

News from the District

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[A Message from the District Governor](#)

Greetings to all Rotarians in District 7410!

This past month, we celebrated our membership achievements and awarded President Norm Kelly and the Tunkhannock Club the tallest trophy this side of the Mississippi for membership strides! Next month, we will be chartering the newest club in the District, Wyalusing Area, which is another achievement of the Al Noble and the Tunkhannock Club. Let's all get out and join them for their festivities.



District Conference was really a fun event and a chance to honor some of the volunteers who make things happen in Rotary here in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Some of our Rotarians are often honored by those outside of Rotary. Last year, I had the honor to watch Samantha Maruzzelli be selected by the Tunkhannock Business and Professional Women's Association as their Women of the Year. This year PDG Bob Wehe of the Stroudsburgs was recognized for his service by the Salvation Army. That's just the kind of people that join Rotary. The month of May this year has no special theme, so maybe it is the month to honor some of our own.

June's theme is Rotary Fellowships. I would encourage everyone to do two things. First register on "My Rotary" and look up fellowships. There are many from exchanging homes to riding motorcycles. Second, resolve to attend a Rotary meeting at another club. It could be in our District or maybe while you are on vacation. The Rotary International website provides data on all club meeting times and places, but call to check. And please continue to "Light Up Rotary" with me and everyone in District 7410.

DG Carol

District Events

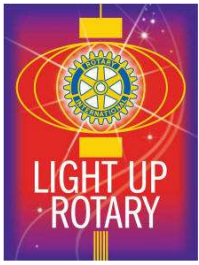
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3. Al Kobe (Honesdale) Hamlin, Hawley, Honesdale, Lords Valley, Milford-Matamoras, Newfoundland.
4. Karin-Susan Breitlauch (West End) Blakeslee, Mt. Pocono, Pocono Mountains, The Smithfields, The Stroudsburgs, West End.
5. Shane East (Mountain Top) Freeland, Hazleton, Jim Thorp, Lehighton, Mountaintop, Weatherly.
6. Jeff McLaughlin (Scranton) Dunmore, North Pocono, North Scranton, Scranton, The Abingtons.
7. Jerry Reisch (Dallas) Dallas, Kingston, Pittston, Plains, Plymouth, The Greater Nanticoke Area, Wilkes-Barre, Wyoming.

District Training Assembly files and videos -- now on the District website!

As requested by our attendees, the PPT presentations, handouts, and videos from the May 9th District Training Assembly have now been uploaded to our District website. Please feel free to use these resources within your clubs. The videos can be particularly useful as part of a club meeting.

To access the files, log in to our District website: <http://portal.clubrunner.ca/50202>

Once logged in, click on “**District Files**” tab. From choices in the left-hand column, click on “District Assembly Files” under the “Files” heading.

If you can't remember your District login name and/or password, contact Brenda Allen at rotarydistrict7410@gmail.com

Regards,
DGE Barbara

**To view and order photos
from the District Conference,
please go to:**

www.vipstudiosinc.com

**Click on "Galleries."
Click on our event.**

Follow viewing instructions.

**If you need assistance,
please call VIP Studios
at [570-839-2020](tel:570-839-2020).**



District 7410
June 28, 2015

District Banner Exchange

June 28th, 2015 2:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort
River Road, Shawnee-on-Delaware, PA



All **District 7410 Rotarians** and their spouse/partner/significant-other are invited to spend an afternoon at this beautiful and historic Delaware River property to celebrate the successful conclusion of the 2014-15 Rotary year and welcome in the 2015-16 year. Assistant Governors will be installed, outgoing District Governor Hemphill will be welcomed into the PDG Council, and the presidents of the North Pocono and Lehighton clubs will exchange the District Banner.

Come enjoy the fellowship in this beautiful setting, both in the lower level Delaware Room and it's adjoining outside patio.

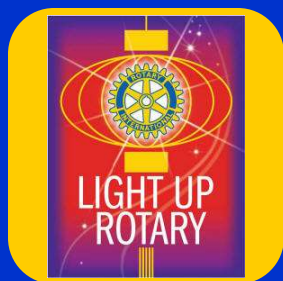
Light food and beverages provided, with cash bar available upstairs.

