

# News from District 7410

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## Letter from the District Governor

### Greetings to All

This letter comes to you the day after our weekend 2016-2017 District Conference. I'll reflect on the month of April and on our Conference.

### **First, the month of April:**

The month of April was the month I had emphasized as critical to getting all the year's loose ends tied up: POLIO giving, so critical to seeing the end come; Annual Funds to the Foundation; getting the next Grant Proposals ready for submission; assuring you are getting ready with goals for next year to support 2017-2018 with Karin.

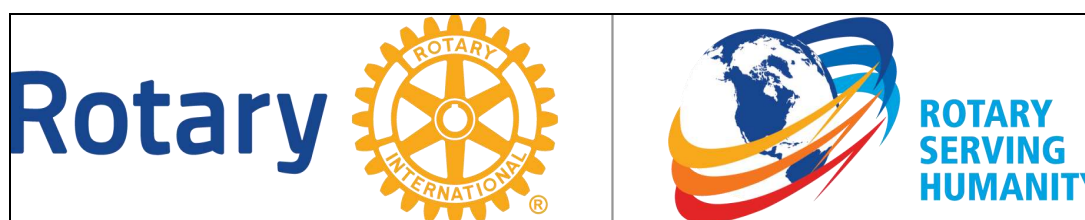
I have taken a look at the District report for the Foundation Giving both the Annual Fund and the Polio Funds.

In the Annual Fund, while there are still some clubs and individuals who may yet contribute, we are currently down \$34,000 from last year. Our average per member contribution across all 1130 members is \$49.10. Now, I quote this knowing that there are a few very generous individuals who have pulled this average up to the \$49.10. Thank you to those individuals who are supporting the Rotary legacy and future resources for Rotarians who are doing good in the world. I am hoping that the data will improve and that some clubs have just not made their contribution to the Annual Fund yet.

On the Polio Fund side: our contributions did increase \$15,000, as we near the end of Polio and need surveillance labs and support in the last few difficult countries and areas. This year and next are THE most critical years yet, when success hangs in the balance. Yes, we improved our Polio giving. However, taking into consideration one very significant gift from a very generous Rotarian, the remainder of us, 1129 Rotarians averaged \$8.85 per Rotarian. If vaccines are still about \$1.00 per dose, the rest of us provided vaccine for 8-9 children and minimal dollars for surveillance. That \$8.85 is less than some spend on coffee in a week. Again, I am very hopeful that there are May and June funds to be sent in for Polio.

Please know that I am aware there are some very generous individuals in our District who give with their heart and soul and are passionate on service. We

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should all admire their generosity of the best charity Foundations in and thank them. How- the world which creates and ever, \$8.85 on average per indi- maintains our Legacy of service is vidual for Polio and \$49.10 per rather small. We have so many individual Rotarian for the year in great fundraisers and activi- TAX DEDUCTIBLE giving is- ties. Yes we do much in our local rather meager among the 1125- communities it's true. How- 1130 members of District ever, our participation in world 7410. When we look at the aver- health and well-being is so neces- sary. We make such a difference relative good fortune and wealth, every day. And where Polio is and our many fundraisers and concerned, it is but an airplane activities, our participation in one ride away if we don't finish it off.

I hope that those clubs that have not sent in their Annual Fund and/or Polio contributions will do so very quickly so that the contribution counts in 2016-2017. Otherwise the funds available for projects in Karen DeMatteo's year 2019-2020 as Governor will be the smallest ever. I hope that every club will look within its coffers and find added generosity there to add some funds to either or both Polio and the Annual fund. Thank you to those generous Rotarians who continue to contribute tremendous funds. For those who are not in a position to give BIG, or lump sums, perhaps you could look at Rotary Direct, (go to the RI web site or call Mary Ellen Bentler for more information). Rotary Direct allows you to charge a fixed amount in fixed frequencies that won't hurt your wallet in a lump but do add up. And there are rewards to the program in discounts and deals. Rotary Direct might help you painlessly give more than you could have guessed without stress.

The proposals for District designated funds for this year are due by the END OF MAY. Don't delay. There are limited funds available. Why not dovetail a gift with a grant proposal at the same time? Get the gift in to be credited for the third year return of DDF funds and the Proposal to utilize this coming year's return from the Foundation.

