



# Newsletter

May 2023

Rotary  
District 7410



## Message from the District Governor Craig Devenport

As I indicated when I visited your clubs, I see the role of the district as supplemental support for our clubs. It has been my goal to assist in that process throughout the year. The challenge with this is that many of the district assistance may not affect the weekly functions of the clubs. Let me provide some upcoming examples and a few past examples. The goal is to help you become stronger clubs.

Who has even heard of the Council on Legislation? Most Rotarians have not, but it is vital to the function of Rotary as a whole. This annual meeting reviews each and every item that comes into a Rotary "suggestion box" of sorts from all over the world. Recent changes in loosening many restrictions have come through this process. Each district gets to have a volunteer participate in that. We are in the process of balloting each of our clubs to determine who that will be. The candidate will be announced shortly after May 15th.



In the hierarchy of Rotary, above the district there is another level called the zone. We are in zone 32 which is huge. We get to provide a representative to this zone to help vote for leadership positions. This person will be a past district governor and will be named by June 30th. Our zone include : much of the mid-Atlantic states, New England, Canada, Alaska, and Bermuda. One of their additional goals is to assist on the training of upcoming governors.

Just as the zone helps prepare leadership , our district also help prepare leaders in a couple of ways: the President Elect Training Seminars (PETS) , District Assembly, and Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA coming up in June.) To do this requires volunteers. You can help be a part of numerous committees that give our district the strengths it has. Just take the risk of expanding your level of service beyond a weekly meeting. It can be a lot of fun!.

Membership update: we are in need of 20 more members to reach the magic number of 1100 by June 30th. There are three easy ways to get there: First, encourage stagnant members to get involved so they do not resign from your club. Second: Invite anybody and everybody to service projects and let them see what Rotary is all about. Third: Don't ask directly if someone wants to join Rotary- without a gentle invitation to learn what Rotary is all about, what good it is doing in your community, and why you became a member (and love it!)

Yours in Service,  
DG Craig Devenport

## *Notes from DGE Sam*

Hello All,

I hope you can attend District Assembly on May 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. We have special guests from Club Runner and from Zone 32! You can sign up on our District website!

To all **President Elects** we will be having a get together in Tunkhannock on June 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. The location will be The Gathering Room at Tri County General Insurance, 5513 SR6 Tunkhannock, PA 18657. Dinner and drinks will be provided. Please email me at [smaruzzelli@tcginsurance.com](mailto:smaruzzelli@tcginsurance.com) or call/text me at 570-885-1810 to let me know you can attend. We will be sharing our goals and ideas for the upcoming year. Proudly serving with Rotary International President Gordon McNally to Create Hope in the World. Please come and celebrate in a kick off to your Presidential year!



## **District Assembly**

President Elects, Secretaries, Treasurers and any other Rotarians interested in Club Runner training.

District Assembly will be held via Zoom on May 10th at 6:30pm. The Zoom link is on the website. This is mandatory training for officers. It will help you navigate Club Runner while performing your duties as an officer. We will also have some updates on Membership and Foundation. Don't miss out!

## **Club Visits**

We are working on our schedule for DG visits next Rotary year.

Please let us know when you would like to be visited. The calendar will fill up fast!

Email Sam at [samanthamaruzzelli@gmail.com](mailto:samanthamaruzzelli@gmail.com).

Yours in Rotary Service,  
DGE Samantha Maruzzelli



# Rotary Leadership Institute Recap

RLI 2023 was held on April 15th, 2023 at East Mountain Inn, Wilkes-Barre. Sessions 1, 2 and 3 were held. Nearly 35 Rotarians attended the event and a nice time was had by all. RLI helps to identify those with potential leadership qualities in their clubs. RLI also serves as a way for Rotarians to mingle and get ideas on new projects, leadership and growing membership within the club. Pictured are this year's attendees.