Live music supplied by guitarists "**Just So**"



ACTION ITEM: RSVP by June 24th

Online Reservations at: <http://district7410bannerexchange.splashed.com>



Our Clubs in Action

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THE ROTARY CLUB OF HAZLETON

Hazleton Rotary Club Donates \$1,000.00 to Downtown Hazleton Alliance for Progress

Continuing their motto of “Service Above Self”, The Hazleton Rotary Club recently donated \$1,000.00 to the Downtown Hazleton Alliance for Progress.

“Its certainly good to see the momentum being made by the DHAP as they work to make our downtown a better and brighter place”, comments Rotary President Tim Genetti. “We are looking forward to watching as our donation helps this important project move forward to bring our downtown back to life.”

“We encourage members of the Hazleton Rotary Club, as well as the Greater Hazleton community to attend the First Friday events, as well as other activities being planned by the downtown committee.” says Krista Schneider, Executive Director, “We also encourage everyone to go online, www.downtownhazleton.org to read our monthly newsletter for updated information”.



L to R: Tim Genetti, Hazleton Rotary Club President; Krista Schneider, Executive Director and Neal DeAngelo III, Board President, Downtown Hazleton Alliance for Progress; and Ron Avellino, Hazleton Rotary Club President-Elect.

Hazleton Rotary Club Inducts Nine New Members

Past President Lew Dryfoos inducted nine new members into the Hazleton Rotary Club at the weekly meeting held on Wednesday, May 20 at Genetti's. He encouraged new members to take advantage of their club membership and become active members taking part in fundraisers and special events, as well as enjoying club social activities.

New Rotary Club Members are Desiree Hertzog sponsored by Kathy Oh; Donna Delehanty sponsored by Tim Genetti; Jane Danish and Bryan Mason sponsored by Pat Ward; Jane Krouse and Tracy Karchner sponsored by Lani Drobnock; Carla Thaller sponsored by Donna Barna; Mary Pat Stroia sponsored by Alan Whittaker and Richard Peterson sponsored by Lisa Finkelstein.



Row 1 L to R: New Rotary Club Inductees: Richard Peterson, Bryan Mason, Desiree Hertzog, Jane Danish, Carla Thaller, Mary Pat Stroia, Tracy Karchner Jane Krouse, and Donna Delehanty.

Row 2 L to R: Rotary Club Member Sponsors Ron Avellino, Pat Ward, Katherine Oh, Tim Genetti, Donna Barna, Alan Whitaker and Lani Drobnock

THE ROTARY CLUB OF HAZLETON

Hazleton Rotary Club and Mark Imbriaco Sponsor Area Child For Make-A-Wish

The Hazleton Rotary Club and Mark Imbriaco are sponsoring a wish from the local chapter of Make-A-Wish Greater Pennsylvania and West Virginia. The Club recently donated approximately \$2,000.00 to the Make-A-Wish Foundation to grant the wish of 12- year-Delmy, from Hazleton, who lives with the challenges of Castleman's Disease. Rotary Club member Mark Imbriaco matched that donation in memory of his mother, Margaret Imbriaco.

The goal of Make-A-Wish is to grant wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions. The wish energizes the children who can anticipate, describe, imagine, plan and eventually, rejoice in its fruition. In granting a child's wish, Make-A-wish provides children and their families the opportunity to forget about the pain and fear caused by an illness and to focus instead on the joy and hope of having a wish grant.

Club President Tim Genetti says, "Our club works hard to meet the club motto of "Service above Self", but it's well worth it when we can do something like providing this wish for Delmy. It is OUR wish that they will enjoy the trip, just relax and have some fun together."

As explained by Maggie O'Brien, Regional Manager, Make-A-Wish, "there is nothing better than seeing hope and joy sparkle in a child's eyes, and watching that joy spread clear across their faces. Make-A-Wish renews their belief in magic and especially during a difficult time, there's no better gift that we can give to them". The Hazleton Rotary Club and Mark agree with Ms. O'Brien and are more than happy to give hope and joy to Delmy and his parents Vanessa and Darwin and sister Pharma with this trip.

For more information on the Hazleton Rotary Club, visit the club website, www.hazletonrotary.org or our Rotary Club of Hazleton facebook page.



