

Keepin' Up With The District



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A Message From: DISTRICT GOVERNOR Samantha Maruzzelli



A Heartfelt Thank You for Your Attendance at Our District Conference. I wanted to extend our deepest gratitude to each and every one of you who joined us at our recent District Conference.

Your presence made our conference truly special, and your active participation contributed immensely to its success. From the engaging discussions to the insightful presentations, your enthusiasm and dedication to Rotary's mission were evident throughout the event.

We were especially honored to have had the esteemed presence of PDG Duane Benton, the representative of Rotary International President, who graced us with his wisdom and inspiring words. His presence added a special significance to our gathering, reminding us of the global impact of Rotary's work and the importance of our collective efforts.

Our focus on mental well-being was a highlight of the conference, and we hope that the discussions and insights shared have left a lasting impact on you. By shining a light on this crucial topic, we aim to foster a community that prioritizes the holistic health and well-being of its members.

We sincerely hope that you found the conference both enjoyable and informative, and that you were able to connect with fellow Rotarians and guests who share your passion for service and community development. Tim Genetti ran an amazing event and has my deepest gratitude for all his hard work. So many members assisted with various jobs. I thank you all!

Once again, thank you for your enthusiastic participation and unwavering commitment to Rotary's ideals. Together, we are making a difference in the world, one community at a time.

We look forward to seeing you at future Rotary events and continuing our journey of service and fellowship together. Again, thank you.

Mental Health Awareness Month in May provides a crucial opportunity to break the stigma surrounding mental health issues and take meaningful action to support individuals who are struggling. Here are some key points to consider:

- 1. Normalize the Conversation:** One of the most effective ways to break the stigma is by normalizing conversations about mental health. Encourage open dialogue within your community, workplace, and social circles. By sharing personal experiences, offering support, and listening without judgment, we can create an environment where people feel comfortable seeking help when they need it.
- 2. Education and Awareness:** Education is key to dispelling myths and misconceptions about mental health. Take the time to learn about different mental health conditions, their symptoms, and available treatments. Share accurate information with others to increase awareness and understanding.
- 3. Promote Acceptance and Empathy:** Foster a culture of acceptance and empathy by promoting understanding and compassion for those experiencing mental health challenges. Encourage kindness, empathy, and support for individuals struggling with their mental health.
- 4. Advocate for Accessible Resources:** Advocate for increased access to mental health resources and services in your community. This includes advocating for affordable and accessible mental health care, as well as supporting initiatives that provide resources and support to those in need.
- 5. Encourage Self-Care and Well-being:** Promote the importance of self-care and well-being as essential components of mental health. Encourage individuals to prioritize self-care practices such as exercise, mindfulness, relaxation techniques, and maintaining a healthy work-life balance.
- 6. Combat Discrimination and Stereotypes:** Challenge discrimination and stereotypes associated with mental health conditions. Advocate for policies and practices that promote inclusivity, fairness, and equal treatment for individuals with mental health challenges.
- 7. Support Mental Health Initiatives:** Get involved in mental health initiatives and organizations that are working to promote mental health awareness, provide support, and advocate for policy changes. Whether it's volunteering your time, donating to a cause, or participating in awareness campaigns, every effort helps make a difference.



MAY 2024

By breaking the stigma surrounding mental health and taking action to support those in need, we can create a more compassionate and supportive society where everyone has the opportunity to thrive. Let's use Mental Health Awareness Month as a catalyst for positive change and collective action.

As the end of the Rotary year approaches, it's essential to ensure a smooth transition and prepare the incoming leadership for their roles and responsibilities.

Here's how you can effectively prepare the incoming leadership:

Provide Comprehensive Training: Offer comprehensive training sessions or workshops for incoming leaders to familiarize them with their roles and responsibilities. Cover key topics such as Rotary's mission and values, organizational structure, strategic priorities, financial management, membership development, and community service projects.

Facilitate Mentorship and Guidance: Pair incoming leaders with experienced mentors who can provide guidance, support, and valuable insights based on their own leadership experiences within Rotary. Mentorship relationships can help incoming leaders navigate challenges, build confidence, and develop effective leadership skills.

Encourage Goal Setting and Planning: Encourage incoming leaders to set clear goals and develop action plans for their term in office. Work with them to identify priorities, establish measurable objectives, and create strategies for achieving their goals. Encourage collaboration and input from club members to ensure buy-in and support for the upcoming initiatives.

Promote Continuity and Communication: Foster continuity by facilitating communication and collaboration between outgoing and incoming leaders. Encourage outgoing leaders to share their experiences, insights, and lessons learned with their successors. This knowledge transfer can help incoming leaders understand the club's history, ongoing projects, and existing challenges.

Empower and Delegate: Empower incoming leaders by providing them with the autonomy to make decisions and lead initiatives within their respective roles. Delegate tasks and responsibilities based on individual strengths and interests, while also encouraging teamwork and collaboration among club members.

Provide Resources and Support: Ensure that incoming leaders have access to the necessary resources, tools, and support systems to effectively carry out their roles. This may include access to training materials, templates for planning and reporting, and assistance from district or regional Rotary leaders.

Celebrate Achievements and Milestones: Recognize and celebrate the achievements and milestones of outgoing leaders while also expressing gratitude for their dedication and service to the club. This acknowledgment can help create a sense of continuity and appreciation within the club community.

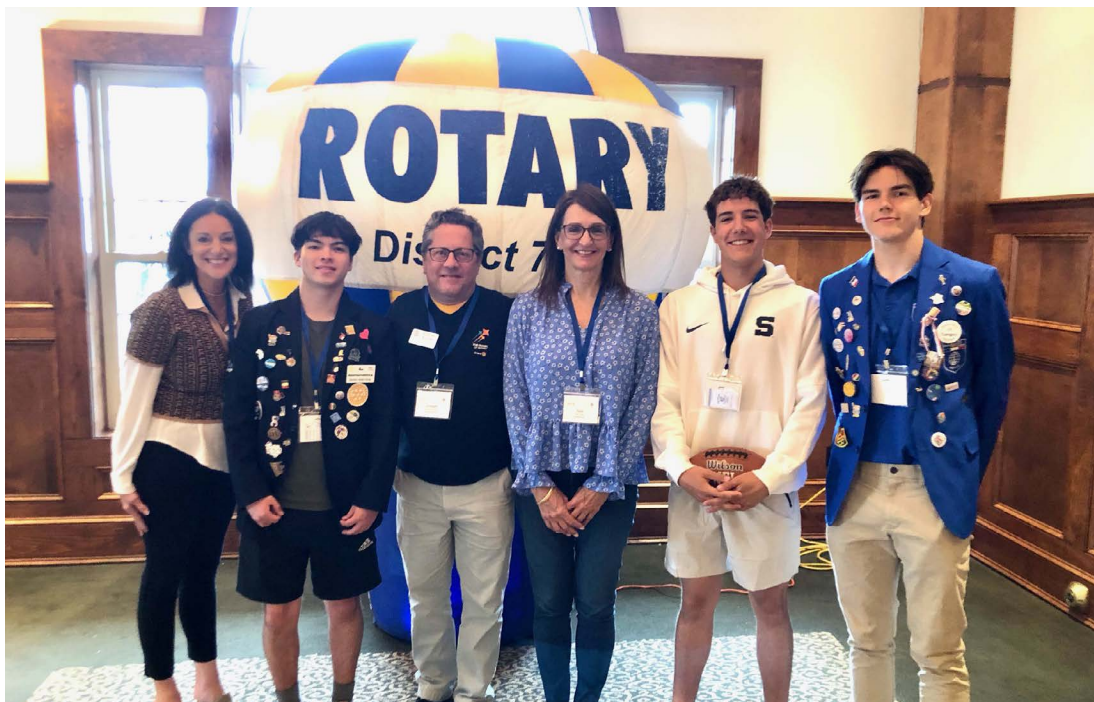
By pro-actively preparing incoming leadership, Rotary clubs can ensure a smooth transition and set the stage for continued success in advancing Rotary's mission of service above self. Investing in the development of future leaders is essential for the long-term sustainability and impact of Rotary clubs around the world.

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy month of May! May this month be filled with joy, laughter, and moments of serenity. Let's embrace the beauty of spring and take time to appreciate the simple pleasures of life.

May we prioritize our well-being and nurture our mental, emotional, and physical health. Here's to new beginnings, fresh perspectives, and opportunities for growth. May this month bring us closer together as a community and inspire us to spread kindness and positivity wherever we go.

Happy May to all!

Yours in Rotary Service,
Sam





DON'T BOTTLE IT UP



**Mental Health
Initiatives**
Rotary Action Group

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

Samantha Maruzzelli
Tunkhannock Rotary Club
District 7410 DG 2023-2024

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

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

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

Don’t suffer in silence.
#dontbottleitup



Upcoming Events

May 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
SHINE Volunteer At South Elementary (Newfoundland)						
		Bingo Night May 1st (Newfoundland)		District Conference		
				District Conference 2024		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
SHINE Volunteer At South Elementary (Newfoundland)						
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
SHINE Volunteer At South Elementary (Newfoundland)						
			Stroudsburgs Rotary Golf Tournament		Stroudsburgs Rotary Day of Service (Stroudsburgs, The)	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
SHINE Volunteer At South Elementary (Newfoundland)						
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
SHINE Volunteer At South Elementary (Newfoundland)						
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
SHINE Volunteer At South Elementary (Newfoundland)						
		June Bingo (Newfoundland)			Wing It For Water (Wyalusing)	

☐ - Committee Meeting

☐ - Deadline

☐ - District Event

☐ - Fundraiser

☐ - General

☐ - Official DG Visit

☐ - Club Event

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

[Newfoundland- June 5th - Bingo](#)

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

See You There!