# Rotary Leadership Institute Graduates

Graduates of RLI at the April 15th, 2023 session

## Row 1

PDG Hector Ortiz, RLI Vice-Chairman, Jane Martini-Kraynak, Shelly Karavis, RLI Co-Chair, Mary Tempest, DG Craig Devenport

## Row 2

JK Karavis, RLI Co-Chair, Michael Markovitz, DGE Samantha Mazzurelli





# District 7410 Mix , Mingle and Imagine the Possibilities Dance

It was April Fool's Day but the District 7410 Mix, Mingle and Imagine Dance was not a joke. We had 113 tickets sold with great music by DJ Steve Saive from Hazleton. A cash bar, lite fare at Shadowbrook Resort, photo booth with Donna Wald's colorful balloon decorations and Francine Kanyok's decorative funny hats, sunglasses and more to put on for pictures. I welcomed the group and the music sparked the dancing, smiles and fun to begin. Tickets were sold for the basket raffles that raised \$600 for the End Polio Now Campaign.

Anne Sehne, her staff, seven exchange students, two alumni exchange students Anika and Adam and some family members also attended the event. During the break Anne Sehne, Youth Exchange Program Chair , introduced the exchange students, then they had the parade of flags and held the jacket ceremony. The inbound exchange students carried their countries flags and the outbound students carried their host countries flag.

Samantha Maruzzelli DGE pinned the students with their first pin from Washington, DC. This was such an exciting ceremony for the dance audience. Many in the audience were not Rotarians so this enlightened them regarding Rotary's Exchange Student Program.

The music resumed and the crowd gathered to join in with the Chicken Dance , the Konga Dance and more. In attendance was our PDG Mary Ellen Bentler, and Rotarians from 15 other local towns representing their Rotary Clubs.

Numerous door prize winners were announced to receive \$20 gift cards to Weis, Wine & Spirits, T&C Grille, and Jersey Mike's. A big thank you to our sponsors for this event: Stone House Investment Management, Lackawanna College and Keystone College. Also, for those that donated the raffle baskets and helped with this event a huge thank you.

We are planning another district event this summer in a different location .

Come and join in the fun !

DMC

Mary Tempest





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# District Committee Needs

The district has some positions that need to be filled with Rotarians throughout the District.

Are you interested in working with the Youth in the District? If so consider one of the following:

*Youth Service Chair*

*Rotaract Chair*

*Interact Chair*

*Youth Protection Officer*

Are you interested in the Foundation Committee? Consider one of the following:

*Annual Fund & Fundraising Chair*

*Polio Plus Chair*

We also need:

*Alumni Chair*

Also a few years ago we combined Area 5 into Area 4 and 7. It would be great to get an Assistant Governor for Area 4.

The district also needs to build a strong membership committee so if you are interested in being a part of that committee please reach out. If you don't feel you could be a committee chair but are still interested in serving on a committee or know someone that would be interested please don't hesitate to reach out to me or DG Craig, DGE Samantha or DGN Bill.

If you have any questions on any of these committee, please don't hesitate to ask me? Also, just because the committee's above are what is needed don't hesitate to ask about any committee's within the district. The district is here to support the clubs and that can not be done with out members of the clubs on these committees.

PDG Mary Ellen

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mebrotary@echoes.net

# Essay Contest 2023

It is with great pleasure that DG Craig Devenport, and the district committee, consisting of Rotary Club Essay Chairs and Rotarian Essay Judges, announce the 3 winning essays from District 7410 Essay Contest 2023.

The essay prompt this year was: “As a person of action, what would you identify as a major public issue in your hometown or local area? What would you propose as a possible solution?”

Fourteen essays were submitted by the March 31 deadline. The essays had all personal identifying data removed before being sent to the three judges with a straightforward rubric from the International Reading association, as well as a score sheet.

All fourteen of the essays submitted were well written and thought provoking, and the authors are to be complimented on their submissions.

Strictly by the numbers, the following essays placed in the top three:

1. Alex Long of Elk Lake High School, submitted by Tunkhannock Rotary, wrote on Internet insufficiency in rural areas.
2. Benjamin Chilson of Tunkhannock Area High School, submitted by Tunkhannock Rotary, looked at the lack of emergency medical care in rural areas.
3. Adam Sebelin of Lehighon High School, submitted by Lehighon Rotary, addressed the issue of business development and growth.

