



# News from District 7410

Welcome...

May 2019



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## Letter from the District Governor:

Spring is here! The birds are singing, the flowers are blooming, and everywhere Rotarians are out sprucing up their communities. We have countless projects going on this month throughout the district. Many highway clean-ups are taking place and people can see many of the good works that Rotary is doing. Please don't be shy about letting the public know about your efforts.

Our District Conference was a great success! We had many Rotarians attend the conference in Scranton at the historic Radisson hotel at Lackawanna Station. Attendance was up. Costs were down, and enjoyment and camaraderie were on the menu. There will be more information on the Conference in a separate article.

New officers start making your plans. The new fiscal year is right around the corner, and will be here sooner than you think. Current officers get those things you've been planning done before it's too late. Encourage your membership to give generously to the Foundation before the end of the fiscal year. Set the example by giving yourself. See how many new Paul Harris Fellows your club can have before

year's end. Our future grant funding depends on it.

Have you thought about International Service? I'm asking every club to select an International Service chairman. We want to try to coordinate our efforts, and bring many clubs or clusters together to embark on new joint international service projects. Please let your Assistant Governors know about your selections.

I recently came across a writing from St Francis of Assisi. It said:

Keep a clear eye towards life's end. Do not forget your purpose and destiny as God's creature. What you are in his sight is what you are and nothing more. Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received, but only what you have given: a full heart enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice and courage.

St. Francis would have made a good Rotarian.

*Roger*

Rotary 2019 District Conference

## ***“History and Heritage” Take Center Stage***

BY DG ROGER MATTES

This year's District Conference was a wonderful event. This year's theme was “History and Heritage”. Appropriately, the historic Radisson Hotel at the Lackawanna Station in Scranton was the setting. District Conference Chairman Tim Genetti and his committee devoted months of planning and scheduling to make this year's conference enjoyable and affordable.

Their work was well worth their efforts!

It started off with a district service project where several Rotarians and guests assembled hygiene bags for the poor and homeless. We had so many volunteers they had to work in shifts due to the shortage of space. ***(See highlights from AG Dave Palmer on the following page.)*** Contributions of soap, shampoo, lotions, washcloths, toothbrushes, tissue packs, etc. were obtained from generous companies and individuals. In all, close to 2,000 bags were distributed to food pantries and homeless shelters throughout the district.

Following the service project we held a memorial service for district Rotarians who have passed away this year. The event was solemn, but in a way joyous as we celebrated the lives of our Rotarians friends.

The Friday night banquet was an Irish themed buffet with renowned author David Foreward as our keynote speaker. David spoke about the history of Rotary, where we've been, where we are now, and where we are heading in the future.

R.I. President Barry Rassin sent



his fellow Bahamian countryman, Felix Stubbs, as his personal representative. Felix and his charming wife Carla were gracious guests and quite informative about Rotary. Felix was the keynote speaker for our Saturday night banquet, and reiterated the concept of “Being the Inspiration”. They thoroughly enjoyed the optional costume party where several guests came dressed in native costumes reflecting various ethnic heritages. While Carla wasn't accustomed to our northern climate, she did brave the elements to wander down the street to sample brews from the Northern Lights coffee shop.

Also present was R.I. Trustee Valerie Wafer. Valerie has served as the R.I. International Trainer and is scheduled to join R.I. Board of Directors for the years 2020-2022. Valerie's spoke at the afternoon session about the many changes Rotary has been experiencing in the last few years, and how these changes can impact us at the club level.

Our youth were also included in the Conference. The winners of the annual District Essay contest were

announced, and the top three essays were read to the audience. The Youth Exchange student attended in mass, and we held the annual Jacket Exchange for the outward bound exchange students.

The District Conference is an opportunity for Rotarians to gather together and learn from each other. It's about friendships, common causes, networking, sharing ideas, and working together in countless ways to serve your communities.

Plans are already in the works for next year's conference. DGE Karen DeMatteo has already put together a team to plan the event. While she will have her work cut out for her to top this year's conference, I'm sure Karen is up for the challenge. If you haven't thought of attending a District Conference in the past, consider doing so next year.

You'll be surprised on just how enjoyable they can be.





## Rotary 2019 District Conference

# Rotarians Prove to Be “People of Action”

People of Action was in full display on April 5<sup>th</sup> at the beginning of the District Conference at the Radisson Hotel in Scranton Pennsylvania. Approximately 60 Rotarians jostled for a chance to pull a one-half hour shift in a two-hour period at the Lackawanna Board Room to package approximately 2,000 individual Ziplock bags with hygiene items.

The items and Ziplock bags were donated by various businesses and District Rotary Clubs in the district, including Boscov's Department Store, Dial Soap Corporation, and Nicholson Lumber. A large number of items were also delivered in bulk to various charities and non-profits in the District.

These charities included Hawley-Victims Intervention Program of Wayne and Pike Counties, Pike County Hands of Hope, Tri-States Pregnancy Center Honesdale, Grace Episcopal Church Warmth in the Night, Newfoundland, Milford/Matamoras-Blooming Grove Food Panty, Shohola Elementary School, Milford Food Pantry, Interfaith of Susquehanna and Wyoming Counties, My Brother's Keeper of Hop Bottom, Victims Resource Center of Tunkhannock.

