



Newsletter / May 2021

Rotary
District 7410



SERVICE

UPCOMING EVENTS

CLUBS IN ACTION



Rotary believes in developing the next generation of leaders. Our programs help younger leaders build leadership skills, expand education and learn the value of service.

Interact clubs

Interact clubs bring together young people ages 12-18 to develop leadership skills and learn about the world through service projects and activities.

How do I join?

Check with your school or contact a [local Rotary club](#) to find out if there's an Interact club in your area. Contact the Interact club to find out how you can join its next meeting, service project, or community event.

Follow Interact on [Facebook](#) to see how Interact clubs are having fun through service.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

RYLA is a leadership development program for young people who want to learn new skills, build their confidence, and have fun. Events range from one-day seminars to weeklong camps.

How can I participate?

RYLA participants are nominated by local Rotary clubs. [Contact your local Rotary club](#) to find out more about RYLA events in your area, how to apply, and any costs of getting involved.

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Rotary Youth Exchange

Rotary Youth Exchange builds peace one young person at a time. Students learn a new language, discover another culture, and truly become global citizens. Exchanges for students ages 15-19 are sponsored by Rotary clubs in more than 100 countries.

How can I apply?

Candidates are ages 15-19 and are leaders in their schools and communities. [Contact your local Rotary club](#) to see what exchange opportunities are available and what the application process involves.

New Generations Service Exchange

New Generations Service Exchange is a short-term, customizable program for university students and professionals up to age 30. Participants can design exchanges that combine their professional goals with a humanitarian project.

How do I apply?

University students and professionals up to age 30 — including current and former Rotaractors and former Interactors, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards participants, and Youth Exchange students — are encouraged to apply. You don't have to be a member of Rotary to participate in an exchange. [Contact your local Rotary club](#) to see what exchange opportunities are available and what the application process involves.

Membership

District 7410 wants you! To be a Member.

Rotary provides service to others, promotes integrity, and advances world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

Rotary members share ideas, make plans, hear from the community, and catch up with friends during club programs that fuel the impact we make.

All Rotary International dues and fees are covered for new members who sign up for membership before June 30, 2021! This is a great opportunity for people all over NEPA to join their fellow community members and take part in a great cause.

[Contact your local rotary club](#) for more information and to become a member!




WORLD IMMUNIZATION WEEK

Observed April 24th-30th

A message from David Palmer
Polio Committee Chair
Rotary District 7410

As I contemplate and write this newsletter article, it occurred to me that as we Rotarians have the previous thirty-five years, we are again providing our service and funding to eradicate Polio. Since I wrote this update last year, the wild polio virus has been eradicated from the African continent. Yet, it seems in many ways our effort has not changed, so why change this year's primary message?

Polio eradication is now focused on Southwest Asia, and specifically Afghanistan and Pakistan. However, "PolioPlus" has always been about more than just polio, and unfortunately, we now have a new virus to focus on- COVID!

 **Rotary** PEOPLE OF ACTION

A CALL TO ACTION FOR ALL ROTARIANS

We ask you to encourage your clubs to:

- Utilize Rotary's knowledge of vaccine safety and efficacy based on our polio eradication experience to conduct vaccination education and communication outreach in your communities. This will need to be tailored to local contexts to address unique cultural and regional needs.
- Rotary members have demonstrated what we can accomplish to raise awareness, deliver critical personal protection equipment, and provide support for frontline health workers.

We have one final call to action:

- **Help us combat the powerful, growing force of vaccine resistance and misinformation.**
- Our advocacy in our communities will be critical - we need to spread the message about the power of vaccines to save lives.

We do this for ourselves and for future generations.

Holger Knaack President, Rotary International	K.R. Ravindran Chair, The Rotary Foundation
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Complete Context Available: <https://www.rotary7390.org/60489/Page/Show?ClassCode=Page&Slug=covid-19-safety-protocols>

World Immunization Week is celebrated from 24-30 April. Today more than ever it is important that the Rotary Foundation continue its long legacy of funding disease prevention and projects that focus on such despicable bugs called polio. Each year more than 400 million children are vaccinated against polio world-wide. The funding to accomplish this polio eradication efforts benefits enormously from Rotarians like you and I, when we invest ourselves in the PolioPlus Fund. It is imperative that we continue funding these projects through investing in our

<https://www.rotary.org/en/plus-polioplus>

Recently the New Milford Area Rotary (my home club) established a relationship with the Pennsylvania Polio Survivors Network. <https://www.papolionetwork.org/> To date we have distributed 1,000 of the vaccination cards depicted below, throughout Susquehanna and Wyoming Counties. The Pennsylvania Polio Survivors Network includes several active Rotarians. I would encourage you and your clubs to consider supporting their efforts. The vaccine cards are free for distribution, other than a cost for mailing. And once again- they are FREE!