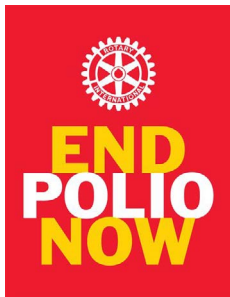
These outstanding essays will be read, and the authors awarded, at the District Banner Exchange on July 1, at Creekside Gardens in Tunkhannock, at 5 PM in the outdoor pavilion.

Many thanks to all the Rotarians and School Personnel who participated and made the contest vibrant and successful.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kate Farrell Kurosky  
New Milford Area Rotary  
District Essay Chair



# ROTARY DISTRICT 7410 POLIOPUS SOCIETY APPLICATION



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

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

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

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

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

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

Name:

Signature:

Date:

Club Name:

Phone Number:

E-Mail:

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



## New Member Welcomed

On Thursday April 20 The Rotary Club of the Abingtons welcomed a new member Gwyneth Williams of South Abington Township.

Pictured (L to R): Rotary President Diane Calabro, Sponsoring Member Leah Rudolph, Gwyneth and Installing Officer and Past District Governor Roger Mattes.





# Upcoming Food Drive

NEXT FOOD DRIVE ANNOUNCED, Co-sponsored by Rotary Club of the Abingtons and the Gathering Place. Non-perishable food, toiletries, and cleaning products are all needed.

For your convenience a DRIVE THROUGH will be manned:

The Clarks Summit Borough Building

Thursday June 1st, 2023

Between 9:30-11:30 AM

We will be at the side door of the Borough Building on Spring Street, next to The Gathering Place, ready to help you unload your donations.

Items may be dropped off during regular business hours from now until June 1st at either PSBank, 100 Old Lackawanna Trail (near Gerritys) or FNCB Bank, 269 E. Grove St.

## Neighborhood Food Drive



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Club of  
The Abingtons  
Clarks Summit, PA 18411



**Thank you for your support!!**

Monetary donations accepted:

Rotary Club of the Abingtons  
"Service Above Self"  
PO Box 392



## New Members Welcomed

The Hamlin Lake Ariel club welcomed two new members this month! Gene Metschulat was inducted as an honorary member. Gene generously provides the club with a meeting place on Tuesday nights which has played a crucial role in allowing the club to be successful! He & his staff at R Place on 590 always go above and beyond to support the club and for that they are forever grateful!

Michael McDonnell is a local resident to the Hamlin/Lake Ariel area. He is currently a full-time real estate agent with Century 21 Select Group & joined the Rotary Club as a way to work towards serving and giving back to his community. The Hamlin Lake Ariel club is so happy to have him as a part of the Rotary family!



**Gene Metschulat**  
Honorary Member

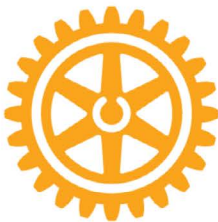


**Michael McDonnell**



Hamlin Lake Ariel

**Rotary**  
Club



# 10th Annual Golf Tournament

**Monday June 5, 2023**

Rain Date: June 12th

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

### Early Bird Registration

\$115 per person registered  
and paid before May 20th!

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

\$125 per person after May 20th  
Payments accepted via  
Cash, Check, or Venmo.

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

### Sponsorships Welcome!

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

Terri Ditty  
(570) 947-1649

Jacky Gillette (Chair)  
(570) 575-5502

Eileen Talalas  
(570) 499-2793

Mary Ellen Bentler  
(570) 499-8901

Harry Talalas  
(570) 499-2794

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## Hazleton Rotary Selects RYLA Attendees

“There is plenty of summer fun in store for three area students who have been selected as scholarship recipients to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Award Conference in June. Lydia Chen (MMI) and Silvia Roberto (Hazleton Area Academy of Sciences) were awarded Hazleton Rotary scholarships and Willa Bartholomew (MMI) is the recipient of the Hazleton Rotary Foundation scholarship” announces Kim McNulty, Hazleton Rotary RYLA project chair.

