rd
 Skytop, PA 18357

Schedule of Events

- 12:00– Registration Opens
- 1:00– Shotgun Start (Captain and Crew Format)
- 6:00– Dinner and Awards
- 50/50 & Door Prizes will be offered!
- \$100 per player includes:
 - Greens Fees and Cart
- Hot Dog, Chips, & Drink at Registration
- Awards Reception

Singles welcome!- we will pair!

****Dinner Only Guests: \$40 per person****

Players - please register online or contact one of the following members:

Jacky Gillette 570-575-5502

Larry Ditty 570-947-1648

Harry Talalas 570-499-2794

Please make checks payable to:

Rotary Club of Hamlin Lake Ariel

Payments may be mailed to:

Rotary Club of Hamlin Lake Ariel

PO Box 364

Hamlin, PA 18427

“The first of the Hazelton Rotary Centennial Projects to take place monthly from April through December, was held at Booty’s Italian Restaurant, Saturday, April 17, 2021.

A free luncheon, provided by the Rotary Club, was offered to local Veterans who pre-registered and provided Military ID. There were three seatings available from 11:30am 3:00pm.



“It has been my privilege to plan the first Centennial Project that honored our local Veterans. It is so important that we remember our Veterans always and give credit to them for their service”, explains Kathie Oh, project chairwoman. The Wilkes University Air Force ROTC Detachment 752, Arnold Air Society and Drill Team, contacted by Rotarian Jason Brenner, was also available to present the Colors and perform a POW/MIA ceremony prior to each seating.



Austin Fagan
Winner of the Hazelton Rotary
Technical Scholarship 2021

As part of the celebration of the Hazelton Rotary’s centennial year, an area student has been awarded the 2021 Hazelton Rotary Technical Scholarship for \$1,000. According to President Donna Barna, “Hazelton Rotary’s intent is to complete at least one centennial project per month, April-December, 2021 to continue the club’s goal of “Service Above Self”. In April, we completed a Veteran’s Luncheon project and May is the awarding of one technical and three Rotary Memorial Scholarships.’

“We are pleased to announce that, Austin Fagan, 2021 Hazelton Area Career Center graduate, has been selected as the Hazelton Rotary Technical Scholarship winner” reports project chair Dr. John Madden.

He is a part time employee of Floral Array and he will be returning to his fifth year of employment at Burgers Farm Market this summer and fall. While working at the farm, he also plans to take several English and Math courses in the summer and fall semesters at LCCC and then plans to transfer to Pen-Tech to begin classes for Heavy Equipment Operator & Repair in January, 2022.

Austin wrote, “I am honored to have received the Hazelton Rotary Technical Scholarship 2021. It will help me financially achieve my goal to become a Heavy Equipment Operator. I am hoping that it will enable me to find the job that will keep me in the area where I want to stay and live my life.”



Darren Zheng, Louis DeAngelo and Ashley Sabia
are the 2021 Hazleton Rotary Memorial
Scholarship Awardees



Darren Zheng



Ashley Sabia



Louis DeAngelo

Since its inception in 1921 Hazleton Rotary has been developing the “ways and means” to provide services for the Greater Hazleton Community. One of the ways they have done this is the awarding of Hazleton Rotary Memorial Scholarships. The first for \$1,000 was given to one student in 1989. This year, as part of the club’s Centennial celebration, three area students will be receiving scholarships for a total of \$18,000 for four years, as the Centennial Project for May, 2021.

“We are pleased to announce the following students have been selected as the Hazleton Rotary Club Memorial Scholarship winners for 2021.” says project chair Dr. John Madden.

“Darren Zheng will receive a scholarship of \$2000 per year for a total of \$8,000 for four years. Ashley Sabia and Louis DeAngelo will each receive a scholarship valued at \$1250 per year for a total of \$5000 for four years.” Madden continues.

Darren will graduate from MMI Preparatory School and is the son of Hongzhi and De Xiao Zheng. He plans to attend the University of Pennsylvania with an intended course of study in Pure Mathematics & Physics ultimately obtaining a PhD in Mathematics.

Darren has been employed at China Garden, his parent’s restaurant, for four years. As a first generation American, he will be the first in his family to graduate high school, enroll and graduate from college.