Additionally, the **Keystone Mission, Wilke-Barre; Salvation Army, West Pittston; Catherine McAuley House, Plymouth; St Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen Wilkes-Barre; Tioga Country Houseless Initiative and Harbor Counseling Rehabilitation, Wellsboro.**

Finally, the Salvation Army soup kitchen, Scranton, and a Scranton based Veterans group serving the homeless. And, God's People Helping People, Stroudsburg; Pleasant Valley Ecumenical Network; and The Mission of Love in Bangor.

Ready for another such event in the future?

**Rotarians Are Ready !**



Honesdale President Dolores Leopardi (left) and Mrs. Sue Erb-Grace Episcopal Church Warmth in the Night, Newfoundland.



## Rotary District 7410

# In Action Project

to provide personal hygiene items to regional shelters & community based humanitarian organizations

Items include: Soap, Shampoo, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Wash Cloths & more

Special Thank You To Our Sponsors

Boscov's Department Stores  
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# 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Aviation Day Fly-In Drive-In Breakfast

**Public Welcome**

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

Tickets at the gate or go to  
[RotaryFlyInBreakfast.com](http://RotaryFlyInBreakfast.com)

**Sunday, May 26, 2019**

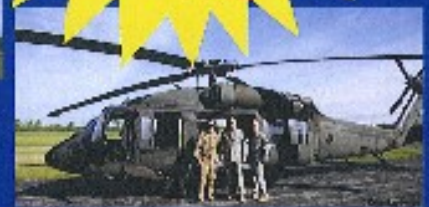
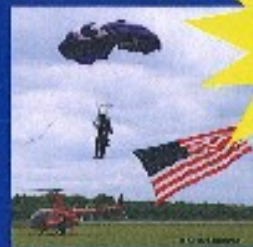
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[The Rotary Club of the Abingtons](#)

## ***State's Teacher of Year Speaks to Club***



**Marilyn Pryle**

Teaching standout Marilyn Pryle was a recent guest speaker at the weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of the Abingtons. Marilyn was named Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year for 2019 in recognition of her innovative teaching and dedication to her students.

She competed with candidates from 500 school districts statewide and will represent Pennsylvania in next year's

National Teacher of the Year competition.

As an English teacher at Abington Heights High School she has taught for more than twenty years and authored several books about teaching reading and writing.

They include "Reading with Presence:= Crafting Mindful, Evidence-Based Reading Responses."



**MONDAY,  
MAY 27  
2019**

## ***PDG Gathering Reminder of Our Valuable Resource***

One of the greatest tools any District Governor has is the council of Past District Governors (PDGs). Our district is blessed in having a very active group of PDGs who meet on a regular basis to discuss the many issues our district faces, to keep abreast of the many activities taking place throughout the district, and to socialize with the many people who have made this district what it is today.

Recently the Council of PDGs met for an informal gathering at the home of District Governor Roger Mattes. The weather was perfect, the food was abundant, and the camaraderie was priceless.

Many members who had not been seen for quite a while came to socialize, including Al Crosby (2004-2005), from Gettysburg, and Congressman Matt Cartwright ((2001-2002), on break from his duties in Washington.

Our longest serving PDG, Gus Vlassis (1979-1980) was present as was our newest member to the

PDG council, Karin Breitlauch (2017-2018). The next two Governors, DGE Karen DeMatteo, and DGN Joe Loughman were also on hand to greet their predecessors. In all we had 36 PDGs and guests attend the event.

While this was billed strictly as an informal get-together with no business on the agenda, the PDGs all seemed to want to talk business. These people were meant to serve, and have no intention on stopping simply because their terms have expired. They have a wealth of knowledge of Rotary and how to get things done.

Their experience, strength and hope for the future are available to anyone in the district. If any club leader or member feels that they can benefit from this vast resource, you are encouraged to contact any PDG. Their contact information is available on our website. They would be happy to be of assistance.



# Rotary Club of Mountain Top's Steam Train Excursion

July 6th, 2019



## **SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Presenting Sponsor: \$1,000**

- 4 Complimentary Tickets
- Recognition in all press releases and advertising
- A sign on all train cars, the day of the ride

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## The Rotary Club of Tunkhannock

# Tunkhannock Rotarians Continue Tradition Of Giving Back to Community Organizations

Each October, Tunkhannock Rotary's "People of Action" hold their Harvest & Wine Festival. Every Spring, the proceeds from the Festival are shared with a variety of community organizations as part of the Clubs commitment to "Service Above Self". During April, 5 organizations were recipients of donations from the club totaling \$14,500.