RYLA will be held at Keystone College, La Plume, PA on Sunday, June 25-Thursday, June 29. RYLA has been designed as a 5-day, 4-night leadership program for high school students, who have completed their sophomore year, and who have shown leadership potential in their home, school and community. The conference is designed to introduce participants to thoughts and ideas which will strengthen and develop their leadership skills.

The program will highlight three different components, including team projects, small group activities and time for social life like organized sports, dancing and other activities.

“These scholarships mean that the only cost to RYLA attendees is transportation to/from the Conference.” explains Rotary President Lisa Marie Halecky. “It is really exciting to be able to provide an opportunity for some Hazleton students to get together with other students from NEPA to discuss and exchange their ideas!”



## Honesdale Rotary Showers Victim's Intervention with Gifts!

It was the first ever "Housewarming Shower" for the Victim's Intervention Program (VIP) and the Honesdale Rotary club was the host. On Sunday, April 30th, close to 30 people showed up at Grace Episcopal Church in Honesdale to "shower" VIP with more than \$1,000 worth of gifts (including some donated online) and \$200-plus in cash.

Donations included pots, pans, blankets, toys, household items and two boxes mostly of hygiene products donated by Interact, the youth Rotary club at Honesdale High School. Attendees were treated to food, a basket raffle and fun games. Challenged to build a house out of Legos, Rotarians and guests competed against one another. VIP's Community Outreach Manager Chelsea Falotico chose the winner for its "closed, safe structure," although she thought the runner up was more fun—it had a swing!

Falotico also thanked Rotary and talked about VIP's services, including its 24-hour crisis hotline and safe shelters for victims of domestic abuse. "Some of our clients show up with nothing more than the clothes on their backs, so these gifts will really help!"

Honesdale Rotary thanks local businesses who donated baskets. Honesdale Rotary is a service club of more than 40 members and part of Rotary International. New members welcome. Visit the club on [Facebook](#).

Group photo at gift table, bottom row, l. to r.: Sylvia Kingston, Michelle Gilder, Georgia Solotoff, Chelsea Falotico/VIP, Dana Famiglietti-Scott, Lynn Goodwin, Bonny Cousins, Betty Caruth, Lisa Champeau, Alycia and Bob Schwartz. Back row: Eiji Matsumoto/Exchange Student, Stephen Moulton, Kay Reynolds, Karen Mander with grandson Jeremy.





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# Honesdale High School Interact Club

Honesdale High School Interact has been actively engaged in serving their community through various initiatives. One such initiative is their Kids Care 'big buddy' program, where they recently hosted the kids at Lakeside Elementary with snacks, crafts, and games, providing them with a fun-filled day. The Purple Pinkie Project, another initiative taken up by the Interact club, was promoted during the local parade where they walked with the Honesdale Rotary to raise awareness about polio eradication.

Additionally, the group also took their Kids Care buddies to Woodloch Resort for a day of swimming and bonding. The Honesdale High School Interact is now gearing up for their annual fundraiser, called Balls Away, which is the group's largest fundraiser of the year. The funds raised will support their various activities and initiatives throughout the year.

For more information about the Honesdale High School Interact and their initiatives, visit their website at [interacthhs.com](http://interacthhs.com) or contact Brian Fulp at 570-309-7860.

The Honesdale High School Interact is committed to making a positive impact in their community and is always looking for ways to serve others.





## Club Recap

Jim Thorpe Childcare and Early Childhood Center:

After almost one and One-half years of organization and planning, the Jim Thorpe Childcare and Early Childhood Center should be ready to open in Fall of 2023. The center is a cooperative effort of the Jim Thorpe Rotary Club, Lehigh Valley Children's Center, the Immaculate Conception Parish (Allentown Diocese), and the Jim Thorpe Area School District. Housed in the former St. Joseph's Regional Academy, the center will offer Pre-K Counts and pre-school care for approximately 30 – 40 children, initially, and hopes to expand those numbers as dictated by need and space availability.