**Second, the District Conference:**

## We're Late, but We Made It

It has been an interesting month for the District Newsletter. There was the District Conference on the last weekend of the month. It was a busy weekend for DG Marcia and she had to write the accompanying observations in a handful of hours Monday.

Then came the storm, knocking out power in Wyalusing where the editor was in the process of finishing it off once everything came in, proofed and good to go, from Marcia and Sandy.

Let's just say that to accomplish the last part, a mini-generator and a hotspot for internet connection were required.

After all of that, there were technical glitches, but aren't there always when you are under the gun?

So we got it off to Brenda for disbursement on Tuesday morning, May 2. Enjoy! I'm going to sit back and wait for the power to come back on. — Wes

***P.S. I'd like to say as the accompanying artwork indicates, that I was pulling out my hair. It really wasn't that bad and, anyway, I don't have any hair to pull.***



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# DALLAS ROTARY CLUB

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Hilbert's, The Tractor Store, Dallas

Valentine's Fine Jewelry, Dallas

Time: 12PM - 6PM | Where: Luzerne County Fairgrounds. Rte. 118, Dallas

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[The Rotary Club of Tunkhannock](#)

## Meet Max and Her Partner in Training

Tunkhannock Rotarians had the opportunity to meet Max, a beautiful 16-month-old female German shepherd, at their April 13 luncheon. Max was accompanied by her owner, Rotarian Rich Seaberg. Max and Rich are being trained by Alan Finn of Designing Dogs in Old Forge, who also trains medical alert dogs. (See article, page 19)

Max and Rich will eventually be fully trained for drug detection, explosive detection, and search and rescue for lost people. Max is not associated in any way with law enforcement, they are currently a private team.

Rich works for the school district as Security Officer. Max, his personal dog, is very protective of Rich and a wonderful family pet. She began obedience training at six months and the first word she learned was “no.” She will on command stay down for 15 minutes with a goal of 30 minutes. Dogs need to socialize with other dogs, so she went to bite-and-bark class. This training has calmed her down, although she can still display a puppy’s exuberance.

Max knows three languages. English is for everyday use, German is her “working” language and French is her favorite since it is used for treats. Rich works with her for at least an hour a day. They train four days per week with Finn. This training can be a single-dog session or with 12-15 dogs. So that she can be used as a community resource, Tunkhannock Rotary provided a donation of \$5,000 toward the training of Max and Rich-- \$2,500 from a Rotary District Grant with the club matching this amount.

A German shepherd's sense of smell is 20,000 times better than that of humans. Training continues throughout the dog’s life. Currently, Max can detect explosives, guns, and a single bullet in a big room. She is now working on drug detection and when done, she will be certified for drug detection. Search and rescue interests Rich, too, especially to find elderly and special needs children who go missing.



Officer Rich Seaberg and his canine partner, Max, are shown with Tunkhannock Rotary President Ann Way.



### 33rd Annual Rotary





## Relays Invitational

**Saturday May 13 • 10:00 am**

Junior High Track & Field  
Tunkhannock Memorial Stadium

***Come out and cheer on your team!***

| Track Relays                          | Field Relays          |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 4 x 100/110 m Shuttle Hurdles         | 3 x Shotput Relay     |
| 4 x 800 Relay                         | 3 x Discus Relay      |
| 4 x 200 Relay                         | 3 x Javelin Relay     |
| 4 x 1600 Relay (simultaneously run)   | 3 x Long Jump Relay   |
| 4 x 100 Relay                         | 3 x Triple Jump Relay |
| Mid-Distance Medley (800-400-400-800) | 3 x High Jump Relay   |
| 4 x 400 Relay                         | 2 x Pole Vault Relay  |

Organized & Sponsored by: **Rotary**   
Club of Tunkhannock

## The Rotary Club of Mountain Top

### *“Taste of the Mountain” Returning to Intimate Origin*

The Rotary Club of Mountain Top is pleased to announce its seventh Taste of the Mountain event scheduled for May 21, 2017, from 2 until 5 p.m. As always, the popular event will feature Mountain Top area restaurants offering samples of their specialties and most popular dishes.