### Seven Loaves Soup Kitchen...

At the April 4th Rotary meeting, Club President Mike Markovitz presented a check for \$3,000 to the Seven Loaves Soup Kitchen. Raleigh Bloch accepted the check

and discussed the gratitude they have for community donations that assist with meals every month. 155 individuals volunteer at the soup kitchen to help provide food to those in need. The Seven Loaves

Shown receiving checks from Tunkhannock Rotary President Mike Markovitz from top left clockwise:  
 =Raleigh Bloch, Seven Loaves Soup Kitchen;  
 =Margie Young for the Wyoming County Cultural Center of the Dietrich Theater.  
 =Drug Treatment Court Judge Russell Shurtleff  
 =Jeff Swire accepting the Patriots Cove, and  
 =Cathy Franko receiving check on behalf of H.A.N.D.S. of Wyoming County



Soup Kitchen was founded on September 7, 2007 and their mission since then has been to provide a hot, nutritious meal for all in need. The soup kitchen is located at 51 Warren Street, Tunkhannock, PA, and serves dinner Monday-Friday from 5pm to 6:30pm.

### Wyoming County Cultural Center of the Dietrich Theater

Also at the April 4th meeting, Pres. Mike Markovitz presented a check for \$4,000 to the [Wyoming County Cultural Center of the Dietrich Theater](#). Margie Young, Dietrich's Program Coordinator accepted the check.

Margie thanked the Club for the funding that supports the Film Festival and 3 programs appealing to ages 2 to 94. Music for Littles is a program for children (2.5-5 yr old)

and caregivers (usually 10-12 children plus caregiver) where they explore all kinds of instruments and singing. The Golden Age of Radio Players is for the senior population. There are around 16 volunteer actors, who perform real radio plays attended by over 100 people per performance. The money also supports dances classes for the intellectually disabled of Keystone Resources, which combine art, music and exercise.



At the Apr 11 Rotary Meeting, Club President Mike Markovitz presented checks to the Drug Treatment Court, Patriot's Cove and H.A.N.D.S. of Wyoming County.

### Drug Treatment Court...

Judge Russell Shurtleff, President Judge on the Wyoming-& Sullivan County Court of Common Pleas in Pennsylvania was the guest speaker at the April 11 Rotary meeting. The

*SEE, "GIVING BACK," PAGE 10.*



## **Rotarians we need you!**

Are you creative and enjoy making graphic design master pieces that will help your fellow Rotarians to sparkle and shine? Is Social Media something you really enjoy? Join the Public Image team and assist the District and clubs to put on their best face.

**Do you enjoy working with young people? They are the future of Rotary and the world. Energetic and fun Rotarians are need to assist with RYLA, Interact and Rotaract**

Is the Rotary Foundation your chairity of choice? Join the committee and help our District make a difference in the World.

**Is membership your passion? Do you like meeting new people and inviting them to Rotary? Be a part of the Membership Team and help us to GROW Rotary!**

**Your District needs you to step up and be a part of the solution! Please contact DGE Karen for more information and to join one of these teams!**

**[karenandrotary@gmail.com](mailto:karenandrotary@gmail.com)**



The Wyalusing Area Rotary Club

## *Interactors Take Fund Appeal to District Clubs*

The eloquent president of the Honesdale Interact Club, which is celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> year in 2019 with 60 members, traveled to Wyalusing to tell Rotarians there about a fundraiser he hopes will be supported by Rotary Clubs in District 7410.

Arjun Fulp, accompanied by his father, Brian, and another Interact member, Chloe Fox, told about a project they support in Cameroon, located in Central Africa. Arjun and two other Interact officers had made a similar presentation at the District Conference in Scranton. Both of his co-presenters there were unable to accompany him due to injury and illness, respectively. No worries. Arjun was more than up to the task, prompting one member of his audience to ask, "Are you sure you are only seventeen?" The Honesdale High School junior assured that he was.

### **Community Center in Cameroon**

In brief, Arjun was there to talk about a Community Center in Cameroon supported by the Honesdale Rotary through the Himalayan Institute. The institute is nationally headquartered on a 400-acre campus in Honesdale, which melds Eastern philosophy with modern technology. Arjun has been in Cameroon in central coastal Africa and worked there as a volunteer. He praised the center and its overworked director for serving a rural community with little access to educational resources, modern health services and the financial resources there to live in the comfort taken for granted in the United States. They have brought more than 30,000 books to the center, as well as tools, health education and other training.

The key offerings include economic sustainability, respect, empowerment



Wyalusing Rotary President-Elect Jon Naugle (left) and President Elaine Poost (right) pose with Honesdale Interactors Chloe Fox and Arjun Fulp after Arjun's appeal for funds to upgrade technology at a Community Center in Cameroon.

and lasting transformation in a region with political and cultural tensions where the Community Center stands as a neutral site that welcomes all. However, they are in desperate need of new computers, with the ones there being mere shells and basically inoperative. Arjun explained that the Interact Club has set a fundraising goal of \$15,000 for technology upgrades at the Community Center and educational scholarships.

The Honesdale Interactors are appealing to clubs for donations of \$500 but welcome any amount your club can afford. Arjun and his team will travel to any club for a presentation. He said there are also local fundraisers in the Honesdale area, including "Balls Away," which is a popular community fundraiser where bouncy balls are unleashed from atop a steep street and into the downtown where the stream (more like a river) of balls is subsequently funneled, with the first three balls

through earning their sponsors \$500, \$250 and \$100. Each ball is five dollars, and several Wyalusing Rotarians purchased balls for the event later this summer.