**No Child Should Suffer From
A Vaccine Preventable Disease.**

**The Pain And Disability
Can Last A Lifetime.**



**Please Vaccinate
Your Children.**



<https://www.papolionetwork.org/vic-order.html>

I recently acquired 2,000 more vaccine cards, including one thousand in Spanish language as well. Would your club like some? Let me know!

I remember as a five plus year old in the 1960s, trying to wiggle my way out of the shot line at the base clinic at Aviano Air Base Italy. As a military dependent traveling the world, we and our parents were expected to maintain vaccinations for all sorts of exotic diseases. The nurses that day saw my brother and I repeatedly step out of line to go to the bathroom or get a drink of water; and finally put us back in line to get whatever vaccinations were on the menu that day. In retrospect, I am happy they did so, and I am sure my parents were/are as well. I was fortunate to grow up having experienced no serious vaccine preventable diseases, including the dreaded polio virus, which was running rampant when I was born and learning to walk in 1955.



*In 1956 I took my first steps with my parents on our way to assignment in Hawaii
(Oh! Yes, I can Hula Hoop.)*

I joined Rotary in 2013 upon my retirement from the military because of a promise to a Rotarian neighbor. One of my first impressions with Rotary was Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) effort that encouraged each Rotarian to donate \$26.50 once a year to the Foundation. That \$26.50 symbolized the initial contribution in 1917, from a club in Kansas if my memory serves me correctly.

Today, in that same spirit I am challenging each member of District 7410 to donate \$26.50 to the Foundations' PolioPlus fund. At last count, we have 1,078 active members in District 7410. $26.50 \times 1,078 = 28,567$. Let us put a dollar sign on that, \$28,567!

VACCINES WORK!

Yours in Rotary,
DAVID J PALMER, Polio Committee Chair
Rotary District 7410

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

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

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

Please Pre Register to receive the zoom link.

You are invited to a Zoom meeting.

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

Register in advance for this meeting:

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

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

Brought to you by the District Membership Team

Contact PDG Karen DeMatteo for questions

karenandrotary@gmail.com

Service Project

Goodies For Our Troops

Rotary District 7410 Service Project

GOODIES FOR OUR TROOPS

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

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

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

Miscellaneous

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

Cash Donations

- To cover the cost of shipping

Add a Personal Touch

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

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

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

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

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

For additional information & questions, please contact:

Nate Gage
570.787.3651
baiter6@yahoo.com

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

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

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

Support for service project will take 3 main forms:

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

Details on making donations also found on the flyer

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Music is back!

THE DEANE CENTER & ROTARY DISTRICT 7410 PRESENT

LIKE A HURRICANE
TRIBUTE TO NEIL YOUNG

Friday, June 11
AT 7:30PM

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

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!

FOR TICKETS OR INFORMATION: **570-724-6220 DEANECENTER.COM**

Foundation fundraiser open to the public!

Non Members welcome to attend!

Special pricing for Rotarians attending the Conference!

Contact the Deane Center for special pricing

Rotary International 2021 Virtual Convention

[Registration is open! Sign up here!](#)

SAVE THE DATE
12-16 JUNE

**2021 VIRTUAL
CONVENTION**

Rotary Rotary Opens Opportunities

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District 7410 Conference

[Click Here to Register!](#)

REGISTER
for the
District 7410 One-Day Conference
Saturday, June 12, 2021
Deane Center for the Performing Arts
Hosted by The Wellsboro Rotary

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

For Tickets to The "Like A Hurricane" Concert on Friday, June 11
Contact the Deane Center
570.724.6220
Deanecenter.com

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Virtual Youth Exchange Program



Rotary Virtual Youth Exchange Program

June – August 2021
Applications Due May 18th

Are you interested in meeting students from a foreign country?
Can you commit to regular online communications June – August?

