

Keepin' Up With The District



A Message From: DISTRICT GOVERNOR Samantha Maruzzelli



Dear Rotarians,

Happy Summer! This is the time of year when we remember why we live in NEPA. It is beautiful! During the dark, cold winter I question my choice of staying in my hometown, but summer pushes those thoughts away every year. My husband and I purchased electric bikes this year and they are amazing. I have always loved to ride a bike, but our house is on a mountain, and I am no athlete. The electric bikes are a hit. We went on a 15-mile bike ride yesterday, leaving from our own driveway and had an amazing time. I do love summer!

I hope you are all planning your summer filled with family and friends and making memories. It is a great time to grow Rotary by inviting people to join your Rotary club in some fun summer activities. I attended the NAMI 5k yesterday in Hawley. Honesdale Rotary did an amazing job helping NAMI plan and execute a great event. What a great way to support Mental Health. Thank you, Honesdale!

Celebrating Fellowship Month in Rotary can involve various activities and events that promote camaraderie, collaboration, and community service

among members. Here are some ideas to celebrate this special month:

1. Organize Fellowship Events:

Social Gatherings: Host barbecues, picnics, or dinners where members and their families can socialize.

Game Nights: Arrange board game nights, trivia contests, or sports activities to foster friendly competition.

Cultural Exchange Nights: Have members share their cultural backgrounds through food, music, and stories.

2. Service Projects:

Community Clean-ups: Organize clean-up drives in local parks, beaches, or neighborhoods.

Charity Fundraisers: Plan fundraising events such as bake sales, auctions, or charity runs to support local causes.

Volunteer Days: Partner with local non-profits and volunteer as a group at shelters, food banks, or community centers.

3. Educational Activities:

Guest Speakers: Invite inspiring speakers to discuss topics related to fellowship, leadership, and community service.

Workshops and Seminars: Conduct workshops on personal development, professional skills, or Rotary's history and values.

Book Clubs: Start a book club focusing on themes of fellowship, leadership, and service.

4. Networking Opportunities:

Business Networking Events: Create opportunities for members to share their professional experiences and support each other's careers.

Mentorship Programs: Pair experienced Rotarians with newer members for mentorship and guidance.

Interclub Visits: Arrange visits to other Rotary clubs to exchange ideas and build stronger ties.

5. Recognition and Appreciation:

Awards and Acknowledgments: Recognize members who have shown exceptional fellowship and service.

Member Spotlights: Feature stories of individual members in newsletters or social media to highlight their contributions.

6. Family and Youth Involvement:

Family Days: Plan activities that include members' families, such as family fun days or outings.

Youth Programs: Engage with youth through Rotaract or Interact clubs, and involve them in fellowship activities.

7. Cultural and Artistic Celebrations:

Art Exhibitions: Showcase artworks created by members or local artists.

Music and Dance: Organize concerts, dance performances, or karaoke nights to celebrate together.

8. Health and Wellness Activities:

Fitness Challenges: Host fitness challenges like group walks, yoga sessions, or cycling events.

Wellness Workshops: Offer sessions on mental health, stress management, and overall well-being.

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9. Digital Engagement:

Virtual Events: Host online gatherings, webinars, and virtual social hours for members who cannot attend in person.

Social Media Campaigns: Share stories, photos, and videos of fellowship activities on social media to inspire others.

10. Collaborative Projects:

Joint Projects: Collaborate with other Rotary clubs on community service projects or events to strengthen bonds.

Celebrating Fellowship Month in Rotary is about fostering a sense of belonging and unity among members while making a positive impact on the community. Tailor these ideas to fit your club's unique culture and interests to ensure a memorable and meaningful celebration. I hope you can fit these ideas in throughout your Rotary year.

As we celebrate Fellowship Month this June, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible journey we've shared over the past year. It has been my distinct honor and privilege to serve as your District Governor. Together, we have accomplished so much, and I am deeply grateful for the dedication, passion, and hard work each of you has contributed to our collective success.

From our numerous community service projects to our inspiring fellowship events, we have truly embodied the spirit of Rotary. Our efforts have made a significant impact on the communities we serve, and our commitment to "Service Above Self" continues to shine brightly.

As we look ahead, I am excited to share that I will continue to serve on the District Governor line and support the succession of governors ahead. Additionally, I am honored to take on the role of Assistant Regional Rotary Membership Coordinator at the Zone level for the next three years. I look forward to bringing my experience back to our district and assisting you all in growing Rotary.

Thank you for your unwavering support and for making this past year an unforgettable experience. Let us celebrate Fellowship Month with renewed energy and a shared commitment to our Rotary values.