There were a number of questions about starting an Interact Club, which Wyalusing is in the process of doing, and Arjun said that the key is finding the right teacher/advisor with the enthusiasm and time to work with the teens.

Rotarians in attendance at the Wyalusing Hotel were obviously intrigued and curious about the Himalayan Institute. Arjun's father, Brian, who is the go-between for Honesdale Rotary and the Interact Club, said he hopes to invite interested Wyalusing members for a visit there.

If your club is interested in donating or inviting Arjun and his teen team as speakers, you may email him at [arjunfulp@gmail.com](mailto:arjunfulp@gmail.com) or call 570-309-7860.

Brian Fulp may be reached at [bfulp@himalayaninstitute.org](mailto:bfulp@himalayaninstitute.org).

## **GIVING BACK...**

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Judge spoke about the changes in sentencing for a variety of criminal offenses being put forward to overcome perceptions of judge's bias.

Judge Shurtleff also spoke about the success of the Drug Treatment Court Program that recently graduated another 8 participants. The program lasts 2.5 years and has had a total of 88 graduates so far. 156 people have been accepted into the program and 82% of participants do not re-offend. So, Treatment Court is working well.

After the presentation, Club President, Mike Markovitz presented a check for \$1,500 to the Drug Treatment Court Program. Judge Russell Shurtleff accepted the check and thanked the Club for its continued financial support of this program.

### **Patriot's Cove ...**

Jeff Swire accepted the \$1,000 check for Patriots Cove and thanked the club on behalf of their staff and the people served. They now have 3 miles of trout stream in Noxen, accessible for injured persons, who have served their country and communities, such as first responders.

They are now getting ready to open their caregivers support center to provide training and support strategies for family members of those injured in service.

### **H.A.N.D.S. of Wyoming County ...**

Cathy Franko, Executive Director of H.A.N.D.S. of Wyoming County accepted a check for \$5,000 to help support the 2019 F.A.N.S. Camp.

The Focused Activity Nutrition Success (F.A.N.S.) Camp will take place July 1 through Aug 2. The camp provides children between 5 and 12 years of age with the opportunity to enjoy non-competitive sport activities, yoga and strength building. In addition, there is a nutrition program to promote a heart-healthy lifestyle.

After Cathy thanked the Club for its past and current support for the F.A.N.S. Camp, she remarked "The donation was so meaningful today because April is "The Month of the Young Child". What a better way to celebrate children! The Rotary donation will be used to help support a summer camp for children that live in a high risk area of Wyoming County where 6 out of every 10 children live at or below poverty. The timing of this donation is incredibly special."

## **The Rotary Club of Tunkhannock**

## **Getting Ready for Tunkhannock Rotary Relays Invitational**

On Wednesday, May 1 at 4:30 PM, over 300 junior high athletes (grades 7-9) will meet at Tunkhannock Memorial Stadium to participate in the 35th Annual Tunkhannock Rotary Relays Invitational. Should it rain on May 1, the Relays will be rescheduled for Friday, May 10. For the last 4 years, the event has been chaired by Rotarian Rod Azar, who himself ran in the Rotary Relays in 1982 as a seventh grader.

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

Sponsorships from local businesses help defray the costs for the event and the medals and trophies awarded to the winners of each event. Specially designed t-shirts are available for purchase and the names of the teams and the logos of the 12 sponsors are featured on each shirt.

This year the girl's and boy's teams will include students from: Abington Heights, Dallas, Elk Lake, Northwest, Tunkhannock, Susquehanna, Wyoming Area and Wyoming Valley West.

Medals will be awarded to the top three individuals/teams in each event and a trophy presented to the overall winners of the boy's and girl's events.

## **2018-2019 Interact Club Update**

Tommasina Fiorillo, Tunkhannock Area High School Interact Club Faculty Advisor, introduced Interact officers, who were the guest speakers at the April 4 Rotary luncheon.

Interact President Charlesie Rowles described the various activities and fund-raising events that they have participated in or sponsored for the 2018-2019 school year. There are 15-20 members in Interact this year.

They started in July by helping at the July 3rd Rotary Fireworks event at Memorial Stadium, the first of the 2-4 annual collaborations with their sponsor, the Tunkhannock Rotary Club.

*SEE, "INTERACT ACTIVITIES," PAGE 20.)*





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## **CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT** 9AM • \$20

Entry fee includes Chicken BBQ Dinner  
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## **CHICKEN BBQ** 11AM until gone • \$10.00

Pre-sales must be picked up by 12:30pm.



