



# News from District 7410

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June, 2019



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## DG’s Farewell Coming Later

*The bad news is we’re late  
this month due to circum-  
stances beyond our control.  
The good news is DG Roger  
just got back from Germany  
and he’ll be sending his fare-  
well message separately in a  
few days, if not sooner.*

## Passing the Newsletter Baton

BY WES SKILLINGS  
NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Wyalusing was in its first year as a Rotary Club when DG Barbara learned I was a retired newspaper editor and recruited me to put together and edit this district newsletter. That was the 2015-16 Rotary year, and, four years later, it is June 2019 and my last newsletter. I am passing on the baton to Laurie Stevens, I’m told, who was recruited by DG-Elect Karen DeMatteo to work on her team starting in July.

DG Barbara decided that we should have a fixed deadline so the newsletter could be sent out to all of you on the first day of each month. We made that deadline, with the exception of three issues of 48, including this one, when we had to hold for something late-breaking or due to technical difficulties. That deadline remained in effect under DGs Marcia, Karin and Roger. There were a couple of months when I had some frustrating email issues when some club submissions never got to me, and, yes, occasionally I missed something because I didn’t realize it was an item for the newsletter.

Once in a while something came in on the last day or next-to-last day of the month when I thought it was done and ready to send to Brenda so she could forward it to all of you. Most of the time Rotary news submissions gave me plenty of time to make deadline and I thank you all for that

I recently did the math and realized it has totaled more than 1,000 volunteer hours over the four years, but that’s what Rotary is all about—Service Above Self. It is also about each of us using the talents that will benefit the organization.

Thanks for all your help and patience over the past 48 months.

The Rotary Club of Tunkhannock

# Happy 100th Birthday to Fran Turner!

On April 28, 2019, the tiny town of Tunkhannock hosted a big birthday bash celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Francis "Fran" Turner. The event was sponsored by the Dennis Strong and Black Walnut American Legion Posts at the Triton Hose Company Hall. In attendance were many veterans, Rotarians, the 2018 Tunkhannock Girl's Little League All Star team and their coaches, and Fran's family and friends.

Fran is a retired US Army Major, who during World War II, fought in Africa and Europe, at Omaha Beach in Normandy, the Battle of the Bulge, and at one of the last tank battles in Germany. He has been a long time member of the American Legion and was Post Commander for the Tunkhannock American Legion Post.

## Rotarian for 68 Years

Fran, a member of Rotary for over 68 years, served as President of the Tunkhannock Club in 1973-74 and as its Secretary for 25 years. At his birthday celebration, current Rotary President Mike Markovitz presented Fran with a plaque recognizing his "Service Above Self" to his country, community and Rotary. He was also given a lifetime paid membership in the Rotary Club of Tunkhannock and a giant birthday card signed by the members of the Tunkhannock Rotary Club.

Rotary Club Foundation Chair Al Noble then presented Fran with his latest Paul Harris recognition pin for his cumulative donations to the Rotary Foundation.



The Tunkhannock girls' Little League East Championship Team and coaches (above) sang to Fran and presented a belated golfing gift. Shown center back from left are John Hovan, Fran Turner and Tunkhannock Rotary President Mike Markovitz.

At right are (from left) Markovitz, Foundation Chair Al Noble and Fran Turner



In 2018, the Tunkhannock Little League Softball All Stars won the Little League East Championship but lost the final game of the World Series to a team from Ohio. Along their journey to the finals, the team bonded with the team from the Philippines, which they beat. The girls were upset that after losing, the Philippine stars were not going home to their families but had to go to a training camp to practice and further develop their skills.

Rotarian John Hovan learned that Operation Smile performed cleft palate operations on Philippine children. Each operation cost \$240.00. John collected enough funds from club members and friends so that each Tunkhannock All-Star would sponsor an operation on a Philippine child, giving that child a life of normalcy. The Club raised \$4,100, which was matched by Operation Smile.

SEE, "FRAN TURNER," PAGE 11.