Yours in Rotary Service,
Sam

Thank You for a wonderful year of leadership. DG Sam!
-District 7410



DON'T BOTTLE IT UP



**Mental Health
Initiatives**
Rotary Action Group

**“I’m not afraid to speak up –
Neither should you”**

Samantha Maruzzelli
Tunkhannock Rotary Club
District 7410 DG 2023-2024

Approximately 1 in 4 people
officially suffer with some form of
mental illness and due to Covid this
is rising.

In reality, almost everyone will
encounter a mental health issue
either directly or indirectly at some
point in their lives.

Even if you’re not in the 25%
directly affected, help break the
taboo of Mental Health.

Don’t suffer in silence.
#dontbottleitup



Upcoming Events

Calendar

June 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
SHINE Volunteer At South Elementary (Newfoundland)						
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
SHINE Volunteer At South Elementary (Newfoundland)						
		June Bingo (Newfoundland)			Wing It For Water (Wyalusing)	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
SHINE Volunteer At South Elementary (Newfoundland)						
11th Annual Golf Tournament (Hamlin Lake Ariel)						
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
			Spring Fling 2024 (Stroudsburgs, The)			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
						District Banner Exchange
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

☐ - Committee Meeting

☐ - Deadline

☐ - District Event

☐ - Fundraiser

☐ - General

☐ - Official DG Visit

☐ - Club Event

[Wyalusing - June 8th - Wing for Water](#)

[Newfoundland- SHINE, Volunteer - Month of June](#)

[Hamlin - June 10th - 11th Annual Golf Tournament](#)

[The Stroudsburgs - June 16th - Spring Fling 2024](#)

[District Banner Exchange - June 30th](#)

See You There!

Don't see your event on the calendar?

Email jpooperotary@gmail.com for instructions on how to add it!

Banner Exchange!



Save the Date

Rotary
District 7410



2024-2025,
District Banner Exchange

Sunday, June 30th
1PM-4PM

The Scorecard
130 N. Broadway
Wind Gap, PA 18095

RSVP by June 15th to Bill Skinner
skinww@gmail.com
570.350.7609



Email Bill Skinner Here!

Submit to the Newsletter!

**Thank you to everyone who contributes to the
monthly Newsletter!**

Instructions to submit your articles and photos to the newsletter:

Please send submissions to the email box:

RotaryDistrict7410Newsletter@gmail.com

Please remember to keep your content:

- Simple & Brief, Limiting all articles to a total of 2 pages.
- Connecting to trending topics or events if possible

Also, please submit your newsletter articles in **one Word Document with photos attached separately, not in the body of separate emails or in the document.** This helps assure that all of your articles are included in the newsletter and nothing gets lost.



Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) 2024 is Off and Running

The weekend of May 18th at Keystone College found the RYLA 2024 staff and counselors conducting their training weekend, prior to the main event on 23-27 June 2024 at Keystone College in LaPlume, Pennsylvania.

We are ready for the seventy plus registered conferees!



District Essay Winners

On Saturday, May 4, 2024, two of four annual essay contest winners were able to attend luncheon at the district conference at Sky Top Lodge, and read their essays for an appreciative audience of Rotarians and family.

This year's winners are:

1. Zoe Powers – submitted by Tunkhannock Rotary
2. Carly Regan – submitted by Rotary of the Abingtons
3. Tie – Sarah Hartman – submitted by Jim Thorpe Rotary
4. Tie – Marissa Gates – submitted by Milford Matamoras Rotary

The theme for this year's contest was "Create Hope in the World: How can Communities, Schools, Families, and/or friends support mental health with caring, giving, and compassion?"

RI President Gordon McNally announced this theme as his annual focus for 2023-2024.

Both Zoe Powers and Carly Regan attended the luncheon with family to read their winning essays. They received their awards from Kate Farrell Kurosky, New Milford Area Rotary, who chaired the contest.

Sincere thanks to both Rotary club contacts, as well as the Rotarians who served as district essay readers, and scored the anonymous essays on a basic rubric.

Polio Plus

Road Scholar Transport Owner- James C. Barrett Passing

It is with great sadness that I pass on the sad news of the recent death of James C. Barrett. As the President of Road Scholar Transport, James Barrett was pinned by Rotary District 7410 in 2023 as a Rotary International Paul Harris Fellow. Rotary District 7410 nominated Mr. Barrett for this prestigious honor in recognition of his donating the use of one of his company's commercial on the road tractor trailer for the placement of a vehicle wrap highlighting the "End Polio Now" campaign, that Rotary International has pursued for over 40 years. This vehicle is now traveling up and down the east coast of the United States daily, serving a public service as a message to "End Polio Now" and as a part of the Road Scholar Awareness Campaign. The trailer wrap effort represented a three-year effort involving dozens of volunteers from throughout the ten counties of Rotary District 7410. A world of goodwill and better understanding comes closer to reality today because of the compassion of Mr. James Barrett and Road Scholar Transport. Mr. Barrett leaves the legacy of "Service Above Self" to benefit local and international communities.