The Rotary Virtual Youth Exchange is the opportunity for you.
By sharing your own culture and embracing a new one,
you help foster global understanding—and learn a great deal about
yourself and your home country in the process.

Is a virtual exchange right for me?

Exchanges are for students ages 15–18 who:

- Have demonstrated leadership in their school and their community
- Are willing to communicate regularly online with audio and video
- Are willing to learn about another culture while sharing yours
- Can serve as a positive ambassador for their own country
- Are interested in completing a community service project with their local Rotary Club

You will be matched with a student in another country for a one-on-one exchange.
Periodically we will have group video interactions.

For more information please contact:
Rotary District 7410, Club of Tunkhannock
Anne Sehne
District Chair Youth Exchange
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Supporting the Environment: A New Area of Focus and New Opportunities Coming July 2021

A message from Marilyn Bedell
Past District Governor
Endowment/Major Gift Advisor
Rotary Zone 32



Although Supporting the Environment has recently become a standalone area of focus, over the past 5 years, more than \$18 million in Foundation global grant funding has been allocated to environment related projects. [Click Here](#).

Past Rotary President Gary C.K. Huang says that with the global population reaching near eight billion, protecting the environment is increasingly important.

It is time for us to use our collective resources to invest in a smart and efficient way to protecting our environment," says Huang. "We are qualified to take this initiative because we are a global group of problem solvers with diversified talents.

The Rotary Foundation will be supporting activities that strengthen the conservation and protection of natural resources, advance environmental sustainability, and foster harmony between people and the environment.

From the Rotary web page:

Rotary shares an interest in protecting our common legacy: the environment. We are committed to supporting activities that strengthen the conservation and protection of natural resources, advance ecological sustainability, and foster harmony between communities and the environment. We empower communities to access grants and other resources, embrace local solutions, and spur innovation in an effort to address the causes and reduce the effects of climate change and environmental degradation.

To do projects that have a larger impact, and broader reach, ongoing donations to the Rotary Foundation will be needed to permit Rotarians to plan and implement global grant projects. One way to assure that funds are there when we need/want them is to make gifts that are targeted towards supporting the environment via the world fund. The interest from these donations will then be directed only to global grants that are focused on this new area of focus into perpetuity.

Consider being a donor leader in supporting this new area of focus.

Marilyn Bedell, Past District Governor
Rotary Club of Lebanon, NH, USA
Endowment/Major Gift Advisor
Rotary Zone 32
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A message from the East Stroudsburg University Rotaract Club

Emily Serpico

History & Communication Double Major

Rotaract President

This year, our small Rotaract Club at East Stroudsburg University (ESU) was able to raise an incredible \$1,200+ over the course of the year. We have not raised that amount in quite some time, if ever. However, we did so through virtual fundraisers that heavily utilized social media and technology. For instance, we used GoFundMe and "bingo board" fundraisers (each member would have a board with different donation amounts listed that range from \$1-\$3 per spot and would have any potential donations made through CashApp or Venmo with the hopes of filling up their board) which we asked members and other participants to share via social media or text, email, etc.

Building on that last statement, we placed an emphasis on virtually partnering with other organizations and clubs both on and off of the ESU campus. This past year we worked with the ESU Pre-Med Club, Active Minds Club, the ESU and Mansfield University Phi Sigma Pi Honor Fraternity Chapters, the Mansfield Rotaract Club, and the ESU Theta Chi Fraternity Chapter. These partnerships were critical to our success regarding fundraisers and activities for the following causes/organizations: World Peace, the Global Eradication of Polio, making cards virtually to send to those in the hospital and/or who are homeless during the holidays, raising funds while creating virtual Valentine's Day cards for those at Women's Resources of Monroe County, raising funds for the Monroe County Meals-on-Wheels, along with for Operation Honduras.