L to R: Rotary Club President Tim Genetti; Mark Imbriaco; Delmy and his Mom Vanessa and Maggie O'Brien, Regional Manager, Make A Wish; Rotary President Elect Ron Avellino and Rotary Vice President Pat Ward

THE ROTARY CLUB OF LEIGHTON



**Tina (mom), Christina, PDG Budd & DGE Barbara
District Conference - 2015**

Members of the Rotary Club of Leighton dedicated one of their meetings in May to recognizing the following students from the Leighton Area High School.

Christina Drofich – District 7410 co-winner of Essay Contest. Christina had previously been the recipient of a certificate and a monetary award at the District conference on April 25th.

Abigail Bartron – Club level Essay Contest finalist.

Susan Cook – Club level Essay Contest finalist.

Club President Michael Heery conducted a small ceremony to thank and award monetary prizes to the three students who took the time to prepare an original composition on the meaning of the phrase “service above self”. As part of the ceremony, each recipient was asked to read their entries to the gathered audience that included parents, Tina Drofich and Drew Bartron, high school Principal, Craig Reichl, and Leighton Area School District teachers, Sherry Hoffman and Cristi Marchetti.

In addition, President Heery made the official announcement that Susan Cook, contest finalist and the current Vice President of the LAHS Interact club, had been selected from a field of 30 candidates for the 2015 RYLA Junior Counselor staff.

Congratulations to these enterprising young women and future Rotarians.



Susan, Abigail, Christina & club



With parents Drew and



With school Principal Mr. Reichl

THE ROTARY CLUB OF DALLAS

Dallas Rotarians make a wish come true

At a recent meeting of the Rotary Club of Dallas, club members were pleased to make a young girl's wish come true. Make-A-Wish volunteer Debra Cwalina, Katrina and her mother Karen were presented with a check for \$3,900 so that Katrina and her family could travel to California to hear and meet Katrina's favorite rock band, MGMT. Rotarians were pleased to contribute to Make-A-Wish, a non-profit organization that grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy. The gift was made possible from proceeds of the Dallas Rotary Club's annual wine and dine festival held at the Luzerne County Fairgrounds on the last Saturday in June.



From left: Rotarian John Rhoads, Club President Randy Loyd, Karen, Katrina, Make-A-Wish volunteer Debra Cwalina, Rotarian John Doerfler.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF NEW MILFORD

Stephanie Ostir from Mountain View HS receives a certificate of achievement from the New Milford Area Rotary Club for her prize-winning essay on Service Above Self.



From left to right: Karen Voigt, Acting Mountain View Superintendent; Stephanie; Donna Cosmello, club president; and John Reynolds, club secretary.

Dallas Rotary Club welcomes new member

At a recent meeting of the Rotary Club of Dallas, Back Mountain resident Becky Yurko was inducted as the club's newest member. She was sponsored by long time members Joe Stager and Art Peoples. The Rotary Club of Dallas is an all volunteer service organization with serving humanity as our purpose and goal.



From left: Past President Joe Stager, Becky Yurko, President Randy Loyd, Past District Governor Art Peoples.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF THE ABINGTONS

Charles Pinches, Ph.D., a professor at the University of Scranton in the Theology Department, was inducted into Rotary Club of the Abingtons. Sponsored by Roger Mattes, Dr. Pinches lives in Clarks Summit with his wife Robin.

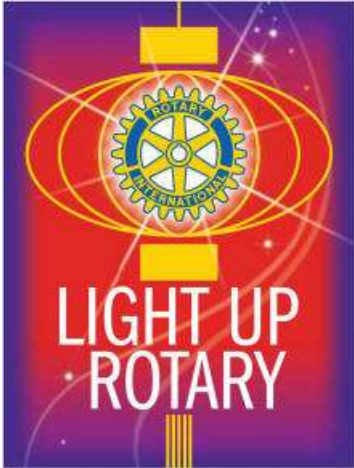


From Left: Rotarians Gus Vlassis, Warren Watkins, Charlie Pinches, and Roger Mattes.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF THE STROUDSBURGS

40th Annual Spaghetti Dinner

The Stroudsburgs Rotary Club hosted their 40th annual Spaghetti Dinner where 554 meals were served and \$6,370 was raised. Money raised this year will go to various projects the club oversees including to helping homeless and disabled veterans.