What: **19th Annual Golf Outing**  
 Tee Time: **11:00am Friday July 12th 2019**  
 Where: **Sugarloaf Golf Course**

Cost: **\$90.00 per golfer**  
 Format: **Captain & Crew List All 4 Golfers Emails**

Golfer 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Golfer 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Golfer 3 \_\_\_\_\_ Golfer 4 \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Trio of Scholarship Winners Announced in Hazleton



**Coleman Smith**



**Morgan Long**



**Kaitlyn Beiler**

The following students have been selected as the Hazleton Rotary Club Scholarship winners for 2019.

Coleman Smith, MMI Preparatory, will receive a scholarship of \$2,000 per year for a total of \$8,000 for four years. Kaitlyn Beiler and Morgan Long will each receive a scholarship valued at \$1,250 a year for a total of \$5,000 for four years.

Coleman, MMI Preparatory School, is the son of Laura and Keith Smith. He plans to attend Pennsylvania State University, University Park with an intended double Major in Nuclear and Electrical Engineering.

The daughter of Keang and James Beiler, Kaitlyn, Hazleton Area High School, will major in Electrical Engineering and/or Computer Science at Cornell University.

Morgan, MMI Preparatory School, is the son of Theresa and David Long. He will attend Lehigh University as a member of the Computer Science and Business dual degree honors program.

Morgan, Coleman and Kaitlyn will be guest speakers at the Hazleton Rotary Club meeting sometime this summer.

## Milestone Year in East Stroudsburg

In April the Rotaract Club of East Stroudsburg University celebrated five years of service to the school and the community. The club was chartered in October of 2013 with the vision of one Interact Alumni from the Trail Lackawanna Interact Club.

Jamie Reese was introduced to the Rotary club of the Stroudsburgs by Trail Rotarians and asked for assistance with getting the Rotaract Club started.

Over five years and the club is still going strong with more than 30 registered members on campus. The club has been led the past two years by Leila Bouchekouk, a native of East Stroudsburg and a member of the RYLA Senior Staff. Under her leadership the club has grown and become known on campus for their service activities and fundraising for local causes as well as Rotary's Polio campaign.

Members of the Rotary club of the Stroudsburg attended the dinner along with officer's and members of the Rotaract club. Incoming President Emily Serpico was Inducted by DGE Karen DeMatteo who is also the Rotaract Club advisor from Rotary. Outgoing President Leila gave out awards to all in attendance including past club advisor from the Stroudsburg Rotary, Angelo Ortenzi.

DG Roger was in attendance to congratulate the seniors who were graduating the following week and for the first time were allowed to wear Rotaract sashes and cords during graduation.

DGE Karen also presented Leila with a Paul Harris Fellow for her dedication and commitment to the club and the community of ESU and East Stroudsburg. Leila counts PDG Bob Wehe as one of her Rotary mentors and was very moved when she was given our late friends Paul Harris Pin and Medallion from 1993.

**Rotaract**





# Rotary Club of Mountain Top's Steam Train Excursion

July 6th, 2019



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## Continuing 50-Plus Year Tradition of Book Scholarships

Several area senior high school students, who will be college bound this fall, were recently presented with checks for \$500 each to help offset their expenses for books during their first semester on campus. The Rotary Club of Dallas has awarded more than \$120,000 in book scholarships since the inception of the program more than 50 years ago.

It has been an honor and a privilege for the Rotary Club of Dallas, an all-volunteer community service organization, to share in the dreams of our best and brightest young people from Dallas, Lake Lehman and Northwest Area School Districts. They received their scholarships at a recent dinner held in their honor at the Irem Country Club in Dallas with their parents and siblings in attendance.

The funds to support the scholarship program and other Rotary outreach programs are raised at two major fundraising events: the Wine and BrewFest in the spring and the Golf Tournament in the fall.

This year the Wine and Brewfest will be held on Saturday, June 22 at the Luzerne County Fairgrounds on Rt. 118, Dallas, and the golf tournament will be held on Monday, September 16 at the Irem Country Club, Dallas.