As a club, at the first meeting of the academic year, we sit down and discuss our goals for the year as a whole (officers and members alike). This includes who we want to help, what areas we would like to focus on, how we want to do what we do, and anything otherwise. We are a member-driven club and at any time anyone can share their thoughts/ideas/opinions/etc. on what we are doing as well as suggest new goals. While the pandemic certainly made it a more challenging year across the board and in so many ways, we were able to overcome the challenges that we faced through collaboration, continual communication with one another, as well as our desire to still serve local and global communities. Without the support of our sponsoring Rotary Club of the Stroudsburgs and the determination of all those within the ESU Rotaract Club, we would not have been able to have had the widespread reach/impact that we have had throughout the 2020-2021 academic year. Here's to another great year of providing service to those in need! Have a safe and fun summer everyone!! ~ Emily Serpico

Below are the names of the active members from the 2020-2021 year:



Amanda Dimond
Miriam Boucekouk
Fambaye Fall
Faith Dorsey
Diamond Coleman
Emily Serpico*
Jasmine O'Neal
Alex Soriano
Nadia Wright
Isabel Ortiz*

Jessica Sellare
Brooke Farkas
Mackenzie Harrington
Amanda Kalberer*
Erin Hunt*
Chloe Smith*
William Been
Dharyle Salomon
Mackenzie Unger
Sean Serpico

Johanny Przybyla
Zowey Danubio
Ingrid Hahn
Shivane Forde
* = Club Officer



CLUBS IN ACTION



Taking the podium this past Thursday April 1 was the former Senator John Blake who now is a member of US Rep. Matt Cartwright's staff. Cartwright is a member of the Abington Rotary, Past President and Past District Governor of District 7410. Blake addressed a full house and responded to numerous questions and concerns including stimulus dollars, Covid 19 and economic development.

John recently retired from his state senatorial position to become the Regional Director of Economic Development working in the Scranton office of Congressman Matt Cartwright. The position convened March 6th.



With a boost from donuts and coffee Rotarians met Saturday April 17 to clean an area of Rt 6 & 11, an annual effort for many years. This year the team was headed by Chris Selige, incoming president. In recognition of Earth Day, April 22, a great turnout showed for the clean up.

Pictured are members: Emily Mattes and her mom, Jackie Mattes.



President Donna Barna, Hazelton Rotary Club, leads the first Hybrid Meeting of the club at their new meeting site, The Pines Eatery & Spirits, 8 W. Broad Street, Hazelton on April 7th.

Hazelton Rotarians assisted with the delivery of 300 prepared meals during the Community Easter Dinner, sponsored by United Way, the Hazelton Firefighters, Team Hazelton and Catholic Social Services. This took place on Wednesday, March 31st. Left to right are Neal DeAngelo III, Mike Cammisa, Michele Ustynoski, Mary Malone, Ron Avellino and Alan Whitaker.



For more information on Hazelton Rotary, please visit www.hazeltonrotary.org or the [Hazelton Rotary Facebook Page](#). Members can also check their Hazelton Rotary Weekly Newsletter. Please check it all out for updated Centennial Year activities and information.



Hazelton Rotary, was honored to join in the City of Hazelton Easter Celebration, with some other community organizations, that was held at City View Park, Hazelton on March 2021. Kids were brought in by car to receive their treats and it seemed to be “egg-actly” what they needed on that sunny afternoon.



Dear Friend,

I hope this message finds you well. The Rotary Club of Plymouth will be conducting it's 20th Annual Golf Tournament on May 23rd, 2021 at Wilkes-Barre Golf Course. This year we are renaming the tournament the Past District Governor Paul "Budd" O'Malia Memorial Golf Tournament. Budd was a founding father of this event. He was a dedicated member of the club who devoted his life to "putting a little magic" in the lives of those less fortunate. Budd lost a courageous battle with Alzheimer's. This tournament will serve as a time to share a memory of Budd, enjoy a day of golf and fellowship, and to raise some much needed monies for the Alzheimer's Foundation and for Rotary projects, namely Kids @ Kristmas. This project was another brainchild of Budd's that takes less fortunate kids to Kmart in Edwardsville. The kids are chaperoned by friends of Rotary, Wyoming Valley West Student Council and Wyoming Valley West swim team members. Each child is given a \$50 bill that they can use for whatever they want at the store. It started with 12-15 kids and has grown to nearly 130 kids in recent years. This project was truly a testament of how Budd wanted to live his life. Helping those less fortunate, especially our children.