Yours In Rotary,

DAVID PALMER, Past Chair
Rotary District 7410, PolioPlus Committee



ROTARY DISTRICT 7410 POLIOPLUS 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 and the Rotary International donor form. If made on-line, one can establish a recurring donation.

E-mail or mail the donation acknowledgement you receive from Rotary International and this form to me the District PolioPlus Society Coordinator 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.

Public Image

Don't forget!

Visit the [Public Image page](#) to:

-Download a printable/fillable [“Connect With Us” business card](#) to pass out prospective Rotary members.

-Find a link to take you directly to [Rotary International's Brand Center](#). Here you can create and download videos, images, brochures, logos, business cards, flyers and much more.

-Download a copy of the [District Directory](#).

-Download your [club logo](#).

CLUBS IN ACTION

Rotary
Club of The Abingtons



District Conference

Local Rotarians gathered this month at the Skytop Lodge in the Poconos to welcome Duane Benton, Rotary International's President Representative and Federal Judge for the 8th Circuit Court. The annual meeting included (l to r): Beth Caucci and Marcia Loughney of the Abington Rotary, Duane Benton, Roger Mattes of the Abington Rotary, Samantha Maruzzelli the District Governor of #7410 and member of the Tunkhannock Rotary, Chris Loftus, Abington Club.



Fireworks Committee

The Abington Rotary held its first Fireworks Committee Meeting at a recent Thursday weekly meeting. The event will be held Wednesday July 3rd at the Abington Middle School. The rain date: Friday July 5th. Expect food, drinks, entertainment, a climbing wall and novelties.

Left to right:

Mike Wademan co-chair, Roger Mattes co-Chair, Judah Whitney and Janice Bevaqua.



Visit from Exchange Students

Last week Tunkhannock Rotarian, Peter Sehne, visited the Abington Rotary at their Thursday meeting at Camelot Restaurant and Inn accompanied by Tanguy Verrier of Paris France and Botond Batyky of Hungary.

Both students are enrolled for the 2023-2024 year at Tunkhannock High School and both excel in sprint and swim. Welcoming the three is Roger Mattes. Left to right: Roger, Peter, Tanguy and Botond.



Road Cleanup

Saturday May 18 members of the Rotary Club of the Abingtons cleaned a two mile stretch of Rts 6&11 and found cash and memorabilia!

The ambitious crew included Diane Calabro, Trip Crowley, Judah Whitney, Gina Cochran, Billy Angel, Leah Rudolph, Phyllis Ruzbarsky, Anita Nealon and Gail Reese.



Fake News Presentation

At a recent weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of the Abingtons member Judah Whitney entertained members with presentation on fake news. A spirited Q&A period followed. If you are interested in joining Rotary please come any Thursday at noon at Camelot Restaurant and Inn, Waverly PA.



Fireworks Committee

A second committee meeting took place at Colarusso's in Clarks Summit at an evening meeting of the Rotary Club of the Abingtons.

This years event is Wednesday July 3rd, rain date Friday July 5th. Annually, the event is held at the Abington Middle School at 1555 Newton-Ransom Boulevard. Set up is 5-6pm and will provide food trucks, entertainment, novelties, a climbing wall, face painting and more.

Pictured are;

Ginny Johnson President, Billy Angel, Gwyn Williams, Dawn Wademan, Beth Caucci, Mike Wademan, Roger Mattes.





Township Chief of Police is speaker at Dallas Rotary

At a recent meeting of the Rotary Club of Dallas, their guest speaker was Dallas Township Police Chief Douglas Higgins.

He taught the group several valuable things from the Neighborhood Watch program: awareness, observation and the ability to accurately report the who, what, when and where of an incident, and how to be a good witness in the process.

Everyone left the meeting with a better understanding of how important it is to be aware of their surroundings at all times.



Dallas Rotary Awards Annual Book Scholarships

Six area high school students, who will be college bound this fall, were recently presented with checks for \$650 each to help offset their expenses for books during their first semester on campus. The Rotary Club of Dallas has awarded hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarships since the inception of the program.

For more than 50 years 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 Appletree Terrace in Dallas with their parents in attendance.

The funds necessary to support the Dallas Rotary book scholarship program and other outreach programs are raised at two major events: their Wine and Brewfest and their Golf Tournament. This year the golf tournament will be on Monday, September 16 at the Irem Country Club in Dallas. The Wine Festival will be held on June first at the Luzerne County Fairgrounds. They appreciate the patronage of the individuals who make these scholarships and other programs possible.