**Dallas Rotarians pose with this year's scholarship winners/ Seated from left: Kendra Sexton, Northwest; Tyler Stevens, Northwest; Stephanie Chaga, Lake Lehman; Christopher Cercone, Lake Lehman; Christina Hoidra, Dallas, and Dillon Major, Dallas. Standing from left: Dallas Rotary President Kimberlie Reynolds, President Elect and Scholarship Committee Chair John Doerfler, Committee members Heidi Manning and Janice Horn, and Rotarian and State Representative Karen Boback.**

[Rotary Club of the Stroudsburgs](#)

## What's New at Pocono Mts. Visitors Bureau?

Chris Barrett from the Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau came to speak at our club about tourism in the area. The Pocono Mountains is a four season destination with over 28.9 million people visiting yearly. We are the most driven to state in the country.

He shared an exclusive with our club...the brand new Pocono Mountains Magazine! The magazine has not been made available in print in years!



The Pocono brand is very strong and well known around the country. Chris talked to us more about the Pick Up the Poconos campaign as an outreach project of the bureau. Pick Up the Poconos is designed to reduce litter in the region. Since launching in the Spring of 2018, the campaign has grown in popularity and gained notoriety for its efforts. It goes beyond trying to simply reduce litter to give a great impression to visi-



## **Rotarians we need you!**

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

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

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

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

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

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

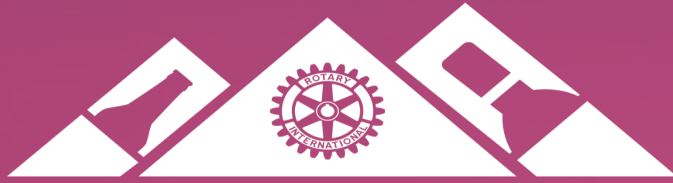
The Rotary Club of the Stroudsburgs

## Spaghetti Dinner Rousing Success

What a great time everyone had at this year's Spaghetti Dinner! The event filled weekend started off with meatball making on Friday night. If you have ever helped with this, you know it was a good time! For the last few years, we have held the Spaghetti Dinner in conjunction with the American Red Cross Run for the Red event. This year was great because we were able to be right at Stroudsburg High School during their registration and point them two doors down for the dinner. Thank you to Rotarian Michele Baher, Executive Director at the Monroe County Red Cross, for letting us be part of this event. We were able to tell the runners and their families about the dinner and sell them tickets. The dinner was great and you can see everyone







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

## Rotary Club of Tunkhannock

# Robotics Team: Competing for More Than Two Decades

At the May 9 Tunkhannock Rotary Luncheon at Purkey's Pink Apple, Scott Howell (faculty mentor), Ryan Zalewski (student) and Andrzej Swietek (Rotary exchange student from Poland) gave a presentation on the competition experiences of the 2019 Tunkhannock Area High School (TAHS) Robotics Team.

At their first competition, they were the District Event Winner. At the World Championship in Detroit, they were an Archimedes Subdivision Finalist. This was the second highest ranking in the Club's history. They finished 12th at the Detroit World Championship. They ranked six out of 128 teams in First MidAtlantic District.

Guest Fred Harding was then asked to talk briefly about how the TAHS Robotics Club got started. He recalled it started in 1997. There were only two competition sites back then and now there are over 30 sites in multiple countries. Rotary supported him in helping to get things going in the early years and he ran the Club for 10 years.

His very first team included Dia Siraki, who was a Rotary exchange student from Serbia (Hungary) and this year's team



**President-Elect Sandy Lane presenting a \$1,000 check to the Robotics Club, which was accepted by (from left) Scott Howell, Ryan Zalewski and Andrzej Swietek**

now has Andrzej Swietek, our current Rotary exchange student from Poland.

After their presentation, President-Elect Sandy Lane presented the Team with a check for \$1,000 to help support the TAHS Robotics Club.

### **FRAN TURNER...**

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Thus, 34 Philippine children received this life changing surgery.