## **CAR CRUISE-IN** All day

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## **CRAFT FAIR & FLEA MARKET** 8AM

Vendors and Yard Sellers wanted! Contact: David Palmer (570) 498-6637

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**GENERAL QUESTIONS?** Contact Bob Welch (607) 201-8481



### Rotary Club of the Abingtons

## **Cocktails by Moonlight Aids Children Advocates**

The Rotary Club of the Abingtons recently supported the Children's Advocacy Center of NEPA with a generous donation as a club, and several Rotarians personally supported the event, "Cocktails by Moonlight" as well. The Center marked 21 years of service with the fundraiser, held at Posh in Scranton, with over 300 people turning out for the event to raise money to provides services to children and families affected by abuse. In photo at right, Rotarians in attendance included: Back= Chris Calvey, Ryan Campbell, Clarence Lamanna and Bruce Valentine; Front= Sandra Lamanna, Lauren Calvey, and Leah Rudolph.



## **Picking Up Litter along Route 6/11**

This team of Abingtons Rotarians cleaned up a two-mile section of Route 6/11 on Saturday morning, April 27, in Glenburn. L to R: Dave Griffin, Chris Selige, Lauren Calvey, Steve Selige, Jackie Mattes, Ryan Campbell, Chris Calvey Jr, and Roger Mattes.







**CALLING ALL  
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## **RYLA 7410 Sponsorship Opportunities**

**Become a 2019 RYLA sponsor today and help instill leadership skills and foster a sense of community in our area youth!**



### **\$100 FRIEND OF RYLA**

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### The Rotary Club of Tunkhannock



## Two Decades of Cleaning Up Roadsides Spring and Fall

Saturday, Apr 27, was Tunkhannock Rotary's spring roadside cleanup. Rotarians, their family members and friends gathered at the parking lot of the Fireplace Restaurant on Route 6 to begin the clean-up. The Club has been performing this community service twice a year, usually in the Spring and Fall, for over 20 years.

These "people of action" clean up both sides of the road along Route 6 from the Fireside Restaurant toward Meshoppen to beyond the Route 87 intersection. Garbage and debris abounds, but among more unusual items found have been money, shoes, pants, tires and miscellaneous items. All money found goes to the Club.

## Paul Harris Fellows



Shown in photos from left: 1. Norm Kelly (left), Pres. Mike Markovitz and Foundation Chair Al Noble; 2. Carol Ziomek, Mike and Al, and 3. Mike, John Hovan (center) and Al.

During April, Club Foundation Chair Al Noble presented new Paul Harris Fellow pins to Tunkhannock Rotarians Norm Kelly (Paul Harris +4), Carol Ziomek (Paul Harris +7) and John Hovan (Paul Harris +2) for their cumulative donations to the Rotary Foundation. President Mike Markovitz pinned each recipient. Norm and Carol have committed to donate a minimum of \$1,000 per year to the Rotary Foundation.





# July 6th, 2019

## ROTARY OF MOUNTAIN TOP'S STEAM TRAIN EXCURSION

*Your senses will tingle from the exhilarating whistle of the steam engine to the gentle rumble of the train as we traverse lush forests and quaint towns of Northeastern Pennsylvania. Bring your camera to capture the view of not one, but two tunnels and a beautiful waterfall to be enjoyed both en route to Jim Thorpe and upon return to Mountain Top.*



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Search "Steam Train Excursion to Jim Thorpe"



"The Road of Andersons"

**BOARDING BEGINS IN PENOBSCOT: 8:30 A.M.**

**DEPARTS PENOBSCOT: 9:30 A.M.**

**APPROXIMATE ARRIVAL IN JIM THORPE: 11:30 A.M.**



**BOARDING BEGINS IN JIM THORPE: 3:00 P.M.**

**DEPARTS JIM THORPE: 3:30 P.M.**

**APPROXIMATE ARRIVAL IN PENOBSCOT: 5:30 P.M.**

### **TICKET PRICES**

**\$70 per person**

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### ★ **Three Ways You Can Buy Tickets** ★

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FOR QUESTIONS OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AT ROTARY CLUB OF MOUNTAIN TOP



The Rotary Club of Dallas

# Rain or Shine Wine & BrewFest Slated for June 22

The Dallas Rotary Club, in association with the Dallas Area Fall Fair, Inc., will sponsor its 7th annual special Wine and Brewfest event for charity on Saturday, June 22 from 1 p.m. until 6 p.m. at the Luzerne County Fairgrounds, Rt. 118, Dallas, PA.

The Wine & BrewFest will feature tastings from the finest wineries and breweries from the Back Mountain and Endless Mountains areas and beyond. A variety of food and goods will also be available for sale by area vendors and craftsmen, and there will be live musical entertainment all day long by Stealing Neil, Flaxy Morgan, Big Daddy Dex and The Dan Reynolds Duo. And this year we have added a display of antique and classic cars for your viewing enjoyment.

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

For more information our website is: [www.dallasrotarywineandbrewfest.com](http://www.dallasrotarywineandbrewfest.com) or look for them on Facebook for ticket information on line or at local retailers. As part of their 7th annual celebration, they are once again hosting 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.



Some of the Wine and BrewFest Committee members met recently to plan this much anticipated annual event. Seated from left: Kim Reynolds, co-chair Colette Mahoney, co-chair Todd Buckley, Brenda Pugh. Standing: Ken Chapple, Paul Saxon, Kristen Martin, Kelvin Swanger, Art Peoples.