Don't see your event on the calendar?

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

Submit to the Newsletter!

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

Instructions to submit your articles and photos to the newsletter:

Please send submissions to the email box:

RotaryDistrict7410Newsletter@gmail.com

Please remember to keep your content:

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

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

Rotary Convention



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SINGAPORE | 25-29 MAY 2024

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REGISTRATION CATEGORY	27-31 MAY 2023	1 JUNE 2023 TO 15 DECEMBER 2023	16 DECEMBER 2023 TO 31 MARCH 2024	1 APRIL 2024 TO 29 MAY 2024
Club member, nonmember, or guest, age 31 or over	\$450	\$500	\$595	\$695
Club member, nonmember, or guest, age 30 or under	\$150	\$175	\$225	\$275
Guest age 5-18	\$20	\$20	\$30	\$40
Guest under age 5	Free	Free	Free	Free
Saturday, House of Friendship only	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$100

All amounts are in U.S. dollars.



Register today at convention.rotary.org

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District Conference Recap

**Stay Tuned for a special recap from our
District Conference Chair, Tim Genetti!**

Rotarian of the Year!

Hazleton Rotarian Named Rotary District 7410 Rotarian of the Year

Hazleton Rotarian Tim Genetti was selected as Rotary District 7410 Rotarian of the Year at the Rotary District Conference held in Skytop Lodge, Skytop, PA May 3-5, 2024. This is the second time Tim has been honored as District Rotarian of the Year. The first was when he chaired the District 7410 Conference in 2019. Tim was selected for his work in planning the 2024 District Conference and reworking the bylaws, among many other things.

He has been an active member of Hazleton Rotary since 1999 and was 94th president of the club 2014-2015. His Rotary activities have included treasurer of the Hazleton Rotary Foundation, chair of Rotary's Wine & Beer Festival and participation in the DUI simulator presentation. He also initiated and chaired the Children's Holiday Shopping Spree and is an active proponent of Rotary membership. He will be District Governor in 2025-26.

Tim is married to Michelle, also a Hazleton Rotarian and they have two sons, Stephen and Douglas. Michele Kushmeder, Hazleton Rotary President praises Tim, "If you ever want to know about anything Rotary, ask Tim! He is a great example of what a Rotarian should be and is always willing to share his knowledge and energy with all of us. Hazleton Rotary is proud of him and this honor."



ROTARY DISTRICT 7410 POLIOPLUS SOCIETY APPLICATION



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

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

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

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

E-mail or mail the donation acknowledgement you receive from Rotary International and this form to me the District PolioPlus Society Coordinator at davesolopalmer@gmail.com or Dave Palmer, 443 Mateer Road, Hop Bottom, PA 18824.

Contact Dave for questions at 570-498-6637.

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

Name:

Signature:

Date:

Club Name:

Phone Number:

E-Mail:

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

Public Image

Don't forget!

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

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

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

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

-Download your [club logo](#).

CLUBS IN ACTION

Rotary
Club of The Abingtons



Special Guests

Former member of the Abington club Jim Brogna, VP, Strategic Partnership Development for Allied Services returned last Thursday accompanied by Laura Marion, R.N., BSN and Assistant VP of Hospice and Palliative Programs for Allied Services to update Rotarians about their 5 star programs for long-term and end-of-life care.





Dallas Rotary Supports Child Advocacy Center

They are a visual reminder of the pain of child abuse. Each pinwheel has been placed there to recognize each child in Luzerne County who has been subjected to child abuse and has had the courage to turn to the Luzerne County Child Advocacy Center for help in the past year.

The 528 pinwheels look so beautiful as they spin in the breeze and glisten in the sunlight. But they are there to remind us all that there are many children who need our help, our support and our protection.

The Dallas Rotary has been a loyal supporter of the Child Advocacy Center for more than ten years. This past Christmas they raised more than \$5,000 at the Grotto Parade of Trees to donate to the center.

On April 4th the Dallas Rotary was joined by the staff of the Luzerne County Child Advocacy Center, local politicians and local law enforcement to show their unified support of the work done by the center's Executive Director Shannon Peduto and her staff as they work diligently to save our children from abuse.

Several members of the staff from the center and several Dallas Rotarians gathered to place the pinwheels and their sign of support:

First row from left: Meaghan Parry and Rotarians Joe Stager, Janie McRoy, Maureen Doerfler and John Doerfler. Second row from left: Executive Director of the Luzerne County Child Advocacy Center Shannon Peduto, Joanne Supko, Elaine Lacey, Stacy Miller, Jessika Finsterbusch and Dallas Rotarian Art Peoples.



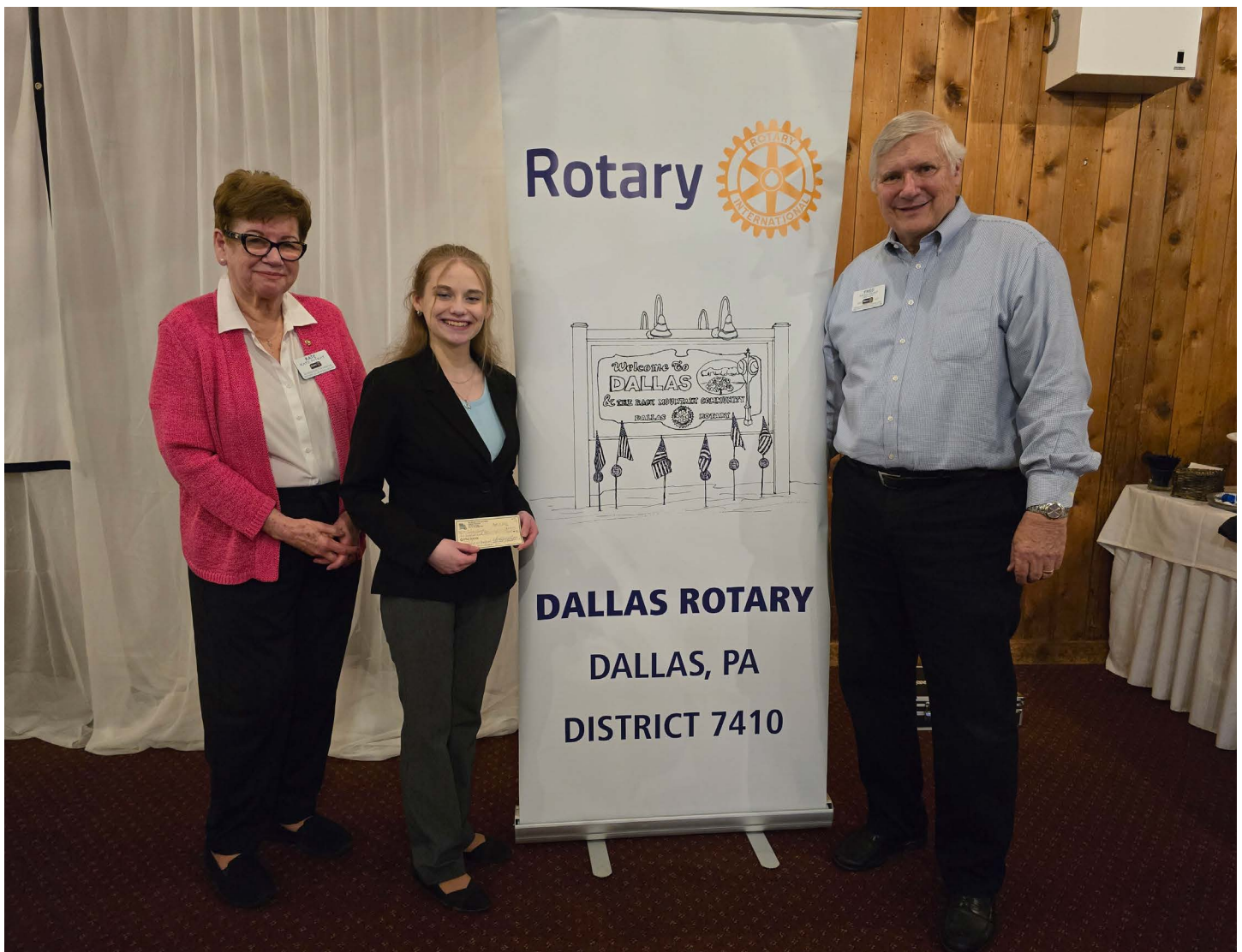
Essay Contest Winner

At a recent meeting of the Dallas Rotary, members were pleased to welcome Jules Quare and her family as their special guests. Jules is a senior at Lake-Lehman High School and the winner of this year's Dallas Rotary essay con-test.

She took home the well-deserved prize of \$600.00. The topic was "Supporting Mental Health." She read her essay which was a well thought out narrative on the state of mental health today in our schools and in our world. She was poised and professional in her delivery of her very important message.

Her proud parents, Dave and Tanya, watched as she flawlessly delivered the content of her essay. The members thanked Chairperson Kate Pitkat for her work on this very worthwhile project which reaches out to the youth in our local schools.

From left: Rotarian Kate Pitkat, Jules Quare, Dallas Rotary President Fred Hunt.