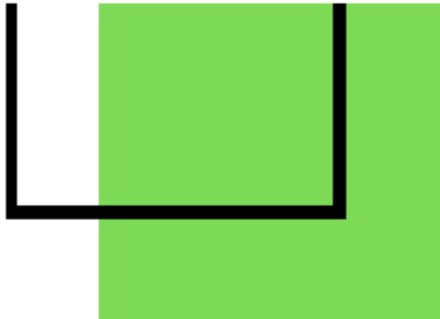
At Fran's celebration, the Tunkhannock Little League East Champions, presented Fran with golf equipment that he was going to use on his 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday on April 29 at a Shadowbrook Resort Golf Tournament in his honor and then sang a rousing "Happy Birthday" to him. Fran and Pres. Mike Markovitz then presented each All-Star team member and their coaches with a Certificate of Achievement from Operation Smile.

Rest assured that Fran Turner, his family, friends and the All-Stars were all smiles when Fran's grandson read a letter that Fran's daughter Susan wrote about her father, his service to our country and his incredible life. Susan's tribute to her father ended with Fran's prescription for long life and happiness: "Be true. PLAY GOLF, of course! And add one glass of good scotch at bedtime - optional." All who were present learned a lesson of how valuable "Service Above Self" is and how sometimes it lasts a lifetime.



### **Another Paul Harris Presentation**

**During May, Club Foundation Co-Chair Samantha Maruzzelli presented George Gay with a Paul Harris (+2) pin to recognize his donations to the Rotary Foundation. George was pinned by Samantha and congratulated by President Mike Markovitz. Show are (from left) Maruzzelli, Gay and Markovitz.**



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[The Rotary Club of Tunkhannock](#)

## *Brazilian Exchange Student Talks about Here and Home*

Joao “John” Guilherme Tonet Oldoni, is from Brazil and 17 years old. He is taking classes in graphics, 3D printing, computer and electronic devices. He lives in the south of Brazil and was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Herval D’Oeste in District 4740.

The north region of Brazil is mostly forested with the biggest river in the world. The Northeast has lots of culture. The Midwest has the capital and agriculture. The Southeast has rural, business and city areas. The South region has abundant culture from Europe, including Italy and Germany. He is from the Parana region with lots of waterfalls, gardens and an innovative theater structure.

### **Speaking of Food and Wine**

Brazilian foods are good! Most common is barbecue (Joao assured us it was much better than American), candy with peanuts, condensed milk frozen bars, puddings and green herb drinks made with hot water.

Joao lives in the city of Agua Doce (Sweetwater), which is the fifth biggest city in his region. They have windmills for power generation. His city is big on wine production and their vines have won awards worldwide. They do not have snow, but it does freeze there.

In addition to his Mom and Dad, he has a sister. They have a great pool that they spend a lot of time in. He plays bocce ball for his school and state teams.

Joao then described his time since arriving in Tunkhannock. The first 2 weeks were spent at Anne Sehné’s house since his English was



**Joao “John” Guilherme Tonet Oldoni**

not so good and her son helped him. He helped with Rotary’s roadside cleanup in the fall. He went to a Taco Festival in NJ and had fun.

The exchange students went on a variety of trips including one to Philly to see the Liberty Bell, Rocky statue and the Eastern State Penitentiary Haunted House. They also went to NYC around Christmas and he saw ducks in Central Park, other landmarks and the Twin Tower Memorial. He also met one of his friends in NYC who was there on business.

The students also went to the Dickens celebration in Wellsboro and to Harrisburg to see the State Capitol and learn how the legislature works. The Washington DC trip was for all the exchange students from our District and, in addition to many historic sites including the White House, they went to the Paul Harris

Memorial, which is located in “The Extra Mile – Points of Light Volunteer Pathway, a national monument in Washington D.C. Located adjacent to the White House, the monument is composed of 34 bronze medallions honoring people who “through their caring and personal sacrifice, reached out to others, building their dreams into movements that helped people across America and throughout the world”.

They also took a photo of the whole group with the Pennsylvania statue.