There is one big change for this year's event is that it is coming back to the Glen Summit Clubhouse where the inaugural Taste of the Mountain was held in 2010: “Our repeat attendees have told us that they preferred the more intimate atmosphere of the Glen Summit setting. Plus, it is closer for Mountaintop residents,” said Michelle



Reilly who suggested people keep an eye on the Mountain-top Rotary's Facebook page for announcements of restaurants joining the event. “Like it back our Facebook page and click h e r e , on the Taste of the Mountain t h o u g h , event and you'll be kept up to m e a n s date in real time.” To secure a spot, restaurants wishing to participate in the event should call Rotary members Paul Cwalina at 570-881-1722 or Dave Switch at 570-498-4641. Space is limited, so restaurants are encouraged to reserve one as soon as possible.”

As of March 16<sup>th</sup> the following restaurants and other vendors have committed to the event: Theodora's, Ice House Pub, King's Ristorante, Cavanaugh's, and Simply Homebrew/Honeyhole Winery.

“As in the past, restaurants come on board as the event approaches. We anticipate hav-

ing at least a dozen,” said Reilly who suggested people keep an eye on the Mountain-top Rotary's Facebook page for announcements of restaurants joining the event. “Like it back our Facebook page and click h e r e , on the Taste of the Mountain t h o u g h , event and you'll be kept up to m e a n s date in real time.”

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Jazz music has also been a staple of the event each year and this year's event will be no exception.

Tickets for the event are \$40 each and are available at the Triangle Pharmacy or online at [www.TasteOfTheMountain.com](http://www.TasteOfTheMountain.com)



The winners of this year's essay contest were honored at the Sayre Rotary Club's luncheon. Left to right are Rotarian and Sayre High School Principal Dayton Handrick, Camryn Brown, Rotarian and Sayre School District Superintendent Sherry Griggs, Sayre Rotary President John Savelli and Donnie Pond. Absent from the photo was Isabella Hess.

## The Rotary Club of Sayre

### *Essay Winners Lauded*

The Sayre Rotary Club has announced the winners of this year's Rotary essay contest from Sayre High School and honored them recently at their weekly luncheon. The 1<sup>st</sup> place winner was Camryn Brown, the 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner was Isabella Hess and the 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner was Donnie Pond.

Each of the winners present read their essays to the Rotary Club members and were presented with their monetary prizes after enjoying lunch at the Rail House Restaurant in Waverly, NY. This year's theme

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**The North Scranton Rotary's  
5<sup>th</sup> Annual Wine & Cigar Sampling  
Saturday May 20th 4:30PM-7:30PM**

**Held at**



**32 Cabernet Dr, Scott Twp**

**Wine Ticket: \$25.00 in Advance, \$30.00 At Door**  
**Includes Wine Tastings, Two Glasses of Wine, and Appetizers**

**Wine & Cigar Ticket: \$35.00 in Advance, \$40.00 At Door**  
**Includes Wine Tastings, Two Glasses of Wine, Appetizers, & Two Cigars (A  
\$20 Retail Value)**

**Door Prizes and Basket Raffles!**

**For tickets, please email [northscrantonrotary@gmail.com](mailto:northscrantonrotary@gmail.com)  
or tickets can be purchased at Sidel's Restaurant (1202 N  
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**Event Sponsored by Summit Cigar, 215 Clark  
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[The Rotary Club of The Stroudsburgs](#)

## Recognizing Hundreds of Years of Rotary Service

On April 20<sup>th</sup> Past President, Don Hannig, recognized 27 Rotarians for five-plus years of service. Fifty-five year member John Kulba shared with the club that his Rotary

journey began as he was finishing medical school and was encouraged by a Rotarian professor to open a practice in the Poconos and join Rotary. The rest is history.

Ten members who have been members for 25 years or more were congratulated and represent at least 335 years of Rotary service to our communities. As if that is not impressive enough, Angelo Ortenzi passed the 50-year threshold with perfect attendance.

Congratulations to the following:

**5 Years:** Harriet Dronska, Linda Keefer, Jessica Peetz, Ruth Ann Rocchio, and Ramlah Vahanvaty

**10 Years:** Rob Howell, Holley Kearns, Ed Kmetz, Rick Munson, Michele Baehr, Rich Berkowitz, Maria Candelaria, and Jody Mutchler

**15 Years:** Jim Becker, John Hoback, and Ginny Kirkwood

**20 Years:** Dave Yarosh

**25 Years:** Ted Butz, Bob Lear, and Dick Ludwig

**35 Years:** Neal Simpson and Gary Roberts



**President Ruth Ann Rocchio congratulates Ange Ortenzi and John Kulba (l-r) on their combined 105 years of Rotary service.**

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### SAYRE ESSAYS...