This endeavor will help with the childcare needs that were identified by over 200 respondents to a "Child Care and Early Education Survey", that was commissioned in mid-2022. Our club has committed \$2,000 to assist with cost of necessary renovations for the childcare center.

Donations: Kids Zone (pre- and post-school childcare) - \$250; Turkey/Syria Disaster Response Fund - \$250; Jim Thorpe Independent Film Festival - \$100; Hippy 5 K Run; (CCEDC Scholarship Fund) - \$50; \$250 for the Friends of the Carbon county Technical Institute.

Student Scholarships: Five students were selected to receive Rotary Scholarships (\$750 each): two from Jim Thorpe Area High School; two from Carbon Career & Technical Institute; and one from Marian Catholic High School. They will receive their awards at the schools' respective award assemblies.

Essay Contest: the top three essays were read at our April 18 meeting. The 1st Place essay was submitted by Justin Fronheiser and it was sent to the District for further judging; the 2nd and 3rd Place winners were Makayla Scott and Jalin Burns, respectively. The club awarded a prize of \$50 for 1st place and \$25 each for 2nd and 3rd place.

RYLA: two students each from CCTI and one from JTAHS were selected to attend the camp.

Summer Recreation: planning is continuing for opening of the camp on June 19. Approximately, 125 children will attend.

The program will offer a daily STEM activity, arts & crafts, games, sports, etc. A free lunch will be provided, courtesy of the SHINE Program, as well as a free breakfast. The camp is provided free of charge to all children.

PETS and Grant Seminar Training: Rotarian Amber Breiner attended the PETS training in March. Also, President Jeanne Miller and Secretary Clem McGinley attended the Grants Training Seminar at Drums.





## International Service Project Meeting

The Rotary Clubs of Kingston and Plymouth recently had Lia Stone speak their International Service Project meeting at Theo's Metro, Kingston. The clubs helped to sponsor Lia's two-month trip to Israel for personal and professional development.

Lia presented slides and a lot of feedback from her trip. She added that this trip was motivational and helped to embrace her family's heritage.

Pictured from left are Brian Vnuk, Assistant Governor, Area 7, Jody Edley, Lia's Mom, Lia Stone, Eva Bates, Kingston President, Gary Bernstein, Joe Mitchneck, JK Karavis





## Essay Contest Winner

Dakota Langlitz, a senior at Crestwood High School in Mountain Top, was the winner of our annual Rotary essay contest. Dakota is a member of the Interact Club and hinted that she would love to become involved in Rotary while at college!





## New Milford Area Rotary Inducts New Member

The New Milford Area Rotary had the pleasure of formally inducting a new member into its ranks on April 17, 2023. Dr. Kenneth Cuomo is the primary member of one of the newest Corporate Memberships of the club- the Elk Lake School District.

Dr. Cuomo serves as the District Superintendent and will retire June 30, 2023, to be replaced by Assistant District Superintendent Mr. Robert Galella on July 1, 2023, who will serve as the Alternate member until that date. Upon Dr Cuomo's retirement Mr. Galella will transition to be the primary member.

The New Milford Area Rotary currently consists of forty members actively serving the community and world and welcomes new membership. Contact information can be found at [www.facebook.com/newmilfordrotary](https://www.facebook.com/newmilfordrotary). Or one can contact David Palmer, Membership Chair at [davesolopalmer@gmail.com](mailto:davesolopalmer@gmail.com)





# COMING TO AMERICA:

## New Milford Area Rotary providing a Home Away from Home for Ukrainian Refugee Family



Left to right; David Palmer, New Milford Area Rotary; Todd Moffett, Christ Episcopal Church, Susquehanna; Tom Kurosky, New Milford Area Rotary; Joan Flint, Saint Mark's Episcopal Church, New Milford; Anne Davenport, Saint Mark's Episcopal Church, New Milford.

New Milford will soon be welcoming a refugee family from the Ukraine. The joint undertaking of the New Milford Area Rotary Club and St. Mark's Episcopal Church has been embraced by many other members of the community who have come together as volunteers to renovate the St. Mark's rectory and to provide the furnishings and services the newcomers will need.