### **Recalls Experiences**

Joao then briefly enumerated the various activities he got a chance to experience while in Tunkhannock. At the beginning of his exchange year, he attended a breakfast that Anne Sehné arranged to introduce the two exchange students to the teachers at Tunkhannock Area High School (TAHS). With his first host family, he went to the circus to see the tigers. He attended the Bloomsburg Fair, had his first Thanksgiving Day celebration, attended a hockey game and got to see an actual professional baseball game, not just on TV. At TAHS, he played soccer (did very well) and basketball. Last weekend, he went to TAHS Prom.

For Halloween, he carved fabulous pumpkins. This winter he went skiing and built his first snowman. He also got to see the incredible light displays at Stonehedge Country Club at Xmas.

Joao indicated that he really enjoyed his exchange in Tunkhannock and District 7410 and is looking forward to his graduation from Tunkhannock Area High School next month.

The Rotary Club of the Stroudsburgs

## Sen. Scavello's Chief of Staff Talks about Taxes, Construction

Taylor Munoz, Chief of Staff for Senator Mario Scavello came to speak to our club about the needs that Monroe County is currently facing and projects that are in place. He discussed the proposal of full elimination of property taxes but how that would increase sales tax if it was eliminated.

Munoz also talked about the collaboration with the Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau on the Pick Up the Poconos campaign. Other topics that he discussed were trying to have an all day Vo-Tech school instead of having students bussed to their home school then to vo-tech then back to the home school and then home again. Preparing the students for the jobs now after school is important if the route of post-secondary education is not for them.

Sen Scavello's top aide discussed heavily all of the construction projects that are currently taking place and that are planned for the future. The key being that one part can not start unless another area is completed first. As frustrating as roundabouts are, he did say that in certain areas its better than

a traffic light, it keeps traffic moving, and helps reduce speeding.

Lastly, he talked about ways to reduce or eliminate school taxes for older residents.



Taylor Munoz updates Stroudsburg Rotarians.



### Say Hi to Kicker!

Rotarians Mike Katz and Denise Cebular had to take a quick picture with Kicker. Kicker's mission is to spread awareness about the End Polio Campaign. You can see Kicker with DGE Karen DeMatteo around the District!

### VISITORS BUREAU...

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tors--it's keeping the Earth pristine for generations to come, working with other local businesses to improve the quality of life in the Poconos, showing that the tourism cares and producing a high sense of pride in the community.

Over 2,600 bags of trash was picked up the first half of the year and there is now legislation that has increase fines for littering. It is now a \$1,000 fine and 40 hours of community services.

## Working Poor Face Challenges

Rotarian Michael Albert addressed the club recently on a needs assessment that was conducted. This meeting was an open forum discussion. Points that were discussed was that our working poor has many challenges: nutrition, housing cost, property taxes and transportation. Michael stated the need to get healthier foods into the food pantries. Mental health issues need to be addressed and there is a lack of professional help.

Monroe County has a high alcoholic, smoking and obesity rate. Rotarian Kirby Upright gave a review on the Daffodil Express



Michael Albert speaks on Needs Assessment.

**July 6th, 2019**

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**DEPARTS PENOBSCOT: 9:30 A.M.**  
**APPROXIMATE ARRIVAL IN JIM THORPE: 11:30 A.M.**

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**BOARDING BEGINS IN JIM THORPE: 3:00 P.M.**  
**DEPARTS JIM THORPE: 3:30 P.M.**  
**APPROXIMATE ARRIVAL IN PENOBSCOT: 5:30 P.M.**

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Rotary Club of the West End

## Pleasant Valley Students “Inspire” with Essays

### FROM THE POCONO RECORD

Pleasant Valley High School students went above and beyond to “Be the Inspiration” for the West End Rotary’s annual essay contest.

The theme for the competition revolved around celebrating the ingenuity and drive that helps people deal with the challenges of life, and the three winners exceeded expectations by baring their souls on the page.

This year’s winners’ banquet was held at the Western Pocono Community Library on March 28. Pleasant Valley High School Assistant Principal Kelli George, English teacher Bernadette Fierro, West End Rotary members and the students’ families joined in the celebration of success for the inspirational students.