THE ROTARY CLUB OF THE STROUDSBURGS

Kids Against Hunger & Kids Against Hunger

The Interact Club at Stroudsburg High School fund raised for four years through their Flamingo Flocking to be able to participate in a program for Kids Against Hunger. Kids Against Hunger mission is to significantly reduce the number of hungry children in the USA and to feed starving children and their families in over 60 countries through partnerships with humanitarian organizations worldwide.

They partnered with their host club, Stroudsburgs Rotary for a food packing event where 2,083 meals that will feed over 12,000 people.



Satellite Club Members & Satellite Golf

The Rotary Club of the Stroudsburgs Satellite Club is growing! They've just inducted another member John Rocchio! Welcome! They also had a fun night out miniature golfing!



Paul Harris +1

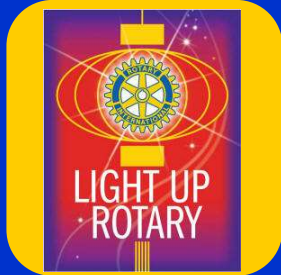
Rotarian Laura Goss received her Paul Harris +1. Pictured on either side of her are Rotarian Jim Becker and President Karen DeMatteo.



THE ROTARY CLUB OF THE WEATHERLY

Almost every Rotarian is familiar with the Dictionary Project. The Weatherly Rotary Club takes it one step further. Dictionaries are distributed at the beginning of the school year and in the spring, the club comes back to the school and holds a scrabble tournament for the kids. Snacks are given out and prizes for the winners are awarded. It gives the students another great reason to expand on their vocabulary and put their skills to good use. Many times we give gifts or do Rotary projects and never see the outcome, so we don't know if our gift has made an impact or not. What Weatherly does by going back in the spring and holding the Scrabble tournament is not just another project, but an excellent way of seeing the gift of the dictionaries used in a fun way to support education.





Future Club Events and Fundraisers

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THE ROTARY CLUB OF DALLAS

Third Annual Wine and Dine Festival will benefit Dallas Rotary charities June 27th from noon until 6:00 p.m.

The Dallas Rotary Club, in association with the Dallas Area Fall Fair, Inc., will be sponsoring their third annual Wine and Dine Festival on Saturday, June 27 from noon until 6:00 p.m. at the Luzerne County Fairgrounds, Rt. 118, Dallas, PA.

Tickets will be \$15.00 in advance and \$25.00 at the door. Designated drivers will be admitted for a reduced fee of \$5.00 and be given special identification.

Tickets will be for sale at the following retail locations: J&J Deli, Dallas; Hilbert's The Tractor Store, Dallas; Marianacci's Restaurant, Wyoming; Pierce Drug Store, Kingston; Valentine's Fine Jewelry, Dallas; Gay's True Value Hardware, Tunkhannock; Amelia's Diner, Shavertown; Rodano's, Wilkes-Barre; Gerriety's Supermarkets in Hanover, Luzerne, West Pittston and Wyoming.

Visit their web site at: www.DallasRotaryWineandDine.com or look for them on Facebook for ticket information on line.

Several Rotarians and Fall Fair Board members gathered at their sign on the triangle at Rts. 309 and 415 in Dallas to remind the public of this annual charity event. All proceeds go to benefit more than two dozen Rotary projects to support the youth and elderly in our community.



Kneeling from left: Kelvin Swanger, Ken Chapple, Jason Jolley, Melissa Saxon. Standing: Janet Swanger, Joe Stager, Colette Mahoney, Art Peoples.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF THE ABINGTONS

The Rotary Club of the Abingtons Annual Fireworks Display will be held at the Abington Heights Middle School, 1555 Newton Ransom Blvd., Clarks Summit, PA on Friday, July 3 (rain date July 4).

Food, free live music, and activities begin at 5PM.

Many of the terrific food trucks and food vendors who came last year are committed to coming back and we're working on other family amusements, including Sir-Bounce-a-Lot.

We again will have live entertainment. *Nothing Yet* will open the evening at 6:30 PM followed by a performance by the *Phyllis Hopkins Electric Trio* and with the *Quietmen* taking our great event and crowd right up to the fireworks show at dusk.