The joint project evolved from other programs sponsored by Rotary International, and Rotary District 7410 Rotary Clubs here in Northeast Pennsylvania.

In addition to the primary hosts, there has been an outpouring of support from other parts of the broader community. These include Christ Episcopal Church in Susquehanna, Sherwin Williams, American Legion Auxiliary, Adams Cable, New Milford Hardware, Hometown Finds and Friends in Montrose, Nicholson Lumber, I&R Motors in Fleetville, Greenwood's Furniture in Tunkhannock.

Individual donors abound, such as Dave Glemboski, a local general contractor who has donated many hours of his time to electrical and plumbing work, including a whole new upstairs bathroom and a second half bath downstairs.

New Milford Area Rotary's and St. Mark's aid to refugees are long-term commitments. Donations are appreciated and may be made to Saint Mark's Episcopal Church in New Milford or the New Milford Area Rotary Club. In addition, the Community Foundation of the Endless Mountains at <https://community-foundation.org> in Montrose will accept donations via its 501c3 status. All donations should refer to the "New Milford Area Rotary Ukrainian Refugee Family" in the memo section.

The club is looking forward to arrival of the family sooner versus later and will have a welcoming event for them that will include all in the community that has given in this effort. The New Milford Area Rotary currently consists of 40 members, both individual and corporate memberships, actively serving the community and world. Contact information for donations can be found at [www.facebook.com/newmilfordrotary](http://www.facebook.com/newmilfordrotary). Or one can contact David Palmer, at [davesolopalmer@gmail.com](mailto:davesolopalmer@gmail.com).



Front Row; Stephen Spero; David Palmer; Joan Flint. Middle Row; Annie Palmer, Margaret Foster-Kelemen; John Reynolds; Ashley Weidow. Back row; Todd Moffett; Tom Kurosky.



Left to right; Annie Palmer, New Milford Area Rotary; Joan Flint, Saint Mark's Episcopal Church, New Milford.



John Reynolds



Todd Moffett



Front Row; Jackson Maby; David Glemboski; Brian Palmer. Back Row; Tom Kurosky; John Reynolds; Ben Capron; Stephen Spero; Joan Flint; Tabor Capron; Cortney Seguin; Annie Palmer; Margaret Foster-Kelemen.



Stephen Spero



Karen Voigt



## Celebrating Rotary Magazine Month

The Rotary Clubs of Plymouth and Wyoming recently got together to celebrate Rotary Magazine Month. There was a trivia game held to honor the event with questions and answers from the April edition of The Rotarian Magazine.

Pictured are AG for Area 7 and Plymouth Rotarian Brian Vnuk along with Wyoming Rotarian Frank Sobeck.







## Spotlight on World Polio Day

The Rotary Club of Scranton will host District 7410's Spotlight Program for 2023 World Polio Day.

Scranton Rotary is partnering with the Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine (GCSOM), City of Scranton and other community organizations.

Entitled "Are We Prepared For The Next Pandemic?", the event will include a panel discussion followed by a formal reception. Regional experts from area healthcare organizations will serve on the panel. Both the panel and reception will be held at the GCSOM main campus, 525 Pine Street in Scranton (free parking available onsite).

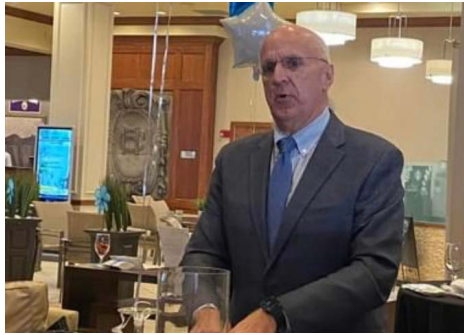
The panel discussion will run from 5:30PM to 7PM followed immediately by the reception. For additional information, contact [rotary5402@gmail.com](mailto:rotary5402@gmail.com).

International and other organizations to eradicate Polio worldwide. Further announcements will be provided by the Rotary Club of Scranton.