Junior Giovanni Marini took first place for his essay on prejudice, and how love can transcend even the worst elements of life.

Marini’s essay told the tale of Vladimir and Ivan, two men who shared a deep love and admiration for one another in Russia, where same-sex relationships are frowned upon and punishable.

“One day, society wanted to cease their love, and their lives,” Marini said. “They were gay



The West End Rotary awarded three Pleasant Valley High School students for their “Be the Inspiration” essays at the Western Pocono Community Library on March 28, 2019. Pictured left to right: Rotary President Honi Gruenberg, PVHS English teacher Bernadette Fierro, third place essayist Isabella Seepersaud, first place essayist Giovanni Marini, second place essayist Mollie Unger, PVHS Assistant Principal Kelli George and essay contest co-chair Joan Blobner.

bashed, brutalized by a group of Russians who bestowed hatred and discrimination upon them. The events that follow their assault tell a tale of love in its truest form: unable to be broken even in the darkest of times, representing the force of optimism



### New Members Inducted in Stroudsburgs

President Lucille Piggot-Prawl (second from right) welcomes the newest members to the Rotary Club of the Stroudsburgs: Bob Reilly sponsored by Kin Roberts and Jillian Olson sponsored by Jennifer Narkavich.

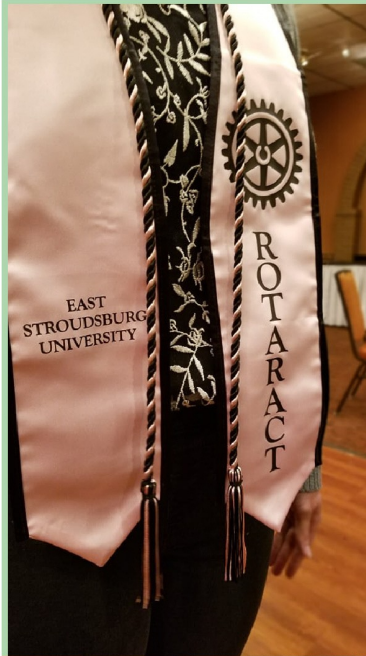
over pessimism, the beautiful colors over the dull grays.”

Marini said that he was pleasantly surprised to find such acceptance for a story that revolved around a controversial topic.

“I want my essay to shine a beacon of light on anyone who needs love, who needs guidance, who needs the inspiration, who needs that beacon of hope,” Marini said. “Those people also include me. I wrote the essay to inspire myself in hopes that others can feel the same.”

Senior Mollie Unger took second place for her essay on finding inspiration through her church and faith.

Third place winner Junior Isabella Seepersaud wrote about transcending bias and judgment in order to aspire to something more.



# Rotaract

## East Stroudsburg

### Univeristy



5 year Charter Celebration  
induction of President for 2019 ~ 2020  
Congratulations to graduating seniors  
Presentation of Paul Harris Fellow to  
outgoing  
President Leila Bouchekouk

# CHEERS! SKOL! SALUT!

HONESDALE ROTARY

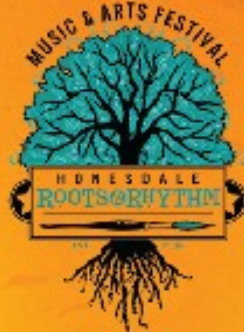
## BEER GARDEN

*During the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Roots & Rhythm Music & Arts Festival*

### JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup> 1-8 PM

*Must be 21 to enter!!!*

Rotary



**GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**THE COURTYARD AT 9TH & CHURCH STREETS**



**DOMESTIC BREWS**

**\$5.00**

A GLASS

**CRAFT BEERS**

HERE & NOW AND  
WALLENPAUPACK BREWING CO.