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which was open to 11<sup>th</sup> grade students was "Service above Self" which is Rotary's Moto. This Moto exemplifies the humanitarian spirit of the organization's more than 1.2 million members. Camryn Brown's 1<sup>st</sup> place winning essay will be submitted to the Rotary International District 7410 Essay Contest for judging, where monetary prizes will be awarded for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners. Mike Frantz of the

Sayre High School has been instrumental in organizing this essay contest this year and for many years in the past and the Sayre Rotary Club would like to express their gratitude.

Anyone interesting in learning more about Rotary is welcome to attend the weekly luncheon held every Tuesday at 12:10 pm at the Rail House Restaurant in Waverly, NY or "like us" on Face Book.



**Stroudsburgs President Ruth Ann Rocchio welcomes Charlie Kirkwood and Laura Capowski as the two newest Paul Harris Fellows. At right is secretary and past president, Michele Baehr (Laura Capowski's daughter).**

# 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Community Aviation Day Fly-In Drive-In Breakfast

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**Pancake Breakfast Tickets**  
**\$10 Adults**  
**\$6 Children 12 & under**

**Sunday, MAY 28**

**8:00 am - 2:00 pm**

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## The Rotary Club of Tunkhannock



Stefano and Maurizio Sica from Naples, Italy, flank their son, Stefano, as they exchange club banners with Tunkhannock President Ann Way.

## *From Italy With Love...*

The Tunkhannock Rotary Club was honored on April 13 by the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Maurizio Sica, parents of inbound Italian exchange student Stefano Sica, at its luncheon at Purkey's Pink Apple.

After he introduced his parents to the club, Stefano translated for his father who thanked the Club, the community and the David Kuffa family for hosting his son this year.

Mr. Sica is the past president of the Napoli Rotary Club. He invited our Rotarians to visit Naples and his Rotary Club. Mr. Sica also presented the club with a banner and a book on the castle where they hold their club meetings.



RYLA students (from left) are Quinlan Hammersley, Laina Rominski and Alexandra Falzone

## **RYLA Students Share Experiences**

At the April 20 Club Luncheon, Tunkhannock Area students Quinlan Hammersley, Laina Rominski and Alexandra Falzone shared their experiences at the 2016 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) 5-day Conference at Keystone College. They were part of a group of six Tunkhannock students completing their sophomore years who had shown leadership potential in their home, school, and community and thus were selected to attend RYLA.

RYLA emphasizes leadership, citizenship, and personal growth and it was clear that goal was achieved by these students. They were confident, calm and well-prepared for their talks. In addition, 1 of the students commented that she had learned to come out of her shell because of the conference.

They expressed their delight at meeting 80 fellow-attendees

and making new friendships that have continued beyond the conference. Laina enjoyed RYLA so much that she is going back this

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**40 Years:** Ray Starnner

**45 Years:** Clarence Murphy and Ernie Rydell

**50 Years:** Angelo Ortenzi (perfect attendance)

**55 Years:** John Kulba

On April 6, two new Paul Harris Fellows were welcomed to the Rotary Club of the Stroudsburgs: Charlie Kirkwood and Laura Capowski.

*Upcoming Events: The club's annual Spaghetti Dinner Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, May 20, 4-7PM, at the East Stroudsburg High School South. Mark your calendars now for the "Best Spaghetti Dinner" in the Poconos, served up by the Greatest Rotary Club.*

[Athens, Sayre & Waverly Rotaries](#)



### **Waverly Wins Back Shoe in Alley Rumble**

Shown are various members of the Athens, Sayre and Waverly Rotary Clubs and Waverly Junior Rotarians with John Savelli (right) President of Sayre Rotary Club and Chris Curry (left) from Waverly Rotary Club who appears to be having a hard time getting the trophy back from Sayre Rotary who won it from Waverly last year. The members of the Athens, Sayre and Waverly Rotary Clubs recently met for battle on the lanes of the Valley Bowling Center in Waverly, NY to vie for their cherished trophy: The Shoe. The trophy has been in the possession of the Sayre Rotary Club as winners of the annual contest last year. However, after today's loss, the trophy is now back in the possession of the Waverly Rotary Club as the current winners of the Battle for the Shoe. Each year the Valley Rotary Clubs meet for lunch at the Valley Bowling Center, after which they have their bowling match. A good time is always had by all attending: those who bowl and those who cheer. Rotary is one of the oldest service organizations in existence, having been formed in 1905. Rotary's motto, Service Above Self, exemplifies the humanitarian spirit of the organization's more than 1.2 million members. Anyone interested in more information, should visit [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).