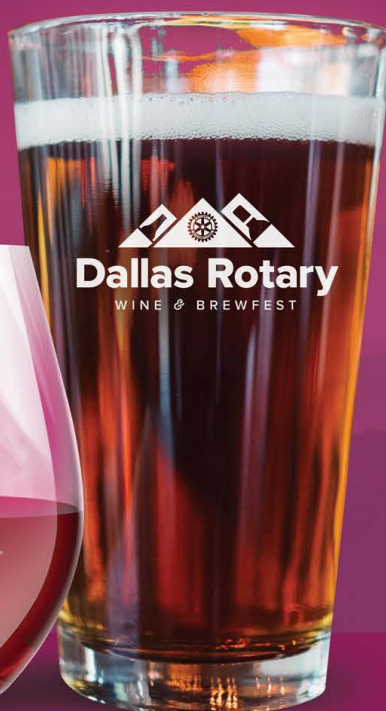
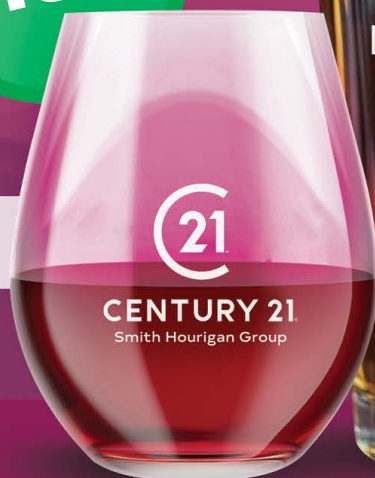
Dallas Rotary

WINE & BREWFEST

AT: LUZERNE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS. RTE. 118, DALLAS



**COME RAIN
OR SHINE!**



ENTERTAINMENT

Gone Crazy
Humble Frog
The Dan Reynolds Duo
Big Daddy Dex

TICKET PRICES:

\$45 ^{VIP}

On-line only!

\$30

At the gate

\$20

Advanced Purchase

\$5

Designated driver - at the gate

VIP ENTRY: 12PM-6PM / GENERAL: 1PM-6PM

Tickets can be purchased at the following locations:

- RotaryClubofDallasPA.org
- Gerrity's Supermarkets - 4 locations
- Hanover, Luzerne, West Pittston & Wyoming
- J&J Restaurant & Bar, Dallas
- Nimble Hill Vineyard & Winery, Tunkhannock

- Valentine's Fine Jewelry, Dallas
- Lucchi Family Winery, Scranton
- Lakeway Beverage LLC, Dallas
- Theo's Metro, Kingston
- The "TSC" Tractor Supply Company, Rt. 309 Dallas

RotaryClubofDallasPA.org



E-CLUB OF INTERNATIONAL INNOVATORS

WHO ARE WE?

WE ARE AN INTERNATIONAL ROTARY E-CLUB COMPRISED OF MEMBERS OF ALL AGE GROUPS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY (AND EVEN SOME INTERNATIONAL MEMBERS!)

WHEN DO WE MEET?

WE MEET EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING AT 7:30PM VIA ZOOM

WHAT HAVE WE DONE?

BEING AN E-CLUB WE WORK ON MANY DIFFERENT PROJECTS AND CAUSES AND ENCOURAGE OUR MEMBERS TO BE ACTIVE WITH CLUBS IN THEIR LOCAL AREAS AS WELL. SOME PROJECTS WE HAVE WORKED ON IN THE PAST INCLUDE: A WALK A THON, SUPERBOWL RAFFLE FUNDRAISER, KINDNESS DAY PROJECTS, CARDS FOR NICU BABIES, HOLIDAY DRIVES AND MORE.

LET'S CONNECT



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APPLY TO JOIN US!



Roadside Cleanup

April 20th was the annual Adopt-A-Highway roadside cleanup for the Hamlin Lake Ariel Rotary Club in celebration of Earth Day! The east and westbound sides of Route 590 in Lake Ariel, PA have been adopted by this club for several years and is greatly appreciated by the community.



Arbor Day

On April 23rd, the Hamlin Lake Ariel Rotary Club packaged up approximately 800 trees to give out at the local elementary schools for Arbor Day. The children were also provided with an information pamphlet about Arbor Day and encourage to share a photo of their planted trees on social media.

SUPPORTING THE ENVIRONMENT WITH ARBOR DAY TREES



@hamlinlakearielrotary



Rotary Club of Hamlin Lake Ariel

Hamlin Lake Ariel
Rotary
Club



11th Annual Golf Tournament

Monday June 10, 2024

Rain Date: June 17th

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

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

Pre-Paid Registration

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

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

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

Sponsorships Welcome!

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

Terri Ditty
(570) 947-1649

Jacky Gillette (Chair)
(570) 575-5502

Eileen Talalas
(570) 499-2793

Mary Ellen Bentler
(570) 499-8901

Harry Talalas
(570) 499-2794

Thank you for supporting
our local community!



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Hazleton Rotarians Earth Day Clean Up

Jacob McNelis, Michele Kushmeder, Marti Joines and Jace Whitaker were out on Saturday, April 20, 2024 cleaning up a corner of Hazleton for the Earth Day Clean Up Project. Kudos Guys!



Hazleton Rotary 2024 Technical Scholarship Recipient

“Johanel Perez, currently a student at the Hazleton Area Career Center, was selected as the recipient of the 2024 Arthur and Eileen Whitaker Memorial Trade Scholarship”, announces Committee Chair Kim McNulty. “Hazleton Rotary is excited to support Johanel’s educational journey with a \$2,000 scholarship to aid him in achieving his future goals.”

Johanel is a Hazleton resident, and will attend Pennsylvania College of Technology this fall with a goal of earning an Associate’s Degree in Collision Repair.

Olga Papa, Hazleton Area Career Center School Counselor, wrote, “Johanel excels in the Collision Repair program and aspires to pursue a career as a collision repair technician. He remains determined to further his education in this field. His ambition is to open his own collision repair shop which reflects his strong work ethic and entrepreneurial spirit.”

Johanel plays basketball in a local youth league and is actively involved in volunteering at the Hazleton Integration Project Program Center with various activities including community cleanups, distributing food from the food bank and assisting younger students at the Center.

Johanel knows that, “Volunteering is a great force for good and it transforms lives. Volunteers make a great difference in the lives of others. Volunteering is a powerful force for positive change in the world. Whether it is helping at a local food handout or helping younger children in need, volunteering can foster connections, build empathy and create kindness and support.”

Hazleton Rotary President Michele Kushmeder comments, “We are happy to help Johanel with his future plan to work hard to earn an associate’s degree and eventually own his own business and are happy to help invest in his future by offering him this scholarship assistance. This is the first time we are able to provide the \$2,000 Arthur and Eileen Whitaker Memorial Trade Scholarship to a member of the local community, and we are looking forward to continuing and expanding this practice in the future.”

Please check the Rotary Club of Hazleton Facebook page or the Rotary Club website, www.hazletonrotary.org for updated information on club activities. Club fundraisers such as the upcoming Hazleton Rotary Wine and Beer Festival on Saturday, August 24, 12pm-6pm, Louis Schiavo City View Park help club service projects move from possibilities to realities.

The Arthur and Eileen Whitaker Memorial Trade Scholarship was established in 2023 by Hazleton Rotary to further area students’ formal training and education in a bona fide trade school or similar training/education program, including but not limited to, plumbing, welding, electrical, HVAC, masonry, truck and automotive maintenance, automotive repair, CDL Licensure, beauty school, barber school, massage therapy, and licensed practical nurse programs, but excluding education and training for which a baccalaureate or higher degree may be awarded. Applicant must reside within the boundaries of the Hazleton Area School District and must be under the age of 30 years.”



2024 Hazleton Rotary Memorial Scholarship Awardees are Announced

Since its inception in 1921 Hazleton Rotary has been developing the “ways and means” to provide services for the Greater Hazleton Community. One of the ways they have done this is the awarding of Hazleton Rotary Memorial Scholarships. The first for \$1,000 was given to one student in 1989. This year, three area graduates will be receiving memorial scholarships adding up to a total of \$24,000 for four years.

Hazleton Rotary President Michele Kushmeder says, “We are very happy to announce the following students, 2024 graduates of Hazleton Area High School, have been selected as the Hazleton Rotary Memorial Scholarship winners for 2024.”

“Brooke Harmonosky will receive a scholarship of \$3,000 per year for a total of \$12,000 for four years, Sawyer Bowser will receive \$2,000 per year for a total of \$8,000 and Madison Lizbinski will receive \$1,000 per year for a total of \$4,000 for four years.” Kushmeder explains.

Rotary Scholarship Project Chair Kim McNulty comments, “Our scholarship recipients are to be congratulated on all their outstanding achievements. It is a pleasure to offer them these wonderful opportunities to further their education. Wishes for a future filled with success are offered by Hazleton Rotary to Brooke, Sawyer and Madison.”



1st Place: Brooke Harmonosky



2nd Place: Sawyer Bowser



3rd Grade: Madison Lizbinski



Happy Earth Day!

Happy Earth Day! Honesdale Rotarians showed they care about the place we all call home in the universe. On Saturday, April 20th, two days before Earth Day, club members gathered to clean up a dedicated stretch of Route 191 South between Honesdale and the Owego Turnpike turnoff. They collected close to 25 bags of trash, which included a few large items such as a tall plastic kitchen garbage can and a piece of PVC pipe.

They also found a little "treasure" – a Deadwood U.S. Marshal badge! The theme of Earth Day 2024 is the Planet vs Plastics. Rotary is playing a part in helping to clean up, recycle and even occasionally repurpose disposed-of items along our roadways.

Honesdale Rotary picks up this part of Route 191 twice a year, in spring and fall. The club welcomes new members. Visit the club on Facebook. Group, left to right: Brandon Garnett, Kathi McKenna, Michelle Gilder, Sherry Grandinetti, Stephen Moulton, Betty deMaye-Caruth, Sally Rothacker-Peyton. Participants not pictured: Lynne Goodwin and Warren Schloesser.



Honesdale Rotary Awards Essay Winners Theme Addressed Mental Health & Hope

Three Honesdale High School students were awarded scholarship money by the Honesdale Rotary for their outstanding essay submissions.