New this year: we're inviting craft vendors to join! Call the chair at [570-840-5033](tel:570-840-5033) for details. Parking is \$5 per vehicle and helps defray expenses. Additional donations may be made by sending a check to Rotary Club of the Abingtons, PO Box 392, Clarks Summit PA 18411.

Hope to see you all there.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF THE ABINGTONS

Used Bike Drive

(RAIN or SHINE)

**Sunday June 21, 2015
1 pm – 4 pm**

South Abington Park
642 Northern Boulevard
Clarks Summit, PA 18411

We're collecting adult and kids bikes to send to Nicaragua, Ghana, Albania, Costa Rica and Guatemala. Do your part to put unused bikes to good use in the developing world.

Bikes should be rust free. No trikes, but bikes with flat tires in need of some repair are accepted.

We are also collecting portable **sewing machines** in working condition.

\$10 minimum donation with each bike or sewing machine for shipping. All donations are tax deductible and a receipt will be provided on site.

SPONSORED BY: **The Rotary Club of the Abingtons**

For more information contact:

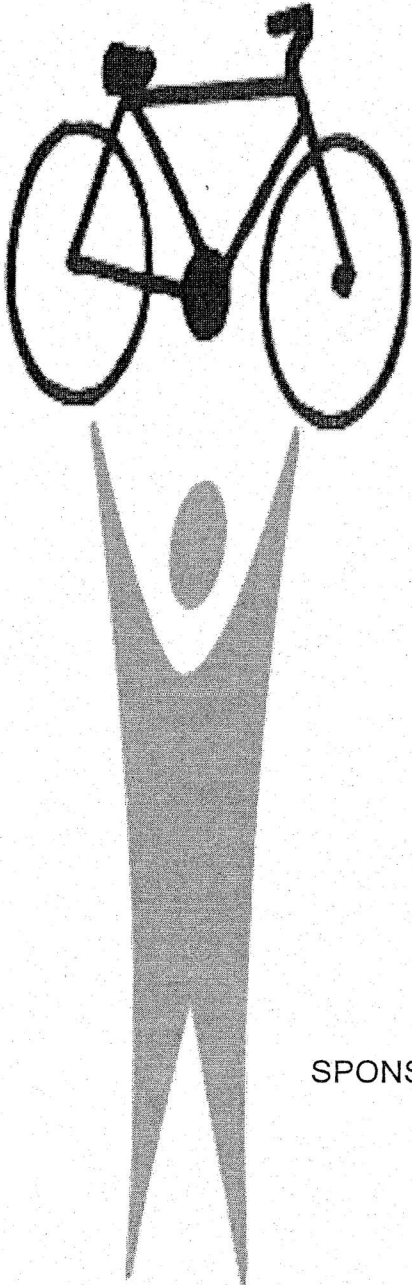
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DALLAS ROTARY CLUB

WINE & DINE FESTIVAL

WHEN:
JUNE 27TH, 2015

TIME:
12 - 6:00PM

WHERE:
LUZERNE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

\$5
Designated Driver

\$15
Pre-Purchased

\$25
At the Gate

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT:

- Gay's True Value Hardware, Tunkhannock
- Hilbert's, The Tractor Store, Dallas
- J & J Deli, Dallas
- Marianacci's Restaurant, Wyoming
- Pierce Drugs, Kingston
- Valentine's Fine Jewelry, Dallas
- Amelia's Diner, Shavertown
- Rodano's, Wilkes-Barre
- Gerrity's Supermarkets, Hanover, Luzerne, West Pittston, Wyoming

For More Info: DallasRotaryWineandDine.com

THE ROTARY CLUB OF NEW MILFORD



Sponsored by New Milford Area Rotary Club
& New Milford Men's Club

 **HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT** 10AM • \$20

Entry fee includes Chicken BBQ Dinner
Contact: Peter Conigliaro (570) 465-3830


 **CHICKEN BBQ** 11AM until gone • \$9.50

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

 **CAR CRUISE-IN** All day

Bring your classic/custom car or street rod!