**\$6.00**

A GLASS

**POPULAR WINES**

**\$6.00**

A GLASS



### **BRATWURST & SAUERKRAUT FROM THE ALPINE RESTAURANT**

The Honesdale Rotary is a service club of close to 40 members working to benefit their local community and the world at large. Projects at home include donating to the restoration of the Honesdale Borough pool, building batting cages for the Honesdale Little Baseball Association and helping the Emergency Food Pantry. Monies are raised through events such as this beer garden, our annual International Flavors Dinner and Pints for Polio nights. Internationally, Honesdale Rotary participates in a global polio eradication campaign and the Rotary's International Student Exchange Program. We meet Tuesdays at 12 noon at Cordaro's Restaurant. All are welcome!

**COME SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY & HONESDALE ROTARY!**

# Strike Out Polio

with

District 7410  
**Rotary**  
Northeast PA



**August 11th, 2019**

**Game Time: 1:05 pm**

**Tickets: \$12.00**

*Please contact your AG for tickets.*

*Proceeds benefit the Rotary Foundation to End Polio*

**PEOPLE OF ACTION**



North Pocono Rotary Club



Scholarships were presented (above) to five students of North Pocono by North Pocono Rotary at May 21st Scholarship Dinner along with Rotarians left to right Josephine Bonnanno, students, Mary Ann Mychayliw, and Larry DeScipio .

At left Signage presented to Jefferson Township by the North Pocono Rotary. Pictured are Diana Oliver-Hiller, President - and John Boos , Vice-President , both Residents of Jefferson Township.



**Worldwide Company  
President Speaks**

At the May 23rd weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of the Abingtons, Russ Jones, President of Sandvic Materials Technology,LLC, gave a presentation about their local 44-acre site that produces tubing in Waverly PA. World-wide Sandvic employs 46,000 people in 160 countries with an annual revenue of 11 billion dollars.



**Newfoundland Rotarians Cleanup**

On a very rainy Saturday some brave members of Newfoundland Rotary participated in a Roadside Cleanup along Route 507 outside of Newfoundland. They were rewarded with a spectacular breakfast (at right) by other members of Newfoundland Rotary.



# *End of the Summer Extravaganza*



**August 29th, 2019**

**GROTTO PIZZA, HARVEY'S LAKE**

**Boat rides at 4pm**

**Cocktails @ 6 at the Sports Bar and dinner at 7**

**ORDER OFF THE MENU**

**NO BUFFET OPTION!!!**

**EACH CLUB WILL HAVE THEIR OWN CHECK THIS YEAR!!!!**

All reservations for this event must be made to JK by August 22nd  
CELL 570-574-4246 or email to [john.karavis@citizensbank.com](mailto:john.karavis@citizensbank.com)

**Brian Vnuk, President, Rotary Club of Plymouth**

## New Rotarians

Hamlin Lake Ariel	Lynn Scramuzza
Honesdale	Bonny Cousins
Plains	Robert Gallagher
Plains	Aaron Hojnowski

## District 7410 – 2018 Club Data

Club	Total Mem.	New Mem.	Attend. %
Abingtons	52		48.72%
Athens	15		
Blakeslee	9		
Dallas	46		
Dunmore	15		
Forest City Area	11		
Freeland	5		
Hamlin Lake Ariel	32		
Hawley	21	1	54.30%
Hazleton	74		
Honesdale	40		38.03%
Jim Thorpe	24	1	
Kingston	26		
Lehighton	9		55.00%
Milford-Matamoras	31		
Mountaintop	29		36.67%
Mt. Pocono	19		
New Milford	16		65%
Newfoundland	38		71.30%
North Pocono	17		
North Scranton	26		
Passport Club	21		
Pittston	19		
Plains	16	2	65.00%
Plymouth	21		65.00%
Pocono Mountains	15		
Sayre	18		61.00%
Scranton	46		
Slate Belt Rotary	20		
Smithfields	19		
Stroudsburgs, The	95		
Towanda	13		
Trail (Factoryville)	14		
Troy	25		
Tunkhannock	72		
Weatherly	10		
Wellsboro	43		
West End	14		
Wilkes-Barre	25		
Winola (Lake Winola)	10		
Wyalusing Area	20		
Wyoming Rotary	23		





# District 7410



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Barry Rassin

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