The theme this year was “Create Hope in the World: How can Communities, Schools, Families and Friends support Mental Health with caring, giving and compassion?” Luke Murray won first place and \$250, Amanda Kuta 2nd place (\$100) and Jillian Hoey, third place (\$50). The students were invited to read from their essays during an awards ceremony Tuesday, April 23 at a Rotary meeting at Two Guys Restaurant in Honesdale.

Rotarians say they chose the theme in view of “today’s post-Covid, social-media-swamped environment, which for some young people causes stress and anxiety and even serious mental health issues. How can we all help?”

Many of the submitted essays focused on showing compassion by reaching out and getting involved in ways to support friends and families in need. Photo, left to right: Jillian Hoey, Amanda Kuta, Luke Murray and Rotarian Kathi McKenna.





New Member

Milford-Matamoras Rotary Club inducted Carl Will of Mcateer & Will Estates with Keller Williams Real Estate as a new member. Carl currently is serving 4 year term on the Delaware Valley School District School Board. He also serves on multiple Realtor Association boards/committees on both local and state level.

He will serve as a great asset to our Rotary Club. Pictured Carl Will and Carol Pranga, Rotary Vice-President. The Milford- Matamoras Rotary Club meets every Wednesday at 12:15PM at the Dimmick Inn in Milford.

Anyone interested in becoming a member, contact Shaun at 570-517-6654 or come visit us at a meeting.



Center for Developmental Disabilities Support

On Tuesday, April 30th Milford-Matamoras Rotary Club Members supported the Center for Developmental Disabilities at their Night at the Races funding raising event held at the Back Road Brewing Company.

The night was filled with great appetizers, buffet dinner and outrageous desserts all donated by our local restaurants. The races held were just as much fun and everyone enjoyed the night with friendship and camaraderie. All proceeds are to benefit the children of CDD.

Pictured left to right members Doug Luhrs, Kelly Gaughan, Allan Schatz, Candace Mahala, Shaun Burger, Monica Schatz, Penny Luhrs, Karen Loeschorn, John Messer, Christine Kerstetter, Arlene Quirk and Dean Quirk.

Milford-Matamoras Rotary Club meets every Wednesday at 12:15 PM at the Dimmick Inn.

Anyone interested in becoming a member contact, Shaun Burger at 570-517-6654 or come visit us at a meeting.



Milford Clean-Up Day

On April 20, 2024, Milford-Matamoras Rotary Club Members, participated in this year's Annual Clean-Up Day in Milford, PA. Hosted by the Milford Enhancement Committee, this event invites community members to participate in cleaning up litter and debris from sites around the borough and Upper Milford Township.

All tools and lunch were provided and everyone enjoyed helping out to make their community look as pristine as possible. Milford-Matamoras Rotary Club meets every Wednesday at 12:15PM at the Dimmick Inn.

Anyone interested in becoming a member, contact Shaun at 570-517-6654 or come visit us at a meeting.

Pictured left to right are Dean Quirk, Shaun Burger, Erica Burger, Candace Mahala, Kevin Mann, Christine Kerstetter, Arlene Quirk, Karen Loeschorn, John Messer and Linda Messer.





Pins and Cords for Senior Interact Students!

At the final Interact meeting at Crestwood High School in Mountain Top, graduating Interact members were given Rotary pins to recognize their membership. The students were happy! They said they will put the pin with others on their graduation gown stole.

Also, seniors who have been Interact members for three years received a cord to put over their gown. We're proud of our seniors for their passion and caring for our community and world!

In photo are some of the seniors, along with their moderator Renee Schwartz, and Rotary members Joanne Joseph and Joe Aquilina.



Donations from Profits from Purse Bingo

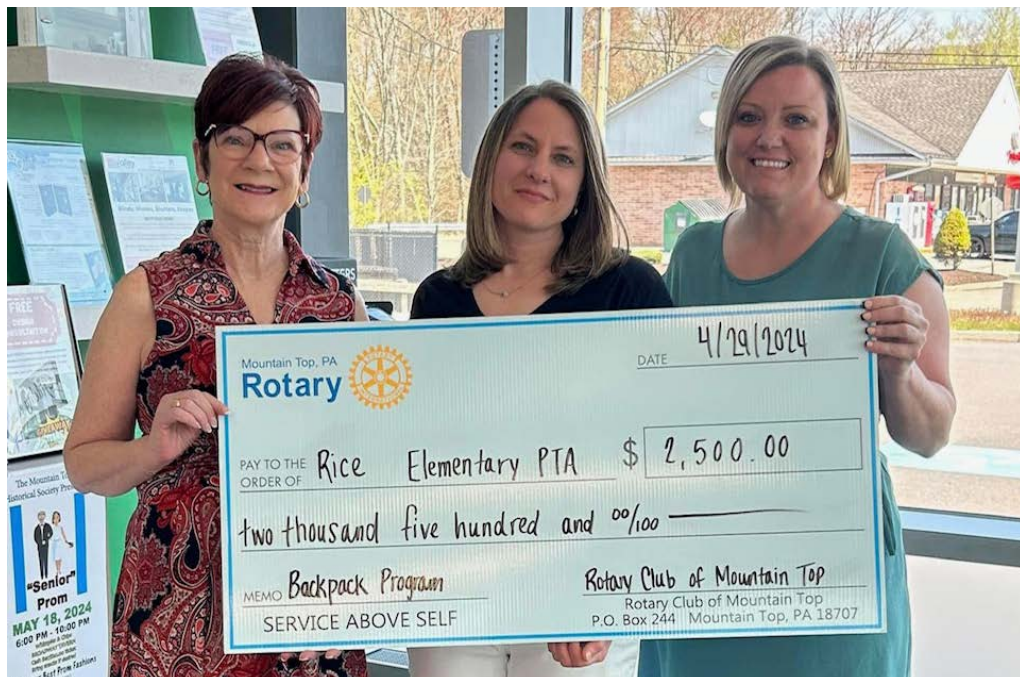
Recently, monetary donations were made to the PTA's of the Rice and Fairview Townships Elementary schools for their Backpack Programs. Those programs help provide some food products to students in need.

Donations were made possible by the wildly successful Purse Bingo event in February.

Pictured at the check presentations were:

L to R: Joanne Joseph, event chair, Jennifer Poncavage, Rice Elementary and Tylene Dodge, Club Treasurer.

L to R: Joanne Joseph, Carolyn Boone, Fairview Elementary, and Tylene Dodge



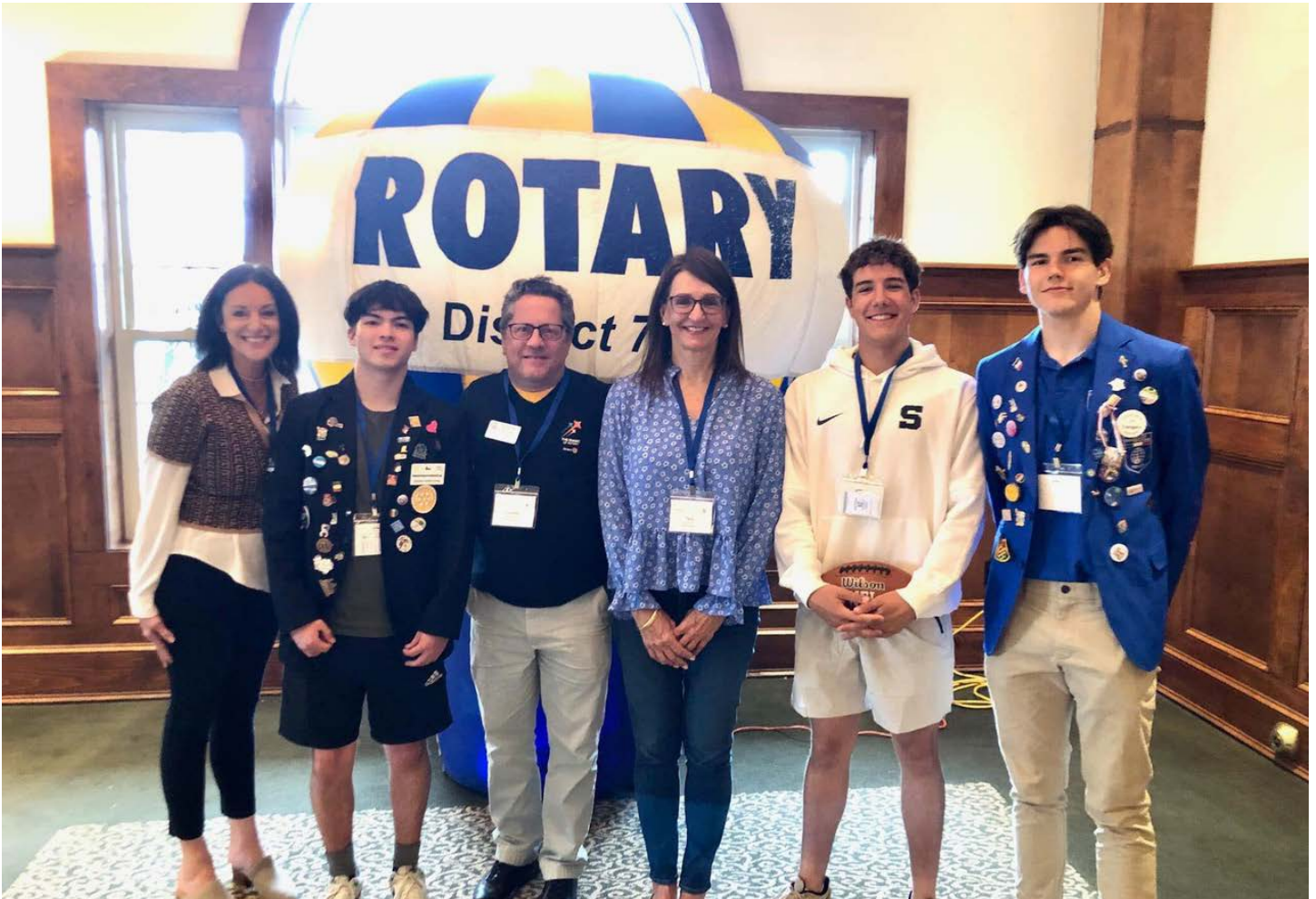
District Conference at Sky Top

Members of our club attending were Michelle Reilly, Toni Fritz, and Joe Aquilina.