With the pandemic still upsetting the lives of so many people, it also puts multiple constraints on our golf tournament. If current conditions stay in place through May, we MUST keep our tournament limited to 100 golfers. The post golf venue may only be able to accommodate that many people, plus a few members of Budd's immediate family. If conditions change, we will expand the tournament to accommodate the dining limits. That being said, we ask that you register early to ensure you have a spot in the field. Registration is open and runs until May 14, 2021. You can also support the event by becoming a hole sponsor, or donate a gift or prize that will be auctioned off at the post golf tournament dinner. Prizes or gift cards of your choice ensure the success of the tournament for this year as well as years to come. Hole Sponsors will be offered as followed:

Silver Sponsor \$50, Gold Sponsor \$100 or Platinum Sponsor \$250.

We know in these trying times, that it may be difficult to support our cause. We certainly respect your current situation and truly appreciate anything that you could offer. As you can see, the proceeds of our tournament will be allocated effectively across these two worthwhile endeavors.

Thanks for taking the time to consider our request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact JK Karavis at 570-574-4246 or Jeff O'Malia at 570-351-1829.

Detach and mail to
JK Karavis
245 McGinnis Street
Plymouth, Pa. 18651

Hole Sponsor Sponsor to read _____
Silver Sponsor \$50 _____
Gold Sponsor \$100 _____
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Rotary Club of Plymouth
Paul "Buddy" O'Malia
Annual Golf Outing



Sunday, May 23, 2021
Wilkes-Barre Municipal Golf Course

7:00AM Registration with 8:00AM Shotgun Start

\$100 PER PERSON OR \$400 PER TEAM INCLUDES:
Breakfast, golf, beverages provided & flight winners
Dinner to follow at Keeleys Pavillion,
Division Street Pringle, Pa 18704

Golf Limited to first 100 golfers. Register by 5/14/21

	Name	Phone
Captain	_____	_____
Crew	_____	_____
Crew	_____	_____
Crew	_____	_____



The winners of this year's essay contest were recently honored at Sayre Rotary's luncheon at the Grill at the Station in Sayre. Left to right are Sayre Rotary President John Savelli, Gianna Quattrini, Josh Wilson and Dylan Seck.

Sayre Rotary has announced the winners of this year's Rotary essay contest from Sayre High School and honored them recently at their weekly luncheon. The 1st place winner was Gianna Quattrini, the 2nd place winner was Josh Wilson and the 3rd place winner was Dylan Seck. Each of the winners read their essays to the Rotary Club members and were presented with their monetary prizes after enjoying lunch with their families at the Grill at the Station, Sayre. This year's theme which was open to 11th grade students was "How can you personally take the opportunity to protect the environment?" Protecting the environment has always been important to Rotarians, but in June 2020 it officially became a new Area of Focus for Rotary. It joins peacebuilding and conflict prevention; disease prevention and treatment; water, sanitation, and hygiene; maternal and child health; basic education and literacy; and community economic development.

Gianna Quattrini's 1st place winning essay will be submitted to the Rotary International District 7410 Essay Contest for judging, where monetary prizes will be awarded for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd 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 Sayre Rotary 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 Grille at the Station or "like us" on Facebook.

Trail Rotary had a small gathering in honor of Gus Vlassis' 90th birthday, which was early April and celebrated at Gin's Tavern in Factoryville.

Gus was instrumental in getting the Trail Rotary Club started in 1990.

Happy Birthday Gus! From District 7410



Gus



Gus with Trail Rotary officers: Lisa Logan Clough, Ellen Kanton and Bill Smarkusky



Gus with the last remaining charter member of Trail Rotary, Pat Lione



Gus with DG, Joe Loughman and PDGs Roger Mattes, Bill Speare and Marcia Loughman

Rotary Donates to Equines for Freedom

At the Mar. 25 Tunkhannock Rotary Zoom meeting, Sylvia and Bob Tagert from Equines for Freedom, spoke to the members about this 501 (c)3 organization. Sylvia is the Board Secretary and Bob is a volunteer at EFF. They described the mission of Equines for Freedom, "Equines for Freedom (EFF) is a nonprofit organization treating active and former military personnel who are experiencing symptoms of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), no matter the source of the trauma. Utilizing one of the most effective treatments available, Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR), EFF has treated over 120 veterans and first responders to date." They are one of only a few organizations in the U.S. currently using horses as part of this effective therapy. Additional information on Equines for Freedom can be found on their website <http://www.equinesforfreedom.org>.

Since there is no charge to the veteran, the organization depends on donations from individuals/organizations, grants and fund-raisers. Therefore, Club President Terri Detrick presented a \$500 virtual check to Equines for Freedom to help fund therapy for our very deserving veterans.