Trophies awarded for Peoples Choice & Top 3 Vote-Getters at 3PM
Contacts: Ken Bondurant (570) 465-7527 & Jack Beaudry (570) 465-7528

 **CRAFT FAIR & FLEA MARKET** 8AM

Vendors and Yard Sellers wanted!
Contact: Eleanor Lempke (570) 465-3505

THE ROTARY CLUB OF MID VALLEY

WINE FESTIVAL



Sunday, July 12, 2015
Watkins Glen

Sponsored by Mid Valley Rotary Club

Ticket Price - \$75.00 per person

Complementary Snacks

Bus leaves from Sears at the Viewmont Mall
at 8:00AM

For Reservations Call:

Don 570-347-4665 or Bill 570-383-1301

Stan 570-489-3451 or Gene 570-383-0751

Toni 570-448-2992 or 570-470-7028

80 Wineries, 25 Food Vendors, 75 Vendors including Jewelry, Art, Souvenirs and Wine
Accessories. Entertainment all day.

Bloody Marys, Mimosas and snacks served on the way to the festival.

Proceeds to benefit Mid Valley Rotary Service Projects

New Rotarians

| | | |
|---------------------|---------|-----------|
| Abingtons | Robert | Glycenfer |
| Dallas | Rebecca | Yurko |
| Hawley | Steven | Bauer |
| Hazleton | Jane | Danish |
| | Desiree | Hertzog |
| | Tracy | Karchner |
| | Jane | Krouse |
| | Bryan | Mason |
| | Richard | Peterson |
| Mountaintop | Audrey | Palmer |
| Sayre | Michele | Licata |
| Smithfields | Kelly | Smith |
| Stroudsburgs | Barbara | Lunici |
| | Angel | Santos |
| Tunkhannock | W. | Keeler |

THE ROTARY CLUB OF HAZLETON**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Hazleton Rotary Club
4th Annual Wine and Craft Beer Festival**

**Saturday, August 15, 2015
4:00 PM—8:00P M**

**Genetti's
1341 North Church Street
Hazleton, PA 18201**

District 7410 April, 2015 Club Attendance

| Club | Total Mem. | New Mem. | April Attend. |
|------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Abingtons | 63 | 1 | 0.00% |
| Athens | 13 | 0 | 0.00% |
| Blakeslee | 13 | 0 | 64.62% |
| Dallas | 43 | 1 | 59.00% |
| Dunmore | 16 | 0 | 0.00% |
| Forest City Area | 11 | 0 | 0.00% |
| Freeland | 6 | 0 | 0.00% |
| Greater Nanticoke Area | 10 | 0 | 0.00% |
| Hamlin | 24 | 0 | 76.39% |
| Hawley | 0 | 0 | 0.00% |
| Hazleton | 93 | 6 | 33.89% |
| Honesdale | 37 | 0 | 49.00% |
| Jim Thorpe | 22 | 0 | 0.00% |
| Kingston | 22 | 0 | 66.00% |
| Lehighton | 11 | 0 | 70.00% |
| Mid-Valley | 6 | 0 | 0.00% |
| Milford-Matamoras | 28 | 0 | 0.00% |
| Montrose | 25 | 0 | 75.00% |
| Mountaintop | 15 | 1 | 59.00% |
| Mt. Pocono | 15 | 0 | 0.00% |
| New Milford | 0 | 0 | 0.00% |
| Newfoundland | 0 | 0 | 0.00% |
| North Pocono | 0 | 0 | 0.00% |
| North Scranton | 26 | 0 | 82.00% |
| Pittston | 10 | 0 | 0.00% |
| Plains | 20 | 0 | 0.00% |
| Plymouth | 19 | 0 | 0.00% |
| Pocono Mountains | 21 | 0 | 59.00% |
| Sayre | 15 | 1 | 65.00% |
| Scranton | 36 | 0 | 0.00% |
| Smithfields | 22 | 1 | 63.00% |
| Stroudsburgs | 105 | 2 | 71.84% |
| Towanda | 14 | 0 | 65.00% |
| Trail | 10 | 0 | 75.00% |
| Troy | 22 | 0 | 0.00% |
| Tunkhannock | 88 | 1 | 46.59% |
| Weatherly | 9 | 0 | 0.00% |
| Wellsboro | 51 | 0 | 0.00% |
| West End | 32 | 0 | 0.00% |
| Wilkes-Barre | 28 | 0 | 0.00% |
| Winola | 17 | 0 | 0.00% |
| Wyoming | 21 | 0 | 0.00% |