Michelle was honored to sing at Sunday's Memorial Service for Rotarians who have passed. The exchange students really loved the team building Olympics!

Picture in photo are also the three District Exchange Students.

Left to right: Michelle Reilly, Sebastian, Joe Aquilina, Toni Fritz, Boti, and Tanguy.



Litter Pick Up

Our club recently completed our annual litter pick up along Route 309.

Thank you to Interact who also assisted.

In photo are: Michelle Reilly, Tylene Dodge, Joanne Joseph, Kathryn Murphy, Phoenix, Hope, and Joe Aquilina.





New Milford Area Rotary Welcomes Two New Members

The Green Gables Restaurant in New Milford was the setting for the most recent new member induction on October 5th, 2023. Two new members were formally accepted to the Rotary club in the traditional form used to welcome new membership. Newest members, Larysa Bobyr and Roman Bobyr-mother and son reside in New Milford, Pennsylvania; after arriving in May 2023 as new immigrants from Ukraine.

Also accompanying them was Larysa's mother Hannah Shmatok. Larysa holds a degree in Nursing and worked as a Psychiatric Nurse in Ukraine. Roman hold degrees in Law, and Technology and worked in the petroleum industry in Ukraine. Both bring a welcomed attitude of service and devotion to community, which will enhance the New Milford Area Rotary focus on education and literacy in the community.

New Milford Area Rotary President Tom Kurosky officially pinned Larysa and Roman at the October 5th club meeting with their sponsors Annie and David Palmer witnessing and celebrating the event. At the conclusion of the pinning, Roman offered these words- "Thank you for inviting us to become members of the club, it is an honor for us, Thank you for your help, I hope we can also help the Rotary club and people who need it."

The Club currently consists of 39 members actively serving the community and world and welcomes new membership. Contact information can be found at www.facebook.com/newmilfordrotary. Or one can contact David Palmer, Membership Chair at davesolopalmer@gmail.com.



New Milford Area Rotary Welcomes New Member

The Green Gables Restaurant in New Milford was the setting for the most recent new member induction on April 18, 2024. Kristen Follert, Chief Executive Officer of NEPA Community Health based out of Montrose Pennsylvania was formally accepted to the New Milford Area Rotary club in the traditional form used to welcome new membership.

Kristen's membership is as the primary representative of the corporate membership of NEPA Community Health, which provides Family Medicine, Behavioral Health, Psychiatry, General Dentistry, Women's Health, and Care Management throughout Susquehanna County. Kristen resides in Montrose with her husband and children. Kristen and NEPA Community Health bring a welcome attitude of service and devotion to community, which will enhance the New Milford Area Rotary focus on family health and disease prevention in the community.

New Milford Area Rotary President Elect Peggy Foster-Kelemen officially pinned Kristen, accompanied by Rotary District 7410 Assistant Governor Mary Tempest, at the April 18th club meeting.

The club currently consists of thirty-nine members actively serving the community and world and welcomes new membership. Contact information can be found at www.facebook.com/newmilfordrotary. Or one can contact David Palmer, Membership Chair at davesolopalmer@gmail.com.



New Milford Area Rotary Donates to United Way of Susquehanna County

The Green Gables Restaurant in New Milford was the setting for a formal gift presentation to the Real Men Read Program of the United Way of Susquehanna County on April 18, 2024. New Milford Area Rotary donated \$2,616, which represented club funds matched with a Rotary District 7410 grant. The grant will be matched with other funding sources to ensure the sustainment of this program in Susquehanna County.

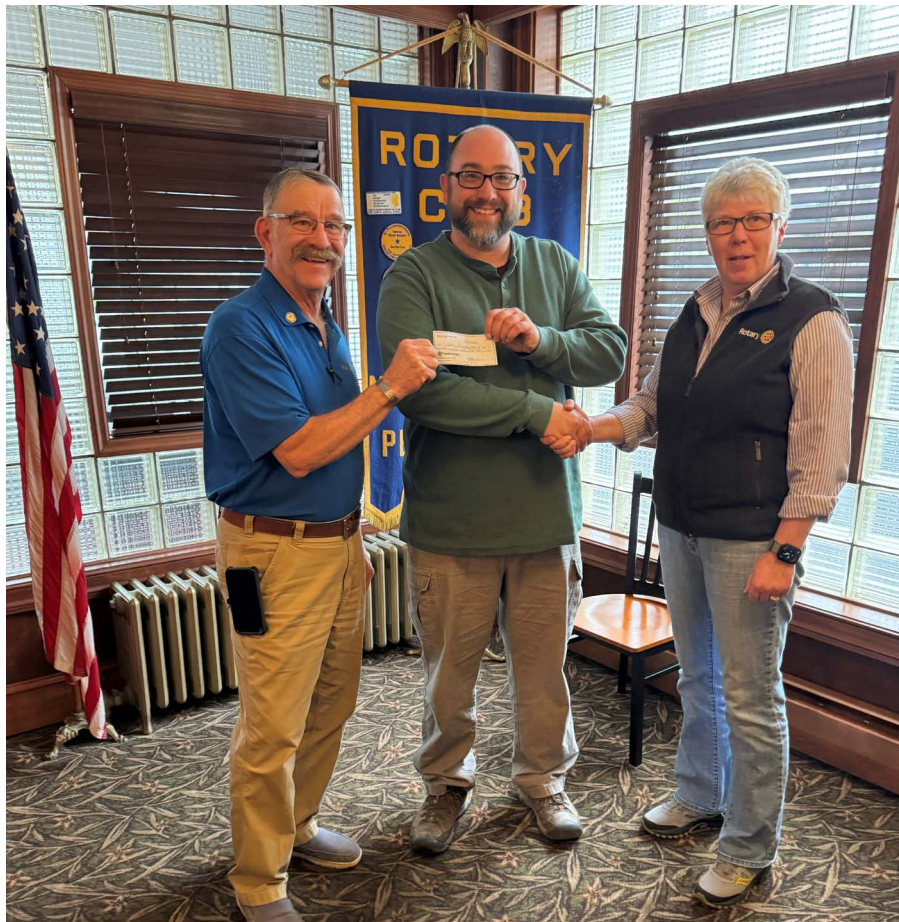
Real Men Read is a volunteer reading program that brings in MENTors and MENTor Assistants from Susquehanna County to read to kindergarten students for one hour each month to help foster early literacy. At the end of each reading visit, students receive a copy of the book read to add to their own personal library.

This program launched at Elk Lake Elementary School for the 2017-18 school year. The program now serves kindergarten classes in the Blue Ridge, Choconut Valley, Elk Lake, Forest City Regional, Lathrop Street, Mountain View, and Susquehanna Community Elementary Schools. New Milford Area Rotary provides five volunteer readers each month.

The purpose of the REAL MEN READ program is to:

- encourage and improve the literacy skills of our students
- show students that real men value education
- provide MENToring opportunities for students
- demonstrate the importance of community partnerships

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ROTARY IS EVERYWHERE “DON'T BOTTLE IT UP”

Annie and I missed this year's Rotary District Conference as we practiced what we all preach in Rotary...so to speak.

You see Annie broke her femur back just before Thanksgiving this past year and after spending most of the winter recovering, she was desperate to go to her “happy place” on the Saint Lawrence River in Clayton New York and release her frustrations. The first weekend in May is that which we are allowed entry to the park where our cabin is located, so you know what happened.

Despite missing our District's Conference, we were surprised to see that Rotary District 7040 was having their conference the same weekend here in Clayton, New York. We decided to support their celebratory “Storybook Trail” walk in the park that was partially funded by their own District Designated Fund (DDF) grant through the Rotary Foundation.

Unfortunately, the weather was very uncooperative, and Annie and I elected to not walk. However, the entry ticket was \$35 to the Rotary Foundation, so we mailed a check in that amount to the Rotary Foundation.

The moral to the story? No matter where you are this summer, Rotary is nearby. Check out the local Rotary scene, and “Don't Bottle It Up.”

Yours In Rotary,

David and Annie Palmer, New Milford Area Rotary



Sunsets on the St Lawrence in Clayton New York

The New Milford Area Rotary Club & NEPA Community Health Care



Welcomes you to a Public Presentation on:

A Medical Home For All

Thursday May 16th @ 6:00 ~ 7:00 PM

Susquehanna County Interfaith

526 Church Street

Montrose, PA 18801

Refreshments provided.

Please RSVP David Palmer by May 15, 2024 @ 570-498-6637,
davesolopalmer@gmail.com

Learn about Rotary & NEPA Community Health Care Services



74th Anniversary Celebration

The 74th anniversary of the Rotary Club of Newfoundland's charter was celebrated at Overboards restaurant in Greentown on March 25th. Besides enjoying the various stories and memories of club years gone by, the club awarded people and businesses for their leadership roles in providing time, resources and self for the betterment of the club and/or the community.



Tammy and George Clause receiving the Rotary Citizens of the Year Award from club member Kerry Nix for their ongoing efforts in revitalizing downtown Newfoundland.



Club president, Max Feldman, presenting the Rotary Business of the Year award to Brittany and Kelly Cumiskey for their relentless work in creating and enhancing Wallenpaupack Creek Farm..