The daughter of Sharon and Mike Sabia, Ashley will be graduating from Hazleton Area Academy of Sciences. Ashley, who resides in Drums, has been employed by Edgewood by Sand Springs for two years and Sleepy Hollow Ice Cream for one year. Her intended course of study is Biology-Premed Track, and she ultimately hopes to obtain a Doctor of Medicine. She will continue her studies at University of Pittsburgh Honors College. Louis DeAngelo, MMI Preparatory School, is the son of Grete Floryshak and Louis DeAngelo and resides in Sugarloaf. He will attend Schreyer Honors College at Penn State University and focus on Engineering as an intended course of study.

Project Chair Madden comments, “Our scholarship recipients are to be congratulated on all their wonderful achievements and we are happy to offer them this fantastic opportunity to further their education”.



Pocono Pick Up with Honesdale Rotary!

On April 24, Honesdale Rotarians gathered along Route 191 South,
a strip Rotarians clean up twice a year.

This year, it was part of the Pocono Pick Up event. Rotarians were joined by three
Honesdale HS Interact students (junior Rotary group).

Thanks to all!

Want to make a difference in your community?

Join Honesdale Rotary!

Honesdale Rotary Thanks Erbs for Community Efforts



Rotarians Jim Mould, Michelle Gilder, Les Curry; Sue Shadle Erb (in front in red) and Father Ed Erb; Rotarians Kay Reynolds, Dolores Leopardi, Stephen Moulton.

As they exit Honesdale after almost 13 years, Reverend Edward Erb and his wife, Sue Shadle Erb, leave behind many friends, including Honesdale Rotary. Club members gathered outside Grace Episcopal Church to thank the Erbs with a plaque and a small monetary contribution to support their move to Wellsboro, Pennsylvania, where Father Ed will become Rector of Saint Paul's Episcopal Church. Rotarians, along with other community groups, have helped the Erbs offer free lunches to the needy on Saturdays for many years. In addition, Father Erb permitted the Rotary to use the church's courtyard for the club's Beer Garden fundraiser each year during Honesdale's Roots & Rhythm Music & Arts Festival.

"We are so honored and surprised," said Sue, an associate managing editor at Highlights for Children in Honesdale. "The partnership with Honesdale Rotary has been amazing, especially in the outreach to help people in need. And the friendships!"

Father Ed, who also served as a chaplain at Wayne Memorial Hospital and was a co-coordinator of a hospital-supported Grief Workshop several times a year, said "The Rotary club holds a similar mission and standards to us and our church outreach. I even considered joining the Rotary at one point!"

Sue actually plans to join the Wellsboro Rotary, "if they approve my application, so hopefully our paths will cross again in Rotary circles."

"It has been a pleasure working with Father Ed and Sue," said Rory McGhie, president Honesdale Rotary. "The Rotary's motto is 'Service Above Self,' and they both exemplify this every day. We thank them for their work in our community and wish them the best in their new life."

The Rotary, along with volunteers from the Oddfellows and the Cooperage, will continue the free lunches with other nearby churches, according to the Erbs.

Father Ed's last service at Grace Episcopal will take place on May 30th.

Honesdale Rotary, part of Rotary International which counts more than one million members globally, welcomes new members. Visit the club on Facebook.



Pints for Polio!
Trivia, burgers & brews
Help eradicate Polio!

BURGERS & BREWS

With Honesdale
Rotary

JUNE 3RD 5-8 PM
KC PEPPERS IN HONESDALE

\$20 INCLUDES A BEER AND
BURGER OF YOUR CHOICE

\$25 BUY-IN FOR TRIVIA PER
TEAM - GRAND PRIZE FOR
WINNERS!

TONS OF DOOR PRIZES!
OUTDOOR EVENT



Save the Date!

100

Join the Rotary of Pittston in celebrating their postponed [centennial event!](#)

The Pittston 100 'plus one' event will be held on
[Saturday, September 25th, 2021](#)
[at Susquehanna Brewing Company,](#)
[635 S Main St, Pittston](#)

*Keep an eye on our [Facebook page](#)
for more details and event registration!*



Rotary Prepares for July 3rd Fireworks

Every year since 1983, except for 2020 due to Covid-19 restrictions, the Tunkhannock Rotary has presented an outstanding fireworks display at Tunkhannock High School Athletic Field on July 3rd for everyone in Tunkhannock and the surrounding areas.