Pictured in the photo, seated from left: Tanner Yanchick, Lake-Lehman; Olivia Buckman, Lake-Lehman; Marie Popielarz, Dallas; John Cummings, Dallas. Piper Lechleitner and Adam Chonko from Northwest were not available for the photo, however, Chairperson John Doerfler will personally deliver their scholarships to them at a later date. Standing from left: Dallas Rotary Scholarship Committee Members: Paul Saxon, Melissa Saxon, Chairman John Doerfler, Dana Foglia.





2024 Scholarship Recipients



Ryley Box
Lackawanna College



Jacob Hineline
Ohio Technical College

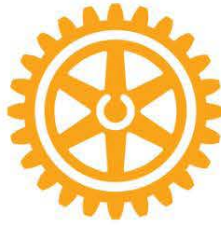
Hamlin Lake Ariel

Rotary
Club



www.hamlinrotary.com

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Rotary
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11th Annual Golf Tournament

Monday June 10, 2024

Rain Date: June 17th

Captain & Crew Format
Registration begins at Noon
1pm Shotgun Start

**Special Contests,
Buffet Dinner,
Awards and More!**

Pre-Paid Registration

\$125 per person registered
and paid before May 27th!

\$135 per person after May 27th
Payments accepted via
Cash, Check, or Venmo.

\$10,000 hole-in-one prize!

Sponsorships Welcome!

For more information and registration, please call one of the
members below or email hamlinlakearielrotary@gmail.com:

Terri Ditty
(570) 947-1649

Jacky Gillette (Chair)
(570) 575-5502

Eileen Talalas
(570) 499-2793

Mary Ellen Bentler
(570) 499-8901

Harry Talalas
(570) 499-2794

Thank you for supporting
our local community!



**CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD**



Athena Award Winner

Hazleton Rotary is happy to announce that Past President Lisa Marie Halecky was selected as the 2024 Athena Award Winner, Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce!

Lisa Marie is the Communication & Community Engagement Manager for Lehigh Valley Hospital. She is active in many community organizations whom have benefited from her talents especially Rotary and chamber's women networking committees. Lisa Marie was formally presented at the Chamber's 132nd annual meeting and business expo on May 16th. Congratulations!!





Northeast Special Olympics Donation

On May 9th Milford-Matamoras Rotary Club Secretary Mary Olsen presented the Northeast Special Olympics a donation check in the amount of \$500 dollars.

The event was held at the Delaware Valley High School Stadium Campus. The mission of Special Olympics PA is to provide year-round sports training and competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills, and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community.

All training and competition opportunities are provided free of charge to the athletes and their families, enabling everyone to experience the benefits of Special Olympics that extend well beyond the playing field.

Pictured left to right are Heather Schreiner, Executive Director Special Olympics NE, Mary Olsen, Secretary of Rotary and Athlete Kendall Barone. Milford-Matamoras Rotary Club meets every Wednesday at 12:15PM at the Dimmick Inn. Anyone interested in becoming a member contact, Shaun Burger at 570-517-6654 or come visit us at a meeting.



Annual Ridley Memorial Rotary 5K Run/Walk

Milford-Matamoras Rotary Club held their annual Ridley Memorial Rotary 5K Run/Walk on Saturday May 1 at the Delaware Valley High School field.

We had 55 registered runners/walkers who participated and this year we added some extra special events

There were great pictures of Art from previous Ridley Runs scrolling on Delaware Valley's new scoreboard, a DJ who played great music to keep everyone energized and a fitness expert who performed a warm up for all the runners and walkers. When you crossed the finish line there was even a light breakfast waiting for you! Great time had by all!

Proceeds from this event raised will help support programs and services for children with special needs in the Pike County area. Pictured are Jane Ridley and Lorne McDonald who at this run ran 1001 races to date.

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Business Mixer

In May, our club held our first Business Mixer of the year.

Steve Poremba, the General Manager of the Mohegan Sun Arena in Wilkes-Barre, was our guest speaker.

Steve gave an interesting presentation. He talked about the history of the Arena and some interesting 'behind the scenes' stories. Also, he added about the process of securing top name musical bands to appear at this venue.

Steve's a great guy and we told him he would make a great Rotarian!

In photo, l to r: Michelle Reilly, chair of the business mixers; Steve Poremba, and Kathryn Murphy, president.



Exchange Students + Bowling + Friends = Rotary Fun

For exchange students Boti, Tanguy, and Sebastian, the days visiting in NEPA will be coming to a close! What great time they had, as well as a great impact on those of us who spent time with them!