Rotarian of the Year award presented by club member Diana Lang to club member Craig Lukatch for his work as treasurer and for volunteering in many areas of the club.

Sister Draru Mary Cecilia

Sister Draru Mary Cecilia, a Newfoundland Rotary Club member, was presented with a check from club President, Max Feldman to purchase mosquito nets for the prevention of malaria at the Angelo Negri Education Center in Uganda (ANEC).

Pictured left to right: Club president Max Feldman, Sister Scovia, Sister Betty, Sister Draru



Several years ago Sister Draru joined the “Little Sisters of Mary Immaculate of Gulu” in Uganda. She is a founding member of the ANEC which provides education and safety to refugee child mothers and girls who were exposed to violence since other schools will not admit child mothers in Uganda.

The ANEC empowers child mothers by providing an opportunity to re-enter school with their babies. Usually, the child mothers drop off their babies at the day care and kindergarten sections while the mothers join the elementary or the vocational training classes, all located on the same grounds.

Furthermore, they are working with young men to refrain from the cultural pressure of young fatherhood and forcing young women to comply.

Sister Draru and the other sisters’ mission certainly exemplifies the spirit of Rotary
- “People of Action!”

Roadside Cleanup



On 4/20/24 Newfoundland Rotary members joined Clean Up The Poconos roadside cleanup in honor of Earth Day.



Paul Harris Recognition

North Scranton Rotary President, David Guskey bestows the esteemed Paul Harris Recognition award to Rotarian Richard Sidel. This is the second time Richard has achieved such recognition. Congratulations Richard and thank you for all you do.

If you'd like to find out more about Rotary and perhaps joining us contact President, David Guskey call/text: 570-575-7510.



Give Kids the World Village Donation

The North Scranton Rotary Club recently donated to “Give Kids The World Village”. Give Kids

The World Village is an 89-acre, nonprofit “storybook” resort in Central Florida. Here, children with critical illnesses and their families are treated to weeklong, cost-free vacations.

If you’d like to donate visit your local Perkins Restaurant & Bakery or go online to <https://www.gktw.org>.

If interested in joining the Rotary “Service Above Self”, contact President, David Guskey via email dguskey@aol.com or cell: 570-575-7510.

We meet every Wednesday morning 8am, at Perkins Restaurant and Bakery 1130 Ravine Street, Dickson City, just off Route 6.

Pictured below is President, David Guskey presenting check to Perkins servers Kathy Sovoleski and Charlene Tomasovitch.

Also pictured Rotary officer Kathy Casarin, past President, Assistant Governor, District Governor and Current NE PETS chair Marcia Dion Loughman and Rotarian Richard Sidel.





Jared Box Project

The Rotary Club of Pittston held an item drive the months of February-April collecting children's toys and activity books to be packaged together for The Jared Box Project. Cindy Kolarik, Executive Director of The Jared Box Project, was a guest speaker on Tuesday January 2nd. After hearing the mission and goal behind The Jared Box Project the club was interested in doing their part for local children in need at a time of struggle while in the hospital.

The club began their donation drive in February and collected until April 15th where they assembled boxes at their Tuesday April 16th meeting.

With the help of the community and club they were able to assemble 60 boxes to be donated to Geisinger Wyoming Valley. The club met with Lisa Makar, Program Manager, Northeast Region - Volunteer Services, on Monday April 22nd, to donate the boxes where they will be distributed between Geisinger Wyoming Valley Hospital, Geisinger South Wilkes Barre, and Geisinger Cmc Hospital.



Meet the Rotary of Pittston at the Pittston Art Walk

Friday May 10 from 4:00pm-8:00pm the Rotary of Pittston will be attending the Pittston Art Walk to promote Rotary to the Pittston citizens.

Other dates of the Art Walk will be June 14th 4pm-9pm, July 12th 5pm-9pm, and September 13th from 5pm-9pm.

FRIDAY PITTS ART WALK



Participating Artists & Vendors:

1. Pittston Rotary	9. Bear Box Guitars	17. Kym Balthasar Fetsko
2. Mucciolo Family Wines	10. Kathryn Basko Jewrey	18. Handles Ice Cream
3. Dane Maricic Photography	11. Aileen McDonald	19. Karen Styron-Stocknick
4. Hannah Bridgeland	12. Designs by Olivia Grey	20. Jeszka Le Vey
5. Children's Service Center	13. Randy Stolins	21. Krista the Creator
6. Donna Dora	14. Leandra Hefro	22. Lois Pluskey
7. LCCC Art Club	15. Erin Boughton	23. The Soap Chef
8. Inspired Slacker - Billy Brandenburg	16. Yarn Ball Cuties	24. Pittston Popcorn

Other Noteworthy Mentions:

- Lower Lot Musicians:**
 - The Untouchables feat. Michelle Reilly
- Pocket Park Musicians:**
 - TBD
- Art E Fekts Gallery**
 - Live Harp by Chelsea Smarr
 - Strange and Unusual Exhibit
- Free Entertainment**
 - Face Painting
- Live Music:**
 - Gary & Caroline Falzone
- 5:30PM Mural Unveiling:**
 - "Balancing the Past and Present" by artist Joel Carson Jones

Friday, May 10, 2024
4:00PM – 8:00PM



Artists • Jewelry • Photography • Music
Food • Drinks • And More!

Special Art Walk Sponsors:
PA inclusive, NEPA

Keystone Mission Item Drive

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

Rotary
of Pittston



**KEYSTONE
MISSION**

BUILDING A COMMUNITY OF HOPE

DONATIONS

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

Items Needed:

Toiletries

Baby Wipes

Deodorant

Toothbrushes / Toothpaste

Travel Size

Shampoo, Conditioner, and Soap

Laundry Products




**Scan for
full list
of items!**



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

May and June Special Guest Speaker

The Rotary of Pittston will be inviting Youth Exchange Student Sebastian Fuentes as their special guest speaker on May 21st and June 4th. May 21st will be a presentation on his home country's culture of Chile and June 4th will be on his experience in the United States over the last year. All are welcome to attend. If interested please send an email Carmen Ciampi at carmenciampi316@gmail.com to confirm you are attending.



**I AM
ROTARY!**

Special Guest Speaker
Chile Rotary Youth Echange Student
Sebastian Fuentes
6:30pm at Tony's Pizzeria
1117 Main St, Pittston, PA 18640
May 21st - Chile Culture
June 4th - US Experience

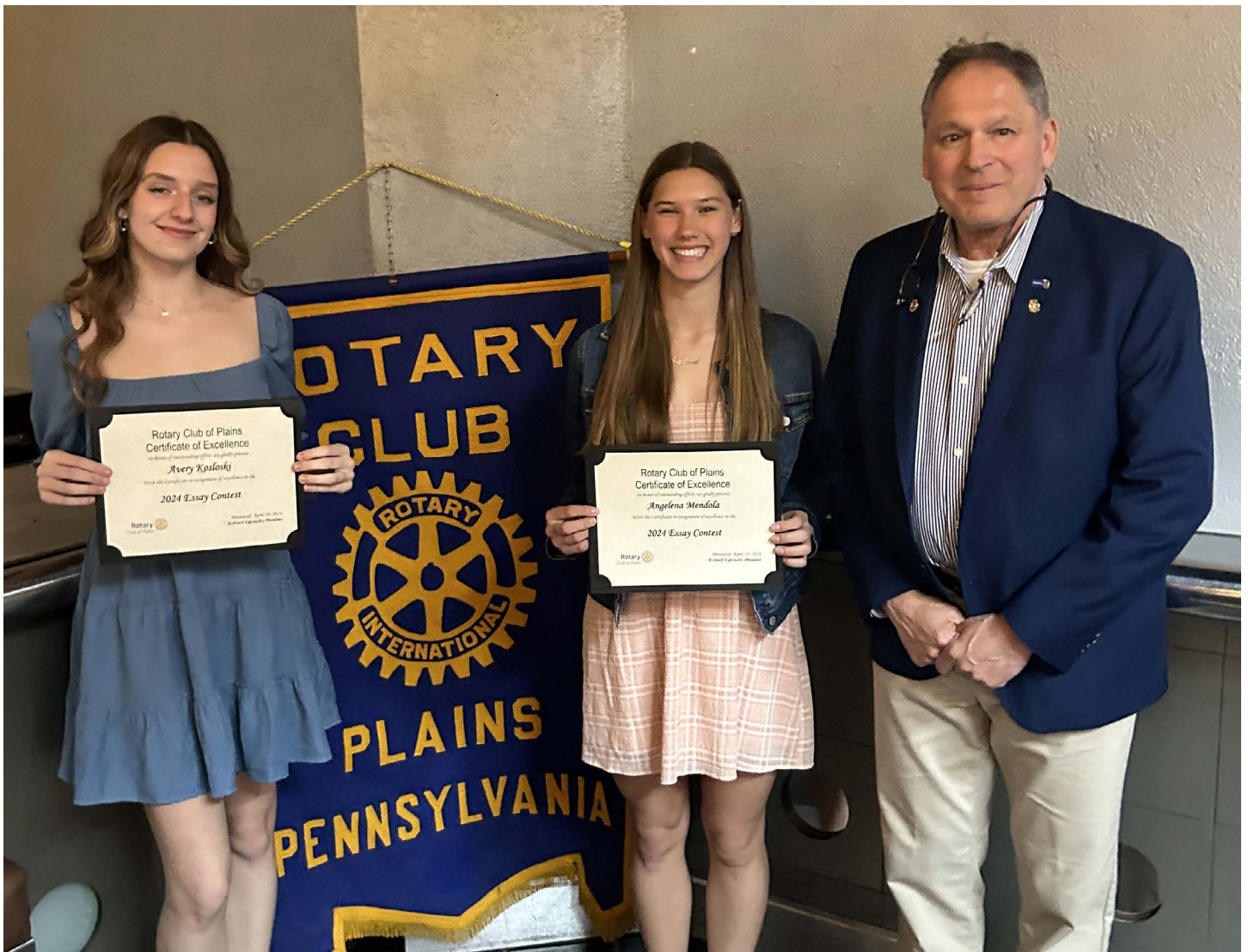
All are welcome, please email carmenciampi316@gmail.com if interested in attending



Essay Contest Winners

The Plains Rotary hosted their 2024 Essay Contest winners along with their families at their 17 April dinner meeting. The theme of this year's Essay contest was "Create Hope in the World: How can Communities, Schools, Families, and/or Friends support mental health with caring, giving, and compassion?"