Tunkhannock Rotary Essay Contest Winners

At the Mar 11 Rotary Zoom Meeting, Don Davis, chair of the Club Essay Contest Committee, announced the 3 top essayists in the 2021 Tunkhannock Rotary Club Essay Contest.

Protecting the environment has recently been added as an official cause of Rotary. As a worldwide organization, Rotarians are looking at projects that can make a positive, measurable, sustainable impact on the earth. Therefore, the theme for this year's essay contest was "How can you personally take the opportunity to protect the environment?". The students were instructed that each essay should address how they personally can be a person of action to protect the environment, working as an individual, or as the prime mover and leader of a group project.

Essays were solicited from Tunkhannock Area High School juniors and seniors and a local committee chaired by Don Davis judged the essays. Don indicated that these were some of the best student essays that the committee has had the opportunity to review. At the club level, first, second and third place essays were selected with the winners receiving checks for \$100, \$75 and \$50, respectively.

The 3 winning essayists, all of whom are TAHS seniors, were invited to attend the Mar 11 Tunkhannock Rotary Zoom meeting, where they had the opportunity to tell the club a little about themselves and their future plans and to read their winning essays.

Third place went to Emma Moran, who is the editor of the high school newspaper, the Prowler, and plans to study astronomy in college.

Second place was awarded to Braiden Jerome, who also placed second in the 2020 essay competition. Braiden plays soccer, track and field and is interested in animal sciences.

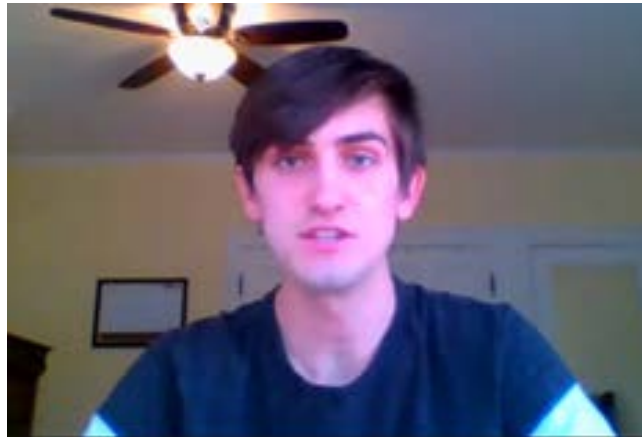
First-place went to Jack Chilson, who is president of the senior class, plays a lot of sports including football quarterback and plans to study political science or public policy with an emphasis on environmental and technical policies in his college future.

The following is an excerpt from Jack's winning essay:

"Each of us has the ability to make a small, but important, impact on our environment by the way we live our lives each day. But I am most significantly motivated by the changes I can help make on a larger scale. Just as my grandfather fought to protect our environment decades ago, I aim to also uphold the motto seen on our blue road signs: Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful. With the goal of helping to protect our air, land, and waterways, I have chosen a college concentration of public policy and political science, in hopes that I will be able to develop environmentally-focused policies that preserve nature.

I am excited about the possibilities to which my college education may lead and hope to become part of the next generation of innovators and problem-solvers. Particularly exciting is the emerging normalization of clean energy to address the pressing issue of climate change. Through policymaking, I will be able to create and advocate for critical legislation regarding renewable energy practices, such as wind, hydro, solar, and biomass. Science and technology are headed in the right direction, and it is time to take action on the groundbreaking research completed by our world's brightest experts."

The first-place essay by Jack has been submitted to the District 7410 Essay Committee for the next level of the essay competition.



Jack Chilson

Tunkhannock Provides Wyoming County COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic Support

Vaccination Clinic Volunteer Committee Chair Ann Way and her excellent team (Terri Detrick, Mary Tempest, Laura Charles and Gina Suydam) have been soliciting and providing volunteers from Rotary and the community to support several Emergency Management Agency (EMA) coordinated COVID-19 vaccine clinics in Wyoming County in recent weeks. Additional clinics are being planned.