The best way to find yourself  
*is to lose yourself...*  
in the service of others.

**Mahatma Gandhi**



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# Our Clubs in Action

## The Rotary Club of Tunkhannock

### *D.A.R.E.: Teaching Kids to Make Good Decisions in Life*

At the April 13 Rotary Club Luncheon at Purkey's Pink Apple, Tunkhannock Area School District Community Resource Officer Rich Seaberg spoke to the club about the D.A.R.E (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program that he provides to fifth graders in the Tunkhannock Area School District. The D.A.R.E. program is a police-based course meant as a class-room experience to teach students good decision making, helps them define problems and make responsible/good choices at a young age. The course provides practice responding to good and bad pressure, including peer pressure, and teaches them how to be a positive peer pressure for their families and friends. They also talk about communication styles and how overwhelming electronic communication can be for them, including cell phones.

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

They also learn to avoid risky situations and to never put themselves in a situation from which they cannot escape such as a creepy alleyway.

Then they talk about drugs, alcohol and their abuse. One topic discussed is advertising for tobacco, drugs and alcohol. Rich showed a video about the advertising for beer, wine & liquor near schools and fast food restaurants, including beverage advertisements for the holidays. Some of the ads are clearly meant for kids, since some of the ads are on toys and even baby

In photo at right are (from left) Tunkhannock Rotary President Ann Way; Mrs. Gregory and son, Brody Gregory, winning essayist; Rotarians Ruth Gorski and Officer Rich Seaberg. Below right President Way presents check to support D.A.R.E. to Seaberg and below left D.A.R.E mentors Brian Muckin (back to camera) and Saira Gamez.



bibs. The students also are assaulted with ads on TV and the internet, where the ads for these substances can be cute and funny.

Rich then spoke about the D.A.R.E. mentor program where high school students go to the Middle School and discuss topics directly with the kids. The 5<sup>th</sup> graders will talk about things with the mentors that they may not discuss with Rich. The mentors also talk with the kids about the good and bad things that happened to them in class.

Pres. Ann Way presented Rich with a check for \$1,500 to fund an award for

the best end-of-course D.A.R.E. essay and t-shirts to be given to the students when they graduate from the program. Rich invited all Tunkhannock Rotarians to attend the graduation on Friday Apr 21 at the Tunkhannock Middle School auditorium. Several Rotarians took him up on the invitation and watched as 189 5<sup>th</sup> graders graduated from the D.A.R.E. course. Each student wore the D.A.R.E. t-shirt which acknowledged the Tunkhannock Rotary Club on the back. The essay contest winner Brody Gregory read his winning essay and was presented with a \$100 check.



**[www.wingsoverwine.info](http://www.wingsoverwine.info)**

**Time:** Noon - 5p.m.

**Date:** Saturday May 13, 2017

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# You're Invited to Wine and Dine Rain or Shine



Some of the Wine and Dine Festival Committee members met recently to plan this much anticipated annual event. Seated from left: Melissa Saxon, co-chair Colette Mahoney, co-chair Paul Saxon, Kelvin Swanger. Standing: Kim Reynolds, Ken Chapple, JoAnn Prohaska, Art Peoples, Ashley Wagner. Other committee members not pictured: Brenda Pugh, Todd Buckley, Jason Jolley, Ed Gray, Becky Reinert, Sandy Peoples.

[The Rotary Club of Plains](#)

The Plains Rotary hosted its three 2017 Essay contest winners from Coughlin High School, Brooke Schiel, Melissa Rush, Jacob Garms, and their parents at their April 19 meeting in the Woodlands Inn. The theme of this year's essay was the Rotary motto "Service above Self". Each student was presented a certificate of excellence and a cash prize. Shown from left are Melissa, Brooke and club president Allen Bartoli. Jacob was not present when the picture was taken.