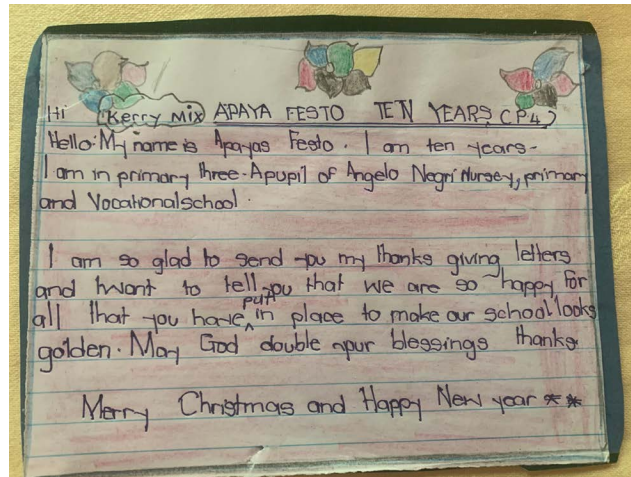
Recently, our club took them bowling, which they love doing! Joining us were Sebastian's host family, their Interact friends, Renee Schwartz, Interact Moderator, Sam Maruzzelli, our District Governor, Dawn Kenzakoski, Exchange Program Inbound Coordinator, and some of our club members. It was wonderful to see them having fun in the moment!





Donation Thank You

A heartfelt thank you note from ten year old Apaya Festo, a student who attends the primary classes at the Angelo Negri Education Center in Gulu, Uganda. The Newfoundland Rotary Club sponsored the purchase of over twenty sewing machines for the graduates of the school's vocational program in sewing. The graduates can now return to their villages with a skill set and the equipment to practice their vocation.

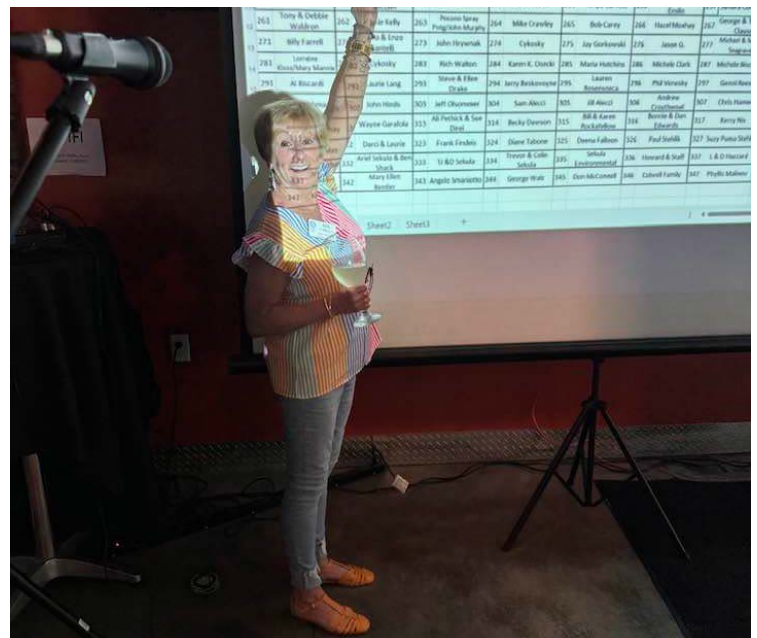


50/50 Raffle

The Newfoundland Rotary held its annual 50/50 Raffle, one of the two biggest annual fundraisers, on May 13th at Drafts Bar and Grill in Lake Ariel. The proceeds of this sold out event are used to fund local and international causes.



Raffle attendees enjoying the buffet and the libations at Draft's for the annual Newfoundland Rotary 50/50 raffle.



Anne O'Reilly pointing to the listing of the two hundred tickets that were sold for the reverse raffle.

Day of Service

On May 18th the Newfoundland Rotary in conjunction with the Rotary clubs of Hamlin-Lake Ariel and Honesdale gathered at the Lacawac Sanctuary Field Station and Environmental Center for this year's Rotary Day of Service. The group helped to clean out, reorganize and paint the historic carriage house.



Donation Presentation

Charlie Lang of the Newfoundland PA Rotary presenting a check for \$1,000 to Connor Simon and Laurel Burns of Creative Communities. The funds will be used for the organization's tile creation project for Carlton Drake Memorial Park.



ALS Presentation

Sara Hopwood Feldman speaking with the Newfoundland Rotary about the ALS Hope Foundation and ALS in general. Sara works for both the foundation and as a physical therapist treating ALS patients in Philadelphia. For more information about the foundation go to www.alshf.org



BINGO

Newfoundland Rotary's June bingo was held at South Elementary on Wednesday June 5th. Guest callers were Tammy Clause, Jim Stender representing the Newfoundland Area Public Library and Steve Moulton representing Rotary District 7410. Top prize paid \$270 split three ways and 50/50 drawing paid \$318. Next bingo is July 3rd. Hope to see you all there.