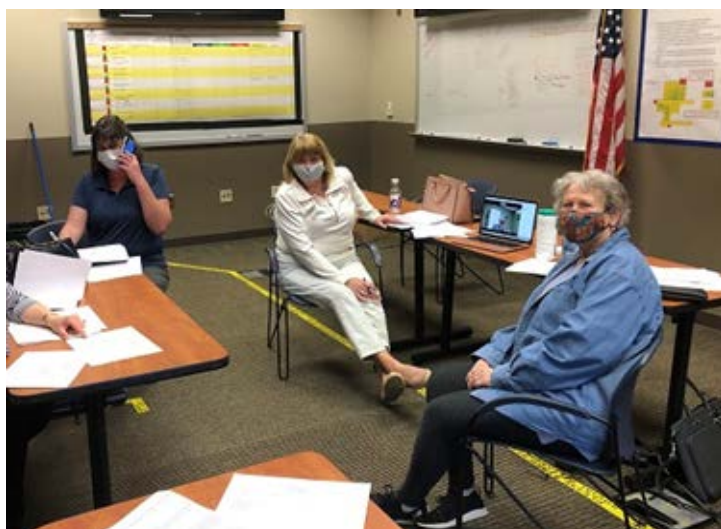
Rotary's help has been mentioned in several Wyoming County Press Examiner articles recently where Wyo Cty EMA Director Gene Dziak has noted Rotary's help with these clinics. In addition, the back sides of Tunkhannock Rotarians (Terri Detrick and Jodi Crimmel in their yellow Rotary hats) were shown on Channel 16 recently as they reported on one of the clinics.

It has been reported that the help provided by the volunteers has allowed the clinic staff to immunize 2 times the number of people than they would normally have been able to handle in one day.

Below are some photos provided by Rotarians Terri Detrick and Mary Tempest of the clinic and the Team leaders meeting with EMA.



Back row L to R at Rural Health Corporation - Monroe-Noxen Health Center: David Carichner, EMA Operations Training Officer, Dean Detrick - Rotary, Cheryl Reeves, Pam Caany, Beth Miner, Dr. Gunner Kosek, Terri Detrick - Rotary, Gene Dziak, EMA Director. Middle row L to R: Jodi Crimmel - Rotary Mary Beth Fino, Matt Pompey – Rotary. Front row: Lyric Womer, Joann Dutko, Sara Mead



The importance of this involvement by Rotary in helping staff these clinics was applauded by Rotarian Ann Marie Steven, CEO of Tyler Hospital in an e-mail (below) that she sent to Committee Chair Ann Way and is reprinted here with Ann Marie's permission.

L to R: Rotarians Terri Detrick, Laura Charles and Ann Way

“The work that the Rotary offers to our community is always in the best interest of the residents of Wyoming County. The impact is beyond what each of you will ever know. This project in particular takes a village. It is not one individual; not any one organization; not any one team. It is a community effort.

The contribution that members of the Rotary have offered in assisting with Covid vaccine distribution will help defeat this vicious virus that has consumed our world and most likely changed our lives forever. Please know your work is acknowledged, appreciated and will change the course of this terrible disease.

Thank you Thank you Thank you for all that is done through the Rotary. Be very proud of the role and impact each of you have on so many. Through your contribution, you will never realize how many lives you have touched and improved.”

*You all have my respect and gratitude,
Ann Marie*

Tunkhannock Rotary Provided Community Outreach for Drug Take Back Program

Since the Spring of 2014, the Tunkhannock Rotary has been providing community outreach for the semi-annual Drug Take Back Events in Wyoming County. The aim of the federal Drug Enforcement Agency’s Drug Take Back Program is to provide a secure route for people to turn in their unused or expired medications for safe disposal and keep them out of the reach of children, family, friends and visitors to their homes.

The Spring Drug Take Back event took place from 10 AM to 2 PM Saturday Apr 24 under the direction of the Wyoming County District Attorney’s Office and law enforcement. Four Wyoming County pharmacies (CVS & Rite Aid in Tunkhannock and Lech’s Pharmacies in Laceyville and Nicholson) provided the venues for securely collecting the drugs, which were then picked up by law enforcement for proper disposal.

The Tunkhannock Rotary created and produced the posters and newspaper ads regarding the Drug Take Back event. Rotarians distributed them at Tyler Hospital and community locations to remind people to clean out their medicine cabinets and safely dispose of their drugs at the event.

Over 3,448.55 pounds of drugs have been collected for safe disposal in Wyoming County since this program was put in place by the Wyoming County District Attorney’s Office.