*James Baker, Scranton Rotarian, Dr Rachna Saxena, City of Scranton Public Health Coordinator, Joe Riccardo, Scranton Rotarian.*





1. The Rotary Club of Scranton hosted a Rotary Mixer and Fundraiser to benefit CASUAL Day, a day established to raise awareness about colorectal cancer. Rotary member, Judge Carmen Minora, addressed the group regarding his personal experience with Colon cancer and the importance of early screening.

2. Rachel Rovinski, from the Radisson Lackawanna Station Hotel, was installed as the newest member of the Scranton Rotary this month.

The Club welcomed several interesting and informative luncheon speakers including 3 Patrice Scaglotti, CEO of Inner 10 Training, LLC and 4 Nell Donnelly-O'Boyle from Dwell Real Estate.

5 Dave Palmer, District PolioPlus Chair, to award Scranton Rotarian Gerard Hetman with a pin for becoming a member of the PolioPlus Society.

6 The Scranton Rotary Club was excited to be honored as the organization that collected the second highest amount of donations during the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign



## Tunkhannock Rotary Spends Evening at Planetarium

On Thursday evening Mar 16, Rotarians, family and friends met at the Tunkhannock Area High School Planetarium for a presentation by member Laura Charles. Laura is a retired science teacher from the High School and spoke about a variety of planetary objects seen in the night sky. A great time was had by all in attendance.

## Rotary Supports NTIEC Summer Program

The guests at the Mar 30 Tunkhannock Rotary Luncheon at Shadowbrook, were Shealynn Shave, Executive Director of the Northern Tier Industry and Education Consortium (NTIEC), and Deb Tierney, Educational Coordinator/Administrative Systems Leader of NTIEC.

Tunkhannock Rotary obtained a District grant for \$4,000 with the club contributing an additional \$1,000 to provide NTIEC with a \$5,000 grant to fund one of their Agriculture & Leadership Career Experience Summer Programs for 2023.

The program will provide 15 students (grades 9-12) the opportunity to spend a week touring multiple farms (including Brown Hill Farm and Manning's Dairy Farm), a Veterinary service (Endless Mountain Veterinary Center) and equipment suppliers all dealing with the agriculture industry in northeastern Pennsylvania.



*Pres. Mike Markovitz presented a check for \$5,000 to Deb Tierney (left) and Shealynn Shave (center).*

## Club Essay Contest Winners

At the Apr 13 Rotary Luncheon at Shadowbrook, Don Davis, chair of the Essay Contest Committee, announced the top essayists in the 2023 Tunkhannock Rotary Essay Contest. Students from the Tunkhannock Area and the Elk Lake School Districts participated in this year's contest. This year's theme was: "As a person of action, what would you identify as a major public issue in your hometown or local area? What would you propose as a possible solution?"

At the club level, 5 essays were selected with each school's winners receiving monetary prizes of \$100 (1st), \$75 (2nd) or \$50 (3rd). The top essayists (2 from Elk Lake and 3 from Tunkhannock) were invited to tell the club a little about themselves and to read their winning essays via Zoom or in person at the Apr 13 Rotary meeting.

First-place in Tunkhannock went to Ben Chilson, with second place to Nathan Schaeffer and third place to Syndel Rowles.

First place at Elk Lake was awarded to Alex Long and second place to Mackenzie Conboy. The essays from Ben Chilson (TAHS) and Alex Long (Elk Lake) were submitted to Rotary District 7410 for the next phase of the Essay Contest.

## Tunkhannock Provided Community Outreach for Drug Take Back Event

The Wyoming County District Attorney's Office held a Drug Take Back event on Saturday Apr. 22 from 10 AM to 2 PM at a variety of pharmacies in Wyoming County. Rotary provided the community outreach for this event and Rotarian Cammie Anderson, a drug education specialist in the Tunkhannock Area schools, provided information to participants dropping off drugs.

District Attorney Joe Peters wrote to Rotary: "You should be proud of the fact that the collective effort resulted in taking 191.4 lbs of prescription drugs out of the homes and off the streets of Wyoming County, thereby keeping them out of the hands of children, teens and adults alike. The lives you saved will never be known, but it is safe to say that it has been done. On behalf of all citizens and as the chief law enforcement officer of the county and a fellow Rotarian, I salute and thank you!"