Other committee members not in photo: Jason Jolley, JoAnn Prohaska, Becky Reinert, Bob Mahoney, Janet Swanger, Sandy Peoples.

## Letter from Rotary International Membership Chair

Dear club leader,

Earning the [Rotary Citation](#) is an honor that RI President Barry Rassin hopes clubs strive to achieve. To earn the citation, please complete all activities and report your accomplishments to Rotary by **30 June**.

### Where should I enter my club's accomplishments?

The [2018-19 Rotary Citation Achievement Guide](#) explains how and where to report each citation goal. If a club member who isn't an officer wants to record citation progress in Rotary Club Central, you can learn to [delegate your level of access](#) temporarily to allow the member to do so.

### How can I see my club's progress?

Members who have My Rotary accounts can view the [Rotary Citation Recipients Report](#) by signing in to My Rotary. Then, under **Manage**, in **Club & District Administration**, go to **Reports** and in **Awards**, you'll see Rotary Citation.



# **WINEFEST 2019**

**SUNDAY MAY 19<sup>TH</sup>, 1:00PM-4:00PM**

**held at**



**32 Cabernet Dr, Scott Twp.**

**Tickets: \$30 in Advance, \$35 at the Door**

**Includes two glasses of wine, appetizers from Sidel's Restaurant, wings from Kelly's Pub, and a chance to win a great door prize**

**Basket Raffles**

**Proceeds will benefit the North Scranton Rotary and the Bread Basket of NEPA's volunteer efforts in our community**

**To reserve your ticket today, email us at  
[northscrantonrotary@gmail.com](mailto:northscrantonrotary@gmail.com)  
or tickets can be purchased at Sidel's Restaurant  
(1202 N Main Ave, Scranton)**

**Cigars will be available for a donation**

## The Rotary Club of Hamlin/Lake Ariel

### **Western Wayne Little League Held a Corn Hole Tournament fundraiser... And Hamlin/Lake Ariel Rotarians Were Happy to Help!**

The Western Wayne Little League held a Corn Hole Tournament on February 17th 2019. The Hamlin Lake Ariel Rotary assisted in raising funds by selling hot dogs. Fifty-nine teams played for the prizes that ranged from monetary prizes to a handmade corn hole set.

The age groups ranged from 7-70, and three categories of talent; beginner, social and professional. The proceeds go to improve equipment purchases and the facilities for 250 kids. A total of \$3,600 was raised at this fundraiser for the Western Wayne Little League!

Having fun, and socializing, spreading the word that Rotary is in the area and is here to support our community.



Serving up hot dogs at a February fundraiser were (from left) Tatiana Black, President; Susan Giguere, and Mary Ellen Bentler 2020/-2021 DGE

### **What Is Rotary?**

Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change - across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

Solving real problems takes real commitment and vision. For more than 110 years, Rotary's people of action have used their passion, energy, and intelligence to take action on sustainable projects. From literacy and peace to water and health, we are always working to better our world, and we stay committed to the end.

The Hamlin Lake Ariel Rotary was chartered in 2012 and has grown to more than 30 members. This dedicated group has sought to improve the lives of our neighbors through ongoing food bank collections, an annual safety fair for children, and support for our local Fire and EMS volunteers. Over the years we have contributed swings and bleachers to Salem park, a gazebo for the Hamlin Senior Center, books for a summer reading program, and coats for kids in need, all with the help of matching Rotary District grants.

Our club meets Tuesday evenings at 5:30 at RPlace in Hamlin.  
All are welcome.

### **Schedule of Events**

12:00- Registration Opens  
12:00- Putting Contest Qualifiers  
1:00- Shotgun Start  
Captain and Crew Format  
5:30- Putting Contest Finale  
6:00- Dinner and Awards

50/50, Door Prizes



357 Golf Drive Buck Hill Falls, PA 18323

From Hamlin, Route 191 S to Left on Buck Hill Drive to Golf Drive, follow signs to course.

For information call:  
Harry: 570-499-2794  
Bill: 570-499-6656  
Larry: 570-947-1648



### **7th Annual Golf Tournament**

**Rotary Club of  
Hamlin Lake Ariel**

**Monday  
June 3, 2019**

**\$99 per player  
includes...**

- Putting Contest Entry
- Greens Fees and Cart
- Hot Dog at turn
- Special Contests
- Awards Reception

**Singles welcome!- we will  
pair**

### **Player Registration**

**Captain** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Player 2** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Player 3** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Player 4** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dinner only guests—\$40**



## Sending "HUGS" to Troops In Iraq and Afghanistan

HUGS for Our Soldiers is a volunteer-based non-profit organization that has been supporting our troops since 2003.

Through the help of HUGS, the Hamlin/Lake Ariel members sent care packages to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. Having a veteran member that could provide us with more ideas for items the soldiers would like, we were able to provide what they are missing from home.