Current fireworks Co-Chair Mike Markovitz reported that plans are proceeding well for this year's concert and fireworks display on Sat. July 3rd, with a rain date of Mon. July 5th. The event will conform with any Wyoming County Public Health and CDC Guidelines.

Gates will open at 6 PM. Parking in the surrounding lots will be \$3 per car.

Admission is free, although donations will be gratefully accepted. The donations and parking fees help to partially fund the next year's Fireworks.

Once again, perennial favorite band PopStar Drive will play from 7 to 9:30 PM, while families and friends picnic on the lawn and enjoy each other's company.

The 2021-2022 TAHS Senior Class will operate the food stand with hamburgers, hotdogs, sodas and more. They will also be selling glow wands to help fund their senior class events.

Preceding the fireworks will be the presentation of the flags by an honor guard of former members of the armed services. Then the fireworks display will begin.

**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
Rain Date July 5th
presented by the
Rotary
Club of Tunkhannock

The poster features a background image of a large crowd at night watching a fireworks display. The text is overlaid on the image in various colors and fonts, providing all the event details.



Rotary Provides Funding for Wyoming County Homeless Voucher Program

The Tunkhannock Rotary Board of Directors heard a presentation by Wyoming County Detective David Ide and Shannon Carney, a mental health and case management specialist in the District Attorney's office. David and Shannon discussed the growing number of homeless individuals in Wyoming County, including individuals who lost their jobs, housing, have mental issues and some veterans.

Since the County does not have any homeless shelter and it is sometimes difficult to place these individuals in shelters in other counties or with family members, the District Attorney's Office has developed the Wyoming County Homeless Voucher system. They are working with local hotels to be able to house someone for 1-3 nights if they don't have anywhere else to go.

After hearing the presentation, the Tunkhannock Rotary provided a donation of \$1,500 to fund this program for 2021.

Tunkhannock Rotary Supports Camp Create

At the June 13th Tunkhannock Rotary lunchtime meeting at Shadowbrook Inn & Resort, the Rotarians were pleased to hear from Michaela Moore and Amy Colley about Camp Create.

In 2000, Steve and Amy Colley of The Dietrich Theatre and Michaela Moore of All About Theatre Performing Arts School, were asked to take over a grant for a Visual and Theatre Arts Camp for special needs children. In its 21st year, Camp Create is now funded by grants, civic groups and businesses.

Camp Create welcomes children with special needs (including physical, cognitive, emotional and behavioral challenges), ages 6-12, or children of equivalent abilities for a 1-week camp. Two camps will take place this year, Session 1 is Aug 2-6 and Session 2 is Aug 9-13.

There are 3 teachers. It costs \$25 per week for a child to attend and they offer scholarships for those who cannot afford it. Camp is 10AM-2PM. Most students come from Wayne, Wyoming, Luzerne and Lackawanna Counties.

Transportation is sometimes challenging if their parents work.

The camp is a combination of art and theatre instruction and games that are based on a theme that is decided on by the children at the beginning of the week.

The children create the characters and the world they play in. At the end of the week, they present a play with all the children's characters, costumes and creations.

The annual Tunkhannock Rotary funding helps to buy art supplies for the Camp.

After Michaela's presentation, Pres. Terri Detrick presented a \$500 check for this year's Camp Create that was accepted by Michaela Moore and Amy Colley.



L to R: Pres. Terri Detrick, Michaela Moore and Amy Colley



Wyalusing Area Rotary presented a Paul Harris Fellow to Cargill Wyalusing represented by Andy Ripik General Manager and Brian Emick, Chief Financial Officer.

This award was presented to them to recognize the support of the District Foundation Fundraising Gala.

The award was presented at an evening soiree at Deep Roots Hard Cider, with DG Joe and PDG Marcia Loughman attending.

With support of Cargill, Deep Roots Hard Cider and other businesses and individuals the Wyalusing Area Rotary Club raised \$2,910 to support the Rotary Foundation.



Brian Emick, Jon Naugle, Andy Ripic and DG Joe Loughman