## Essay Winners



The Dallas Rotary Club, in association with the Dallas Area Fall Fair, Inc., will be sponsoring its fifth annual special wine and dine event for charity on Saturday, June 17 from noon until 6:00 p.m. at the Luzerne County Fairgrounds, Rt. 118, Dallas, PA.

The Wine & Dine Festival will feature tastings of the finest wines from the Back Mountain and Endless Mountains areas and beyond. A variety of food and goods will also be on sale by area vendors and craftsmen, and there will be live musical entertainment all day long.



The Dallas Rotary Club is an all-volunteer, public service organization and will be holding this event to support their various charities and projects in our community.

**Visit their web site at: [www.DallasRotaryWineandDine.com](http://www.DallasRotaryWineandDine.com) or look for them on Facebook for ticket information on line or at local retailers. As part of their fifth annual celebration, they are introducing an exclusive VIP tent. Check out the features and benefits on their web site. Space is limited and tickets will be sold only on line.**



**Rotary Club  
of the Stroudsburgs**

# SPAGHETTI DINNER

**Saturday, May 20 2017**

**4 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

**\$8 Per Person**

**ALL YOU CAN EAT**

**Kids under 10 FREE**

**TICKETS and INFORMATION**

**RotarySpaghetti@gmail.com**

**East Stroudsburg High School South  
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East Stroudsburg, PA 18301**

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The final figures for attendance and the analysis of expenses versus budget are not as yet complete. So, I will come back to a more fully flushed out report next month. As with every conference, there were high points and low points; parts that surpassed expectations and parts that disappointed. We had excellent presenters and speakers who were very inspiring and informative. We had one of the best Houses of Friendship ever with many presentations of projects and activities from the clubs. Our raffle baskets brought in \$1020. for Foundation. Thank you to the North Scranton Club for sponsoring and caring for the House of Friendship and for hosting a Hospitality Room on the Friday evening of the Conference.

We recognized Rick Williams from the Scranton Rotary as District Rotarian of the Year for his years of service and particularly excellent event preparation for the District Polio Event held at The Lackawanna Radisson. Bob Stevenson from the Jim Thorpe Rotary was recognized for Distinguished Service for his Rotary dedication and for the idea and development of the Jim Thorpe Ghost Walk which is a premiere Rotary contribution to the Tourism of Jim Thorpe and recognition for

Rotary in their community.

Our Conference Project, "The Shoe that Grows," has been very successful **so far and I emphasize 'so far' because some have pledged additional or 'late breaking' donations.** As of the close of

Conference, we have more than 450 pairs of shoes with more commitments on their way. Special shout out and thanks to the Rotary of the Abingtons, Stroudsburg and Tunkhannock for the top three Clubs that came in over the amount requested. These three clubs together contributed approximately 195 pairs of that 450 pairs of shoes. And there is more good news: we have identified three schools on the border of Syria and Lebanon where refugee children are attending and desperately need shoes. With Kenton Lee's help, we will be able to execute an order and expedite the shoes to needy refugees at these schools. Karen DeMatteo from Stroudsburg has been instrumental in collecting the funds and drumming up support for the donations. Joe Loughman from North Scranton and John John from Pittston have done the same. All Assistant Governors are working on the Project application. Joe Loughman is working on the manufacturing and shipping coordination and John John has identified

Rotary Clubs in Lebanon who can be our representatives to help on the ground. And I want to recognize the Towanda Rotarians for planting the seed early in this Rotary year that the Conference should support a District Project. TOGETHER, WE ARE ROTARIANS SERVING HUMANITY.

I will stop there and come back in June to wrap up the picture of the Conference with more final outcomes. The committee worked very hard to meet several stout goals. They did cut the cost of the conference to half of what previous conferences have cost, gave a 'first time conference-goers' discount, provided a broader House of Friendship concept, and had younger Speakers on Service. We will be asking for feedback from conference attendees as we do have high points, and we always need to look forward to continuous improvement for the future.

District Conferences are not a cakewalk. I want to sincerely thank Roger Mattes for his tireless efforts as Conference Chair, and the entire committee and cast of contributors who made memorable District Conference memorable. Final follow up in June.