Each student was presented with a certificate of excellence and a cash prize. This year's winners are 1st Place Avery Kosloski, 2nd Place Angelina Mendola, and 3rd Place Aidan Namey. Pictured L-R: Avery Kosloski, Angelina Mendola, and Club President Robert Esposito.



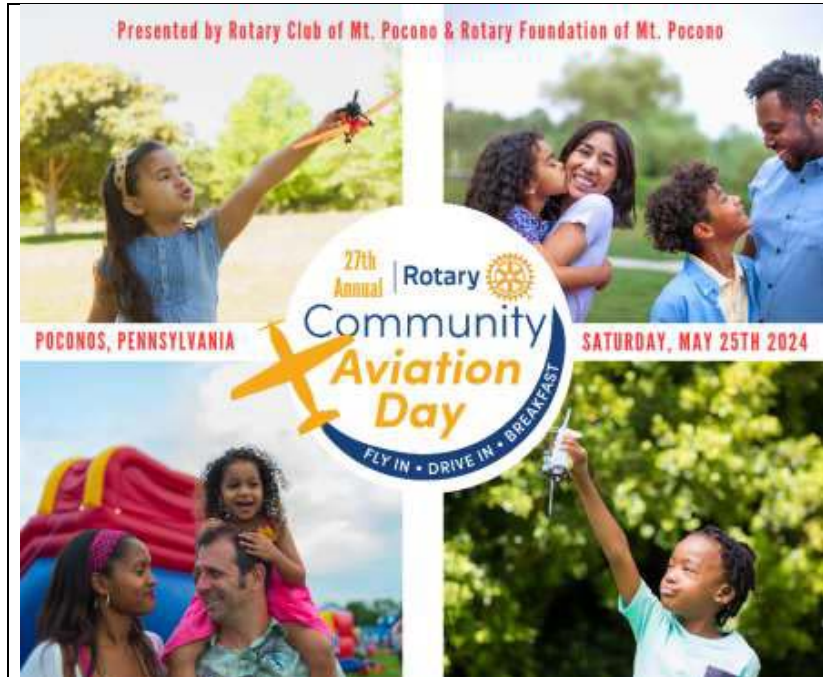


Night at the Races

The Rotary Club of Plymouth recently conducted their annual Nite @ The Races on April 20,th 2024. Over 500 horses were sold and nearly 200 people were in attendance.



Save The Date & Buy Your Tickets Now!
27th Annual Rotary Community Aviation Day
& Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast




No. 00001

Rotary Club Of Mt. Pocono

\$100,000*

MEGA 50/50 RAFFLE

Saturday, May 25th, 2024 @ 7PM



\$20 Per Ticket

Must be 18 or older to participate
Winner must be present to win
SGOC License #2981 Special Permit #191

No. 00001

NAME: _____

FULL ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

MEGA 50/50 Raffle

Pocono Mountains Tradition Continues! Mark your calendar, buy your tickets, and tell your family and your friends to join you on **Saturday, May 25, 2024** for our **27th Annual Rotary Community Aviation Day & Fly-In Drive-In Breakfast**. This year's event will be bigger and better than ever with door prizes, bouncy houses, a car show, carnival games, **BINGO** with cash prizes, vehicle displays, children's games, live performances, music and & dancing, and, as always, **FREE airplane rides for children and youth.**¹

Pancake Breakfast starts at 8AM and ends at 12PM The **International Food Trucks & Beer Trailer** will be available from 1PM to 7PM. To top things off, the drawing for our **\$100,000 50/50 Mega Raffle**² will be held at 7:00 PM. To purchase your tickets to the Community Aviation Day & Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast and/or buy your **50/50 Mega Raffle** ticket(s) **SCAN QR CODE BELOW** or visit www.RotaryClubOfMtPocono.Org.

Early Bird BONUS! **FREE** Collector's Platter (\$10 value) for tickets purchased before March 1st, 2024.³

The Growing List Of Event Sponsors Includes Those Listed Below:	↓ Scan For Tickets ↓
Rotary Foundation Of Mt. Pocono	
The Levy Law Firm	
Pocono Services For Children & Family	
Gotta Go Potties, Inc.	
Rise Above Productions	
The Kids Film, LLC	

¹ Free Airplane rides to children aged 8 to 17 with purchase a child breakfast.

² Must be 18 years to purchase raffle ticket(s). **Winner need not be present to win.** SGOC Lic. #2981 Special Permit #191. Drawing will be 7PM on Saturday, May 25, 2024 at The Mountain Center: 354 Memorial Blvd., Tobyhanna, PA 18466. For details visit www.Rotaryclubofmtpocono.org

³ One (1) Free Collector's Platter will be given to first fifty (50) "Early Bird" ticket purchasers at event on Saturday, May 25, 2024.



Potluck Fellowship

Stroudsburgs Rotary had a Potluck Fellowship at our member & golf sponsor Carmine Corridore of Underdog Cyber Security.

We had over 20 members with 5 guests.



Celebrating 90

We celebrated our long Rotarian, Murph Murphy, who turned 90 years young.



Golf Tournament

Join Stroudsburgs Rotary for their renewed golf tournament fundraiser, Thursday, May 16. Only 2 weeks away.

Contact Don Hannig, dhannig@ptd.net
Sponsorships also available.

Event Sponsorships

Tournament Sponsor (one) —\$1,500

- Four (4) Golfers with lunch and dinner
- Two (2) hole sponsorship signs
- Recognition sign at registration table and dinner
- Recognition on all printed material, digital media and throughout the tournament



**Your First, Last
and Best Defense**

Golf Cart Sponsor Package (three)—\$800

- Includes 4 golfers with lunch and dinner
- One (1) hole sponsorship signs
- 8.5"x11" signs featuring sponsor's name and/or logo on one-third of the golf carts



Dinner (\$800) OR Lunch (\$750) Sponsor Package

- Includes 4 golfers with lunch and dinner
- One (1) hole sponsorship signs
- Recognition signage at Dinner or Lunch

Dinner:



Lunch:



Hole-in-one Sponsor - donation of car prize (one) (Does not include foursome)



Gold Sponsorship Package—\$675

- Includes 4 golfers with lunch and dinner
- Two(2) hole sponsorship signs

Silver Sponsorship Package—\$590

- Includes 4 golfers with lunch and dinner
- One (1) hole sponsorship sign

Bronze Sponsorship Package—\$340

- Includes 2 golfers with lunch and dinner
- One (1) hole sponsorship sign

Copper Sponsorship Package—\$215

- Includes 1 golfer with lunch and dinner
- One (1) hole sponsorship sign

Hole Sponsorship—\$100

- Company name posted prominently on a tee box sign.

Foursome only with lunch and dinner—\$500

Single Golfer with lunch and dinner—\$125

Dinner Only—\$40

Lunch Only—\$25

Raffle Prizes Needed—Please Donate!!

(valued \$25 or greater please)

Registration Form

Payment must accompany your registration at the time of registration.

Sponsor Registration deadline: April 15th, 2024

Golfer Only Registration deadline: May 2nd, 2024

Company Name: _____
Contact Person: _____
Contact Person Phone: _____
Contact Person Email: _____
Number of Golfers: _____
Number of golfers staying for dinner: _____
Names of Golfers:
1. _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____
2. _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____
3. _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____
4. _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____

Our participation and/or Sponsorship will be:

SOLD	Tournament Sponsor w/ foursome	\$1500
SOLD	Golf Cart Sponsor (3) w/foursome	\$800
SOLD	Hole-in-one Prize (no foursome) donation of car prize	
SOLD	Dinner Sponsorship w/ foursome	\$800
SOLD	Lunch Sponsorship w/ foursome	\$750
_____	Gold Sponsorship w/foursome	\$675
_____	Silver Sponsorship w/ foursome	\$590
_____	Bronze Sponsorship w/twosome	\$340
_____	Copper Sponsorship w/twosome	\$215
_____	Golf Foursome	\$500
_____	Single(s) (each)	\$125
_____	Hole Sponsorship	\$100

Sponsorship/Hole Sign(s) are to read as follows or submit hi-res copy to dhannig@ptd.net.

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Please return form and payment to: "Stroudsburgs Rotary Foundation"

To any Committee Member or
C/O Don Hannig

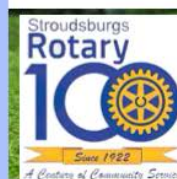
200 Plaza Court, Ste A, East Stroudsburg PA 18301

Phone: 570.460.1373

Email: dhannig@ptd.net

Payment by check preferred

Credit Card payment available upon request



Please adhere to the Shawnee Golf Dress Code

Service Project

Stroudsburgs Rotary: The Satellite and Lunch Members served over 120 people at Mady's Community Dinner at St John's Church in Marshalls Creek. This is always a well attended event.

Stroudsburgs Rotary Service Project March '24



Welcome Aboard!