In addition to necessities that make their tour a little more pleasant, we made cards, offering words of thanks, encouragement and praise to the soldiers for their dedication to serve and protect.



Shown busily readying care packages to troops are Hamlin/Lake Ariels members (from left) Jennifer Wargo, Joanne Firestone, Michael Verton, Tyler Simons, Prospective new member Jacky Gillette, Sonya Verton.

### Sponsorships Available

☐ Event Sponsor: \$1000

Your sponsorship includes registration for 4 golfers, acknowledgement at registration and dinner, prime location full page ad in the event program

☐ Grand Prize Hole in One Sponsor: \$500

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

☐ Awards Sponsor: \$500

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

☐ Beverage Sponsor: \$500

Your sponsorship will be acknowledged with a sign on the bar cart and a full page ad in the program

☐ Putting Contest Sponsor: \$250

Your sponsorship will be acknowledged with a sign at the practice green and a 1/2 page ad in the program. Grand prize is \$2500

☐ Hole in One Sponsor: \$200

Your sponsorship will be acknowledged with a sign at the target hole and 1/2 page ad in the program

☐ Special Contest Sponsor: \$100

Your sponsorship will be acknowledged with a sign on the contest hole and a 1/4 page ad in the program

☐ Hole Sponsor: \$50

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

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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



BE THE INSPIRATION

Please make checks  
payable to

Rotary Club of  
Hamlin Lake Ariel  
PO Box 364  
Hamlin, PA 18427

*Thank you for your  
generous support*

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**7th Annual  
Golf Tournament  
Monday  
June 3, 2019**



**4 Person  
Captain and Crew  
Format!  
10,000 Grand Prize  
Hole in One**

## INTERACT ACTIVITIES... (CONTINUED FROM PAGE TEN)

In October at the High School's Homecoming Bonfire, they sold pie and pulseras. They raised \$290 for the Pulsera Project, a fund-raiser they have been doing for many years now. From their website: "The Pulsera Project is a nonprofit organization that educates, empowers, and connects Central American artists with students in more than 2,500 U.S. schools through the sale of colorful hand-woven bracelets, or "pulseras" in Spanish."

Also in October they had a bake sale at the Parent-Teacher Conference where they raised \$150.

In November on Black Friday, Interactors participated in Tunkhannock Rotary's Candy Cane Day, where they helped collect donations at 3 shopping centers to buy toys for kids for Xmas. As a thank you for a donation, shoppers were offered candy canes. The left-over candy canes were taken by the Interact students to a performance of the Nutcracker Ballet in Scranton for the children attending the performance.

In November the students sold Twigs Café gift cards and made a \$500 profit from that sale. They also donated toys and school supplies to the Samaritans Purse: Operation



Above Rotarian and Interact faculty advisor Tommasina Fiorillo at left with Interact Officers (from left) Secretary Emily Rickaby, Treasurer Rebecca Fick, Vice President Kinsley Schmeckenbecher and President Charlesie Rowles. Below Interactors selling pie and pulseras.



Christmas Child.

In December they ran a school wide initiative to collect toys for children for Xmas in collaboration with Dr Paul Herbener Chiropractic and Rehab Associates. They also sold candygrams during their lunch periods.

In January they donated \$100 to the Severn Loaves Soup Kitchen, which serves hot meals weekdays to

people in need.

In March they had another bake sale at the Parent-Teacher Conference and made a \$142 profit. Also, in March the Club had the opportunity to hear from Rotarian Rev. Lou Divis about the Rotary sponsored annual Peace Camp for children. Lou later commented at a Rotary luncheon that several Interactors expressed interest in helping at the 2019 Peace Camp this summer.

During March & April they are collecting for the Sack Hunger Now Campaign of the CEO of Wyoming County. and in May, they will be taking part in the Rise against Hunger in Partnership with the National Honor Society.

All year long, they help with the Tiger Care Closet that provides clothes, notebooks and personal supplies free of charge to students who may not have financial access to these items.

After their presentation, Interact President Charlesie presented Mike Markovitz with a check for

Interact President Charlesie Rowles presents a \$100 Polio Plus check to Rotary President Mike Markovitz.



## ROTARY CITATION...

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 16.)

### What about the citation for Rotaract and Interact clubs?

The [Rotary Citation for Rotaract Clubs](#) and the [Rotary Citation for Interact Clubs](#) include goals that will help clubs keep members energized and attract new ones. The [Rotaract Citation Achievement Guide](#) and [Interact Citation Achievement Guide](#) explain where these achievements can be reported and how to view progress.

Rotaract and Interact clubs cannot be nominated by email, mail, or phone. Nominate Rotaract and Interact clubs for the citation by 15 August.

This year's district governors will receive certificates by email in September to distribute to Rotary clubs that have earned the citation.