**All the Best in Rotary,  
DG Marcia Loughman**





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# **The North Scranton Rotary's Dick Laske Memorial Fishing Derby**

**May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 10:00AM-12:00PM**

**At South Abington Park**



**This is a free event for children and their families. There will be refreshments and awards for all fishermen.**



**Please note that a fishing license is required in the state of Pennsylvania for participants age 16 and over.**

[The Rotary Club of Tunkhannock](#)

## Service Dogs Trained to Alert, Protect Owners

Recently, the Tunkhannock Club was privileged to hear about the capabilities of trained medical alert dogs. Jean Crawford and her medical alert dog, Mississippi, were our guests at our March 23 Rotary Luncheon at Purkey's Pink Apple. Jean was also accompanied by her husband and his hearing alert dog Montana Jean, who will alert him to certain noises and alarms.

Jean talked about the extensive training and amazing capabilities of Mississippi, who was trained by Allen Finn, who is also training Rich Seaberg and Max the drug/search dog. Mississippi was trained in a year. Service dogs must have a rabies tag, a collar and a leash, but Jean likes to keep his service vest on as well. They can go in public places.

Mississippi is trained to alert her 15-60 minutes before she is going to fall. She tends to fall to the right and he leans against her on that side. He wakes her up when she stops breathing in her sleep and will pick things up when she drops them. He will also take things to her, including bringing her meds to her. He will then put them back where they should be stored. If she says the word 'free', the dog



**Jean Crawford (right) and her husband with their specially trained dogs. Mr. Crawford has a hearing alert dog, Montana, and Jean's dog, Mississippi, is a medical alert dog.**

knows he can move away from her. Otherwise he is on duty.

If you see a service dog in a store, talk to their person before you talk to or interact with the dog. Do not ask what the dog is for, since that is a privacy matter as to what may be wrong with the dog's owner.



### **Tunkhannock Club Welcomes Newest Member**

At a recent Rotary Club Luncheon at Purkey's Pink Apple, President Ann Way inducted Elaine Walker into the Tunkhannock Rotary Club. Dave Wilson was Elaine's sponsor. Club members heartily welcomed Elaine into the Rotary family.

In photo (from left) are Sponsor Dave Wilson, Elaine Walker and Ann Way.



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*7th Annual*

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Rotary Club of Hazleton

**Helping Unsheltered Homeless Survive**

The United Children’s Home, West Hazleton, received a \$2,000 “Service Above Self” Community Service Grant from The Rotary Club of Hazleton for a project that will have the boys at the home preparing Winter Survival Kits for the area’s homeless who for a variety of reasons are not staying in a shelter. Shown from left are Rotary President Pat Ward, Rotary President-Elect Antonia Kelpsh, United Charities Director Betsy Urzillo and United Charities Home Associate Director Jill Zapotocky.

The Rotary Club of Mid Valley

**Paying Their Respects to Those Who Served**

The Mid Valley Rotary Club held its annual Veterans Recognition event held at the Valley Community Library in Peckville in the Gino Merli room.

The event was hosted by the Mid Valley Rotary club with assistance from the Rotary club of Trail. The program highlighted World War II veterans who shared their experiences. Our guest speaker was the Honorable Judge Tom Munley, a Viet Nam veteran.

Deceased Rotarian and veteran Stan Kennedy, from the Mid Valley Club was recognized for his past contributions to making this annual



Shown from above left: Mid Valley Rotarians Gene DeAngeles and PDG Toni McAndrew; WW II veterans honored, and Judge Tom Munley speaks.



event such a success.

District 7410 PDG’s who attended the event included Bill Speare, Tom Melia and Toni McAndrew.

# Rotary Club of Hamlin/Lake Ariel Benefit Golf Tournament Monday June 5, 2017



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### Schedule:

- 11:00: Registration opens**
- 11:30: Luncheon and Putting Contest Qualifiers**
- 1:00: Shotgun Start - 4 Person Captain and Crew**
- 5:30: Putting Contest Finals**
- 5:30: Dinner and Awards Ceremony**
- Price: \$99 per golfer, Non-golfer: \$49 (includes lunch and dinner)**

### Players:

Team Captain \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Player 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Player 3 \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Player 4 \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Non-golfer(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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Please return your form with payment to any club member or mail to:  
Rotary Club of Hamlin/Lake Ariel PO Box 364 Hamlin, PA 18427

## The Rotary Club of Wyoming

### **RYLA...**

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year as a Junior Counselor.

Each student was a member of a Team during the Conference. Each team worked on a project that provided hands-on experience with student planning, implementation and evaluation.