DA Peters also visited each of the pharmacies to thank the pharmacies, police officers and volunteers who were partners in this endeavor.

Since the DA's office began participating in this program in 2010, 4,234.55 lbs of drugs have been collected, with 3,828.55 lbs collected after Rotary began providing the advertising and community outreach for this program.





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## Spring Roadside Cleanup

On Earth Day, Sat Apr 22, Rotarians, family and friends gathered at the Fireplace Restaurant parking lot to begin the Spring roadside cleanup. Since 1997, the Tunkhannock Club has participated in the Adopt a Highway Program, cleaning a 2 mile stretch of Route 6 in Tunkhannock from the Fireplace Restaurant to beyond Route 87 towards Meshoppen.



## Former Exchange Student Visits Club

It was a great pleasure for Tunkhannock Rotary to welcome back 1968-69 Rotary Exchange Student from the Netherlands, Willem den Hertog to our Apr 27 Rotary Luncheon.

In addition to updating the club on his exploits after he left Tunkhannock, he composed the following Sonnet as a thank you to Tunkhannock Rotary and the Rotary District 7410 Exchange Program:

I once was in the class of 69  
Thanks to Rotarians being so generous  
For a young boy from Holland not just fine  
For me even Tunkhannock was just glamorous.  
And, as I said, it was a culture shock  
So other was American life for me  
And High School life in every way did rock  
Quite different from what I back home did see.  
But the important thing was the big change  
In mindset, and in outlook towards life  
Which in the years thereafter would arrange  
To help me cope with fortune and with strife.  
So for the lessons in that year I learned  
You all eternal gratitude have earned!





## Exchange Students Test Shooting Skills

The Wyalusing Area Rotary Club continued what is becoming a tradition on Saturday, April 22, by sponsoring a trap shoot hosted by the Tri-County Sports Club on their grounds near Silvara, PA, in Bradford County's Tuscarora Township. Rotarians and members of the sportsmen's club hosted nine Rotary District 7410 students, which included seven foreign exchange students and two students from local schools who will soon be exchange students in other countries.

Most of the students had little or no experience shooting firearms, let alone clay traps hurled across an expansive target area.

There was also a strong turnout of adult shooters, most of them club members, who paid to compete in this fundraising event.

Gun safety and protocol were included in instructional sessions with the student group comprised of seven girls and two boys. Doing the honors of working with the students was Patrick Beebe who once again was there to offer tips on both firearms' safety and marksmanship.

Meanwhile, back in the clubhouse, a band of Wyalusing Rotarians led by President Wendy Gaustad were keeping track of the scoring and serving up hotdogs, chili, sloppy Joes, beverages and snacks in the clubhouse.

Victoria Pacreau, eighteen-year-old foreign exchange student from France who has been enjoying the current school year in Wyalusing, had never fired a shotgun before. Nevertheless, she was the top scorer among the females and, much to her delight, outscored the male winner, Hungary's Mark Holovacs. Mark, sixteen, is spending the 2022-23 school year in Tunkhannock. Both received trophies for their efforts, and Victoria was especially pleased to tease Mark about her triumph. It was all in fun and Mark took it all in stride.

The Tri-County Sportsmen were exceeding generous with their time and making this fundraiser one of the Wyalusing Area Rotary's most profitable fundraisers. The club will contribute the proceeds to causes like the eradication of polio worldwide.





*From left to right  
Suditi Dhanecha- India (Pittston), Victoria "Vic" Pacreau-France (Wyalusing),  
Shelli Selby- Long term to Czech Republic (Mountain Top),  
Jacob Carr- Short term to Italy (Towanda),  
Madleina Pajarola- Switzerland (Towanda),  
Norah Rickby- Short term to Spain (Tunkhannock),  
Kneeling: Dexter Sullivan- Long term to France (Abington),  
Ava Eroh- Long term- Germany (Weatherly),  
Mark Holovacs- Hungary (Tunkhannock)*