In March we inducted Lance Godfrey, whom is pictured below with sponsor & long time Rotarian, John Dennis. John is a member of the membership committee and has been very instrumental in bringing in new members. He regularly attends the Poconos Chamber of Commerce mixers, and is always willing to help out when needed. We appreciate you!





Tunkhannock Rotary Welcomes Newest Member

At the April 18 Rotary Meeting, Membership Chair Mary Tempest inducted newest member Nina Sordoni who was sponsored by District Attorney Joe Peters. Nina is a lawyer who has expertise in high-conflict cases and complex family matters.



L to R: Nina Sordoni, Mary Tempest and Joe Peters
(via Zoom)

Rotary Performs Spring Roadside Cleanup

On Thursday, Apr. 18 after the Thursday noontime Rotary Meeting and in anticipation of Earth Day on Apr 22, Rotarians gathered for their Spring Roadside Cleanup. Since 1997, the Tunkhannock Club has participated in the Adopt a Highway Program. In the Fall of 2023, the Club adopted a new 2-mile section of roadway from Dunkin Donuts to the NAPA field.



L to R Back Row: Dave Wilson, Dellana Diovisalvo, Harry Sharpe, Samantha Maruzzelli, Nina Sordoni, Glenn Holcombe, Terri Detrick, Scott Walburn, Stacy Huber, Michael Markovitz, John Proctor, Norm Kelly, Jill Tague. Front Row: President Elaine Walker, Judy Walburn, Mary Tempest and Ron Furman.
Absent from the photo was Laura Charles who took the photo.

Wine and Wicks Candle Making Fundraiser/Membership Drive

On Friday Apr 19, a candle making class fundraiser/membership drive for Tunkhannock Rotary was hosted by Lackawanna College in Tunkhannock with Werkheiser's Country Candles. Rotarian Ryan Werkheiser led the classes and refreshments were provided by Lackawanna College.



Three sessions were held with each participant making a 4 oz candle while enjoying wine and snacks.

Rotarians Assemble Picnic Tables

On Sat Apr 20, Rotarians, friends and families met at Keystone Truck Caps workshop to assemble the 10 picnic tables purchased by the Club with the 2023-2024 District Grant Funds.

On May 2, Rotarians helped Tunkhannock Borough employees move the picnic tables, place and secure them at Riverside Park in Tunkhannock where they replaced old tables.



Free Narcan Drive-Thru Event

At the Apr 25 Rotary meeting, Rotarian Cammie Anderson, who is the drug and alcohol counselor at the Tunkhannock Area Schools spoke about the opioid issues in our area and the need for households to have Narcan available to treat opioid emergencies that they may encounter. This may include minors who ingest pills purchased online that are contaminated with fentanyl or senior citizens who accidentally forget they already took their pills and take more leading to an overdose.

On Sunday May 19, Tunkhannock Rotarians will take part in the Wyoming County District Attorney's free Narcan Drive-Thru Event at Lazybrook Park in Tunkhannock from 10 AM to 2 PM. District Attorney Joseph Peters is a Tunkhannock Rotarian and Rotary has been orchestrating some of the community outreach and advertising for this event. Several local government and community organizations are also involved in this important initiative, which it is hoped will help save lives.

You Can Save a Life With Narcan Nasal Spray

Opioid/Fentanyl emergencies can happen anytime, anywhere.



Free Narcan Drive-Thru Event

**Sunday May 19th
10:00am - 2:00pm
at Lazybrook Park**

**If you know someone who uses drugs or are
a concerned citizen...Please Carry Narcan.**

- No one should make a mistake they cannot come back from.
- Fake pills are sold online, and through social media, making them available to anyone with a smartphone, including minors.
- Fake pills are easy to purchase and, can contain lethal amounts of fentanyl.
- The opioid/fentanyl overdose epidemic is a serious public health crisis in Pennsylvania and the nation.
- Instructions for Narcan administration will be provided.

The Wyoming Co. District Attorney's Office Is Sponsoring This Event.

Community Groups Supporting This Event:

Wyoming Co. Human Services • Tunkhannock Rotary • Wyoming Co. Chamber of Commerce
Dietrich Theater • Wyoming Co. Community Health Foundation • Tunkhannock Area School District

Rotary Joins in Wyalusing's Earth Day Activities

Wyalusing Area Rotarians joined other Wyalusing organizations, including the Lions, Rainbow Club, Wyalusing Fire Company and American Legion Post 534, in what might be called an Earth Day community work fest on Saturday, April 20th. There were litter crews and other clean-up ventures along the streets and green spaces of Wyalusing Borough, as well as sections of Routes 6 and 706 and on the nearby campus of the Wyalusing Valley High School and Elementary School.

The event, coordinated by the Lions, also offered paper and cardboard shredding at the Legion parking lot and an opportunity to turn in old computers, printers and other electronics at the Arrow United Industries plant grounds. A Rotary clean-up crew confined its efforts to Wyalusing Creekside Park, which opened to the public last summer. Aside from litter, fallen limbs and accumulations of dead leaves, the Rotary committed to a beautification project later in May with the emphasis on planting flowers at the entrance sign of the park along Route 6.

Shown are (from left) Mary Skillings, Wes Skillings, Michele Naugle, Carol Goodman and Wendy Gaustad.



Wyalusing Rotary Hosts Student Essayists

The Wyalusing Area Rotary Club welcomed its Student Rotary Essay winners and their parents at an April 16th luncheon meeting at the Wyalusing Hotel. Shown with Rotary Club President Wendy Gaustad (right) are (from left) Chloe Kelly, Kaeden Kusmierz and Nick Salsman. The topic of this year's essay challenge was how communities, schools, families, and friends can "Support Mental Health with Caring, Giving, and Compassion." Each of the students read their excellent essays at the luncheon. Kaeden's essay, as the first-place local winner, advanced as our entry to the multi-county Rotary District 7410 Student Essay Contest with the same theme.

Respective parents of the student essayists are Natalie and Todd Salsman (Nick); Karen and Mark Kelly (Chloe), and Carla Salsman and Andrew Kusmierz (Kaeden).



Rotary Joins in Wyalusing's Earth Day Activities

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Exchange Students Take Aim at Trap Shoot

As they have over the past decade on an April Saturday, the Wyalusing Area Rotary teamed with the Tri-County Sportsmen Club in Silvara to host an entertaining and learning experience for Rotary Exchange students from regional school districts. The occasion was a trap shoot on the club grounds, with Pat Beebe once again providing instruction on firearms safety and marksmanship as this year's participants took aim at flying clay discs launched by automated machines at the push of a button.

This year's shooters and their countries of origin were: Sebastian Fuentes, Chile; Botond "Boti" Batyky, Hungary, and Tanguy Verrier, France. Sebastian is attending Wilkes-Barre Area High School during the current school year and Tanguy and Boti are both attending Tunkhannock High School. Boti was transported directly by Anne Sehne, District 7410 Rotary Youth Exchange Chair, from a tennis match to take his turn on the firing line Saturday afternoon.

Foreign exchange students from throughout the 10-county Rotary district are invited to the event each spring. Wyalusing, which usually provides a student, is one of the 42 clubs in the district, but there is no exchange student in Wyalusing this year. The call of spring sports and other extra-curricular activities in respective schools, as well as distances some must travel to participate in this event, are among the challenges. Nevertheless, the Rotary Trap Shoot typically brings five or six exchange students to the Tri-County Sportsmen Club.

Although there are students who have some experience with firearms, others like Sebastian have never even handled a firearm until they made the trip to Silvara. After Pat familiarizes each with the shotgun they'll be using and offers tips on how to track and shoot at the clay discs as they are hurled across the field at approximately 40 miles an hour at different altitudes, each shooter takes his place at one of five stations. They take turns in sequence at the shout of "Pull!" You can see them improving in accuracy with each round. At other stations, they take aim at discs launched almost straight up or rolling across the ground.

Even though often intimidated at first, you can count on the students walking away from the event pleased and proud to have faced the challenge. It is always a friendly competition, and this year Boti boasted the top score of the trio, followed closely by Sebastian, the one who had never even handled a firearm until that day.

The Wyalusing Area Rotary Club provided hot dogs, chili, snacks and beverages, not only to the students, but others of all ages, male and female, who took part in the trap shoot throughout the afternoon. That included a number of experienced male and female sharpshooters of all ages. Tri-County generously shares proceeds and donations with the Rotary Club. A special nod of appreciation to Pat Beebe who has instructed youth and adults in the handling and shooting of firearms for more than 45 years.

(Note: The Wyalusing Area Rotary Club is seeking host families for exchange students at the Wyalusing Valley High School for the upcoming school year (2024-25). You may email wyalusingrotary@gmail.com for more information or to express your interest.)



PAT AND SEBASTIAN...

As often happens at the Rotary Trap Shoot for exchange students attending schools in Northeastern Pennsylvania, one or more of the students have no experience in handling firearms. Such was the case with Chile's Sebastian Fuentes with whom Pat Beebe is shown demonstrating the essentials of marksmanship and gun safety.



PAT AND TANGUY...

Pat Beebe offers last-minute tips to France's Tanguy Verrier before he takes aim at his first flying clay pigeon on the grounds of the Tri-County Sportsmen Club. Tanguy is an exchange student at Tunkhannock High School.



THREE STUDENTS TOGETHER...

The three exchange students who participated in the Rotary Trap Shoot at the Tri-County Sportsmen Club near Silvara had a great time Saturday afternoon and were already talking about doing it again before returning to their respective countries at the end of this school year. Shown are (from left) Tanguy Verrier (France), Boti Batyky, Hungary, and Sebastian Fuentes, Chile. Boti and Sebastian placed one-two in a friendly competition.