Quinlan was a member of the Creative Athletics team. Their challenge was to create an original game that presented both physical and mental challenges alongside a focus on teamwork, in which all of the conferees participated.

Laina was in the Graduation group. The Graduation group spent its time at RYLA planning, decorating and crafting the best final day possible and one that reflects the RYLA experience.

Alex was on the Band and Chorus team. Band and Chorus composed and preformed 2 original selections, which were heard at graduation.



### **State Legislator Gives Budget Lowdown**

State Representative and Rotarian Karen Boback spoke to the Wyoming Rotary Club recently at the Fire & Ice Restaurant, Trucksville, about the state budget process. Shown from left are John Harrington, Boback, Mike Sobeck – Club President, Rich Sobeck

### **Come Out and Cheer at Relays**

On Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup>, the Tunkhannock Rotary Club will host its 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Rotary Relays Invitational Track & Field Meet for Junior High School athletes. The relays will take place at 10 AM at Tunkhannock Memorial Stadium. Athletes will compete as teams in 14 events and medals will be awarded to the winning teams.

All Rotarians, family and friends are invited to come out and cheer on their Junior High teams. Teams will be coming from all over Northeastern PA. If your local team is not yet signed up for the Relays, they can still do so by downloading the entry form at [www.tunkhannockrotary.org](http://www.tunkhannockrotary.org). The Junior Class will operate the concession stand and a t-shirt vendor will be on site for the purchase and personalization of t-shirts for the athletes, students and attendees. Donations will be collected from the public to benefit Special Olympics.



**—See our event ad on Page Four—**

**New Rotarians**

## District 7410 — 2017 Club Data

|                      |                  |
|----------------------|------------------|
| Abingtons            | Matthew Keisling |
| Slate Belt Rotary    | Susan Grossan    |
| Trail (Factoryville) | Kelly Martin     |
| Tunkhannock          | Nathan Reeves    |
| Tunkhannock          | Raymond Reeves   |
| Tunkhannock          | Matthew Toolan   |

| Club              | Total Mem. | New Mem. | Attend. % |
|-------------------|------------|----------|-----------|
| Abingtons         | 56         | 1        |           |
| Athens            | 17         |          |           |
| Blakeslee         | 11         |          | 76.22%    |
| Dallas            | 43         |          | 54.00%    |
| Dunmore           | 14         |          |           |
| Forest City Area  | 14         |          | 55.40%    |
| Freeland          | 10         |          |           |
| Hamlin            | 32         |          | 42.19%    |
| Hawley            | 21         |          |           |
| Hazleton          | 78         |          | 35.59%    |
| Honesdale         | 37         |          |           |
| Jim Thorpe        | 25         |          | 40.00%    |
| Kingston          | 20         |          | 66.00%    |
| Lehighton         | 9          |          |           |
| Mid-Valley        | 2          |          | 100.00%   |
| Milford-Matamoras | 25         |          | 60.00%    |
| Montrose          | 22         |          |           |
| Mountaintop       | 21         |          | 49.00%    |
| Mt. Pocono        | 19         |          |           |
| New Milford       | 21         |          |           |
| Newfoundland      | 39         |          | 76.03%    |
| North Pocono      | 18         |          |           |
| North Scranton    | 22         |          |           |
| Pittston          | 17         |          | 41.00%    |
| Plains            | 19         |          |           |
| Plymouth          | 22         |          |           |
| Pocono Mountains  | 21         |          | 0.00%     |
| Sayre             | 17         |          | 63.00%    |
| Scranton          | 38         |          | 0.00%     |
| Slate Belt Rotary | 19         | 1        | 70.00%    |
| Smithfields       | 22         |          | 42.42%    |
| Stroudsburgs, The | 105        |          | 66.20%    |
| Towanda           | 14         |          |           |
| Trail             | 17         | 1        |           |
| Troy              | 22         |          |           |
| Tunkhannock       | 68         | 3        |           |
| Weatherly         | 10         |          |           |
| Wellsboro         | 44         |          |           |
| West End          | 16         |          |           |
| Wilkes-Barre      | 30         |          |           |
| Winola            | 15         |          |           |
| Wyalusing Area    | 26         |          | 30.00%    |
| Wyoming Rotary    | 19         |          | 39.00%    |



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