Rotary
Club of Newfoundland



CASH BINGO *NIGHT*

South Elementary

\$5.00 FOR 5 GAMES

989 Main Street, Newfoundland

Wednesday July 3rd

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM

FIRST GAME STARTS AT 7:00PM



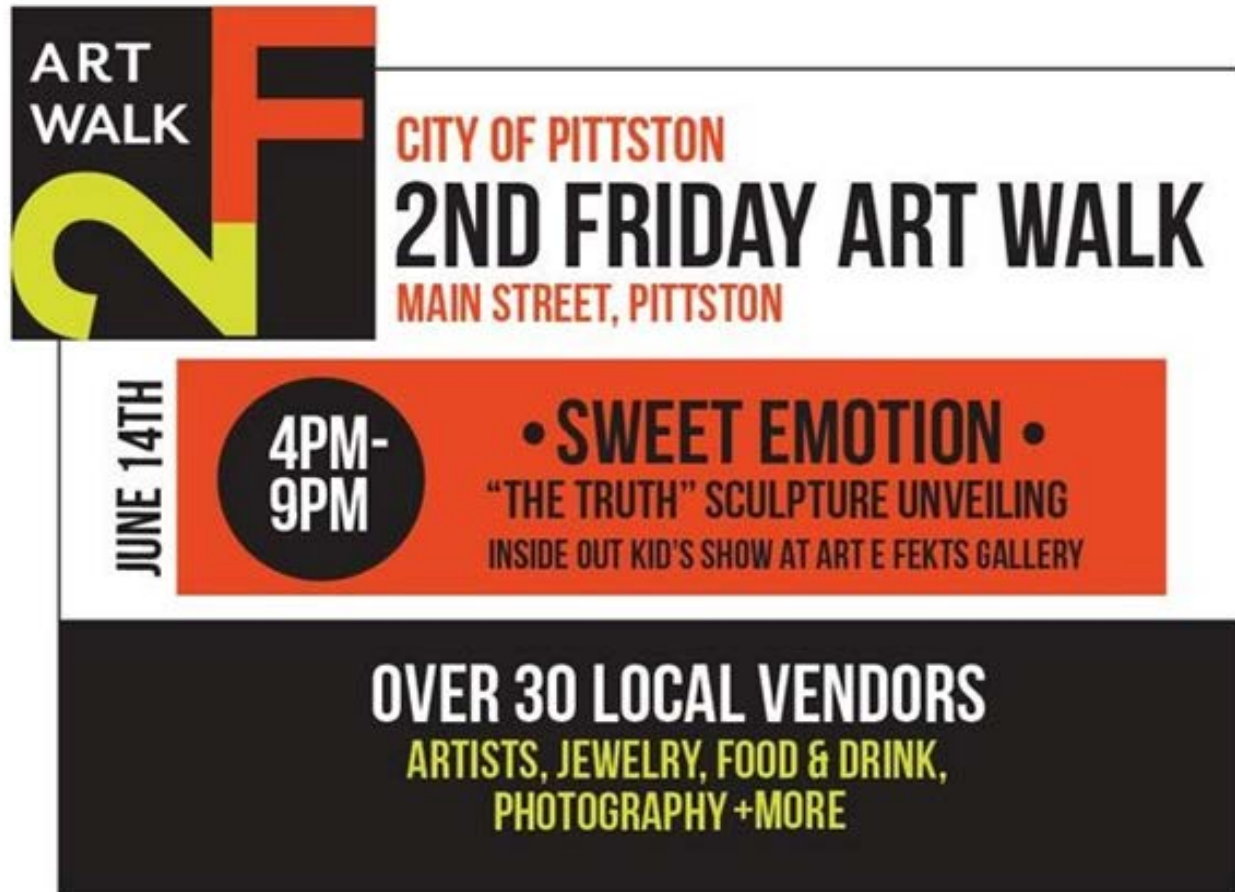
Wyoming Valley Habitat for Humanity in Pittston

The Rotary Club of Pittston helped with a day of service helping Wyoming Valley Habitat for Humanity. The home was located local in Pittston on Market Street and the club members helped with installing windows and siding on the new home.



Meet the Rotary of Pittston at the Pittston Art Walk

Friday June 14 from 4:00pm-9:00pm the Rotary of Pittston will be attending the Pittston Art Walk to promote Rotary to the Pittston citizens. Other dates of the Art Walk will be July 12th 5pm-9pm, and September 13th from 5pm-9pm.