If you have questions about the citation or any of these resources, write us at [rotarysupportcenter@rotary.org](mailto:rotarysupportcenter@rotary.org). Good luck achieving this year's goals

Brian King, Director of RI Membership Development





*Rotary Club  
of the Stroudsburgs*

**44TH  
ANNUAL  
SPAGHETTI  
DINNER**

**MAY 18, 2019**

**4-7PM | SATURDAY**

**STROUDBURG  
HIGH SCHOOL**

**\$8 PER PERSON  
KIDS UNDER 10 - FREE!**







### The Rotary Club of the Stroudsburgs

## Helping Mady's Kitchen with Community Dinner

The Satellite Club from the Rotary Club of the Stroudsburgs volunteered at Mady's Community Dinner. It was a great success! We had cooked and served 140 members of our community a wonderful meatloaf dinner. Organizers of Mady's Kitchen, Laura and Marge Law, appreciate the efforts of the club and said that "sometimes this is the only real meal they get, and we were able to give lots of extra food so they could take home for another meal or two".

Rotarians pictured from left show John Beljean, Leslie Underhill and Stacy Rodriguez. They took charge of the meatloaf prep and all the cooking. Other volunteers that have helped with cooking, serving and all the clean-up included Gail Kulick, Debbie Kulick and Zerla Bertolome.

If you are interested in helping to serve, the next time the Satellite Club is scheduled to volunteer is October 27th. Dinners are always served the last Sunday of the month so feel free to volunteer then as well! Email Rotarian Stacy for more info at [stacy.ravenent@gmail.com](mailto:stacy.ravenent@gmail.com)



## Roadside Cleanup In Stroudsburgs

Twice a year club members, Inter-actors and Rotaractors come together to clean up our community. Organized by Rotarian John Kulba, here are some photos of our Rotarians in Action







District 7410  
P.O. Box 122  
Plymouth, PA 18651

Dear Friend,

The Rotary Club of Plymouth will be conducting its 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at Rolling Pines Golf Course in Berwick. Much of the proceeds from last year's tournament supported our holiday efforts throughout the local community. From Santa Clause coming to town, to our Kids @ Kristmas shopping spree, to our holiday food pantry, our community has certainly prospered from your generosity in supporting our efforts. Chaperones escorted the children through the aisles for their favorite prizes and put a little "magic" into their holiday season. This year we are asking for your support again. All we do is impossible without the support of the local community and YOU! It is because of your contributions that our projects succeed.

You can sponsor a hole or donate a gift certificate prize. Either way, your donation helps us to make our tournament successful and keep people coming back year after year. We thank you in advance for making our tournament a success!

The Rotary Club of Plymouth



Hole Sponsorship:

\_\_\_\_\_ Platinum \$250

\_\_\_\_\_ Gold \$100

\_\_\_\_\_ Silver \$50

Sponsor name should read:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Gift Certificate: \_\_\_\_\_

Prize: \_\_\_\_\_

## New Rotarians

Abingtons	Virginia Johnson
Hamlin Lake Ariel	Eileen Culley
Hamlin Lake Ariel	Jacqueline Gillette
Honesdale	Michelle Gilder
Jim Thorpe	Kara Edmonds
Jim Thorpe	Robyn Plesniarski
Passport Club	Heather Jaeger
Passport Club	William "Chip" Jaeger
Passport Club	Drew Klees
Sayre	Melinda Artman
Trail	Doni Holmes
Wellsboro	Samuel Seaman
Wyalusing Area	Miche'le Naugle

### Deadline Reminder...

*Several club representatives have asked when the deadline is for their submissions. In my four years compiling and editing this newsletter, there have been several reminders. We have settled on this compromise since I try to get the newsletter to Brenda on the last day of the preceding month so she can look it over and send out on the first of the month. That means a general deadline two or three days before the end of the month at the latest, and let me know if you have something you can't get in by then so I can hold for it.*

*We've been trying to get this newsletter to you on the first day of each month since DG Barbara's Rotary Year. Usually we succeed.*

— Wes Skillings, Newsletter Editor

## District 7410 – 2018 Club Data

Club	Total Mem.	New Mem.	Attend %
Abingtons	52	1	46.63%
Athens	18		
Blakeslee	9		
Dallas	46		53%
Dunmore	15		
Forest City Area	11		63.60%
Freeland	5		
Hamlin Lake Ariel	32	2	56.67%
Hawley	21		
Hazleton	74		27.11%
Honesdale	21	1	
Jim Thorpe	24	2	55%
Kingston	26		74%
Lehighton	10		
Milford-Matamoras	31		
Mountaintop	29		42.24%
Mt. Pocono	19		
New Milford	16		
Newfoundland	38		70.56%
North Pocono	17		
North Scranton	26		64.00%
Passport Club	21	3	
Pittston	19		
Plains	16		45.00%
Plymouth	21		
Pocono Mountains	15		
Sayre	18	1	61.00%
Scranton	46		
Slate Belt Rotary	20		
Smithfields	19		
Stroudsburgs, The	95		52.46%
Towanda	13		
Trail (Factoryville)	14	1	
Troy	25		
Tunkhannock	72		
Weatherly	10		
Wellsboro	43	1	
West End	14		
Wilkes-Barre	25		
Winola (Lake Winola)	10		
Wyalusing Area	20	1	
Wyoming Rotary	23		52.00%





# District 7410



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