Rotary Supports the Triton Hose Company

Eric Kukuchka, Chief of the Triton Hose Co., was the guest speaker at the Apr 22 Rotary Meeting at Shadowbrook Inn and Resort. He has been a member of the Triton for 27 years and is in his second year as Chief. This year is the 150th Anniversary of the Triton Hose Co., which has been serving the Tunkhannock area since June 1, 1871.

Eric spoke about fire safety and the need to ensure that your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors are in good working order. He also remarked that the detectors should be replaced periodically.

A big problem this time of year is brush fires, with 12 already recorded this year. He reminded everyone that if they are going to burn outside, have a hose or bucket of water with you just in case.

He also pointed out that dryer vent fires are common and that one should vacuum the hose and the outside vent periodically.

He cautioned everyone to clean their chimneys before fireplace season begins; some may need to clean them more than once per year.

After his presentation, President Terri Detrick presented Eric with a check for \$500 for the Triton Hose Co.



Triton Chief Eric Kukuchka accepting donation from President Terri Detrick

Tunkhannock Supports Victims Resource Center

Tammi Burke, who is the Manager of Community Services for the Victims Resource Center (VRC) serving Luzerne, Wyoming and Carbon counties, was guest speaker at the Apr 1 Rotary Meeting.

VRC works at no cost and services provided are confidential for victims of criminal, sexual assault, and domestic assault. They will go to the hospital with sexual assault victims in need of help. They help with and accompany victims to courts, police, lawyers, etc. They have a homicide survivor's group. She also talks to hospital staff to train on how to handle sexual assault victims.

One in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys are victims of sexual abuse, but it is usually harder for boys to talk about it. 1 in 4 adult women and 1 in 33 adult men are victims of sexual assault. Unfortunately, the statistics on sexual assault have not really improved during the last decade. Only 10% of assaulted women and only 12% of kids make a report.

Kids may not realize what is going on and abusers are very good at threatening and manipulating the kids to keep it quiet.

In adults, there is fear of retaliation, not being believed or that they will be blamed. Society is great at blaming victims as responsible for what happens to them. It can happen to anybody. Please be supportive of these individuals and tell them that "I believe you".

Only 2-8% of people make false reports across all crime types. So, please believe them. The consequences to the victim may make them recant their story, even if it was true, since the consequences can be very severe (loss of home, foster care, non-belief, etc).

After her virtual presentation, Pres. Terri Detrick presented a virtual check for \$500 to the Victims Resource Center, which was accepted on their behalf by Tammi.



Tammi Burke



Northeast Pennsylvania packs a whole lot into one corner of the state. From hiking trails and breathtaking vistas, to ski slopes and water parks, to craft breweries and eateries dishing out local flavor...and the list goes on and on!

**That's the idea behind #570Day
taking place on
Friday, May 7, 2021.**

#570Day is a new online initiative born through the combined, creative efforts of The Wilkes-Barre Rotary Club, The Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce and Visit Luzerne County. The day aims to spread positivity, local pride and celebrate the people and places within the 570 area code.

How To Get Involved:

Being a part of #570Day is easy! On May 7, 2021, we encourage people, businesses, schools, nonprofits and organizations across Northeast Pennsylvania to use #570Day on social media to show what they love about living in the area. Post pictures, videos and stories that highlight the natural beauty, businesses and people who make the 570 area so great. From your Friday night pizza place, thanking a special teacher, highlighting your favorite park or sharing the best music venue...#570Day is the time to let the good in this area shine! With so much in Northeastern PA and so many stories to tell, we hope this initiative will continue to grow as it's celebrated yearly on May 7th.

Follow us on Facebook, www.facebook.com/570Day, for updates as the day gets closer and on May 7th watch #570Day on social media to see all the great things in Northeast Pennsylvania!



ROTARY OF WYOMING'S
30th Annual Golf Tournament

Rotary 

Thursday – June 10, 2021

11:00AM Lunch & Registration – 12 Noon Shotgun Start!

IREM Country Club

Only \$90.00 per person (if paid by June 1) includes Lunch, Golf, Gifts, and:

Food & Refreshments at Grotto Pizza

On the Deck

At Harveys Lake

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Please donate Gifts or Gift Certificates to be used as Prizes.

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