The poster is a rectangular graphic with a white background and a black border. It features a logo on the left with the words "ART WALK" in white on a black background, and a large stylized "2F" in yellow and orange. To the right of the logo, the text "CITY OF PITTSTON" is in orange, followed by "2ND FRIDAY ART WALK" in large black letters, and "MAIN STREET, PITTSTON" in orange. Below this, a red horizontal band contains the date "JUNE 14TH" in white, a black circle with "4PM-9PM" in white, and the text "• SWEET EMOTION •" in large black letters, followed by "“THE TRUTH” SCULPTURE UNVEILING" and "INSIDE OUT KID'S SHOW AT ART E FEKTS GALLERY" in smaller black letters. At the bottom, a black horizontal band contains the text "OVER 30 LOCAL VENDORS" in large white letters, followed by "ARTISTS, JEWELRY, FOOD & DRINK, PHOTOGRAPHY +MORE" in yellow letters.

ART WALK

2F

CITY OF PITTSTON

2ND FRIDAY ART WALK

MAIN STREET, PITTSTON

JUNE 14TH

4PM-9PM

• SWEET EMOTION •

“THE TRUTH” SCULPTURE UNVEILING

INSIDE OUT KID'S SHOW AT ART E FEKTS GALLERY

OVER 30 LOCAL VENDORS

ARTISTS, JEWELRY, FOOD & DRINK, PHOTOGRAPHY +MORE

Keystone Mission Item Drive

The Rotary of Pittston will be collecting items the months of May and June to be donated to the Keystone Mission for those in need. Please see the flyer for more details.

Rotary
of Pittston



KEYSTONE
MISSION

BUILDING A COMMUNITY OF HOPE

DONATIONS

**Rotary Club of Pittston is collecting items
for the Keystone Mission in the month of
May and June. All donations will be given
at the end of June.**

Items Needed:

Toiletries

Baby Wipes

Deodorant

Toothbrushes / Toothpaste

Travel Size

Shampoo, Conditioner, and Soap

Laundry Products



**Scan for
full list
of items!**



**For more information reach out to us at:
www.facebook.com/rotaryofpittston,
rotaryclubofpittston@gmail.com, or
Carmen Ciampi at 570-239-7534**

Thank you and Best Wishes Sebastian!

The Rotary of Pittston was excited to hear from Youth Exchange Student Sebastian Fuentes as their special guest speaker on May 21st and June 4th. May 21st Sebastian presented on his home country's culture of Chile and June 4th he highlighted his experiences in the United States over the last year.

Also on June 4th the Pittston Club had a banner exchange with his home Rotary club in San Miguel, Chile.

Thank you and safe travels on your way home!







BARRETT • PARADISE

CONCERT *in the* PARK

LIVE MUSIC, LOCAL FOOD & REFRESHMENTS, ACTIVITIES & VENDORS



JULY 9, 2024 • 4:30PM - 8:30PM

@ Barrett Admin & Rec • 1200 Thompson Way • Cresco PA

Proceeds benefit the Rotary of the Pocono Mountains

Food & Refreshments • Live Music • Local Vendors • Bounce Houses
Axe Throwing • Games • Face Painters • PT Reptiles & more!

OUR SPONSORS:



Rain Date: July 10th

No outside food
or drink



ADMISSION
\$5

AGES 5 & UNDER FREE
Food not included

For more info email: info@rotarypoconos.com



Tunkhannock Rotary Supports Wyoming County Drug Take Back

Tunkhannock Rotary, in collaboration with the Wyoming County District Attorney's (DA) Office, has been actively involved in community outreach and advertising for the semi-annual Drug Take Back Program since 2014.

The Spring event was Apr 27. Residents who cleaned out their medicine cabinets of expired or unused drugs dropped off 157 pounds of pills that were then collected by law enforcement from 4 local pharmacies and destroyed.

Wyoming County District Attorney Joseph Peters, who is also a Rotarian, stated in an article in the May 15 Wyoming County Press Examiner that "Every pill is a temptation. As such, more than 170,000 tempting opportunities for a young person to experiment with drugs and place themselves on the road to addiction were removed from their grasp".

Tunkhannock Rotary Scholarships

At Tunkhannock Area School District's Senior night on May 15, Rotarian Don Davis presented a \$1,000 academic scholarship to Norah Rickaby who will be attending the University of South Carolina focusing on political science/pre-law.

Don also presented a \$1,000 vocational scholarship to Austin Kimelewski, who will attend the Pa. College of Technology.



*L to R: Norah Rickaby, Rotarian Don Davis,
and Austin Kimelewski*

Flags at Sunnyside Cemetery

Despite the rain on May 18, which was Rotary's Day of Service as well as Armed Forces Day, Rotarians, along with representatives from the American Legion and other local organizations, placed approximately 800 flags on veteran's graves at Sunnyside Cemetery in Tunkhannock.



Wyoming County Narcan Drive Thru

On Sunday May 19, the Wyoming County District Attorney Joseph Peters hosted a Narcan Drive-thru event with the assistance of the Community Awareness Group. This Group was formed by the DA, and includes: Tunkhannock Rotary, Wyoming County Human Services, Wyoming County Chamber of Commerce, Dietrich Theater, Wyoming County Community Health Foundation, Tunkhannock Area School District, Tunkhannock Business & Professional Women, and the Wyoming County Commissioners.

DA Peters is a Tunkhannock Rotarian and Rotary has been orchestrating the community outreach and advertising for this Narcan give away to treat opioid emergencies. In addition, Rotarian Brian Vnuk of Brand Graphic Solutions provided yard signage for this event.

After the event, DA Peters summarized its success as follows: "Who came to pick up Narcan? There was a mom who lost her daughter and didn't want to lose her other one, a grandmother raising her grandchild, a retired law enforcement officer, teachers, business people, students, parents and senior citizens...on and on, and each with a story. They heard about our event on the radio, the ad, the op-ed and yard signs. Over 80 boxes and info were distributed...that's 160 individual doses, out there and ready. We hope not one ever has to be used."

The event made it onto TV: <https://www.pahomepage.com/news/drive-thru-narcan-distribution-event-held-in-tunkhannock/> and into the Wyoming County Press Examiner



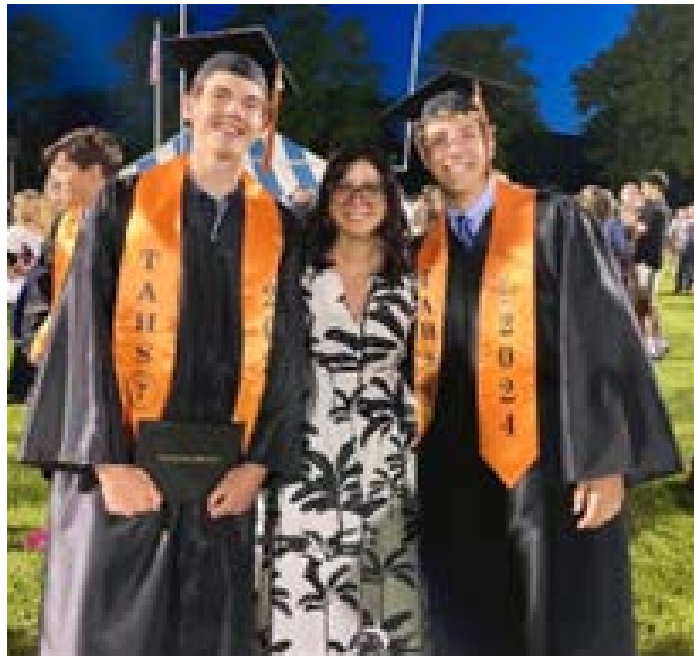
Narcan distribution



Leading the charge to get Narcan in the hands of friends and family members of persons experiencing a drug overdose are Wyoming County District Attorney Joe Peters, and Tunkhannock Rotary President Elaine Walker here at a May 19 outreach at Lazybrook Park. ROBERT BAKER/STAFF PHOTO

Exchange Students Graduate

On Friday, May 31, exchange students Botond Batyky (from Hungary and sponsored by the Abington Club) and Tanguy Verrier-Pattyn (from France and sponsored by the Weatherly Club) were among the 164 students who graduated from Tunkhannock Area High School.



*L to R: Tanguy Verrier-Pattyn, TAHS Interact Club
Advisor Tomassina Fiorillo and Botond Batyky*

Tunkhannock Rotary Preparing for July 3rd Fireworks

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

Fireworks Chair Mike Markovitz reported that plans are proceeding well for this year's concert and fireworks display on Wed. July 3rd, with a rain date of Fri. July 5th.

Gates will open at 6 PM. Admission is free, although donations will be gratefully accepted. Parking in the surrounding lots will be \$5 per car. The donations and parking fees help to partially fund the next year's Fireworks.

While families and friends picnic on the lawn and enjoy each other's company, perennial favorite band PopStar Drive will play from 7 to 9:30 PM on July 3rd. although they are not available for the July 5th rain date.



July 3rd Fireworks

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

Live Entertainment
7:00PM till 9:30PM
POPSTAR DRIVE

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

Rain Date July 5th

presented by the
Rotary
Club of Tunkhannock

