



# Newsletter

June 2023

Rotary  
District 7410



## Message from the District Governor Craig Devenport

It's almost a wrap!

District 7410 has had quite a year. The District leadership had the goal over the past year of strengthening the bond with clubs and helping them interact more frequently both socially and financially. We met almost weekly to discuss issues from one end of the district to the other. Fortunately, past district governors also volunteered to assist in a multitude of ways.

We had a successful District Conference, donated thousands of dollars to those in need in the Ukraine, had a wonderful social event at the Tunkhannock dance, and even arranged a Polio wrap to cover a tractor trailer semi spreading the word all up and down the east coast. Adding to the increasing unity in the District, were multiple joint club meetings.

On behalf of my wife and I, we wanted to thank you for considering our driving distance from Wellsboro to the far reaches of the District. We have met so many people that we would never have met in any other way. It has been one of the best investments of my time over the past year.

The even better news though is that it does not end. In just a few short weeks I will fade into the background, as Governor Elect Samantha Marruzelli leaps into the limelight as a new and exciting District Governor. I invite you to welcome her with open arms as you did me. She will exceed your expectations.

Yours in Service,  
DG Craig Devenport





*Save the Date*

Rotary  
District 7410



2023-2024  
*District Banner Exchange*

July 1st @ 5PM

Creekside Gardens  
4 Village Lane  
Tunkhannock, PA 18657



Changing of District Governors  
Meet the DG line • District Awards  
District Essay Winners • Food  
Fellowship • Cash Bar



### **Club Visits**

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

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

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

Yours in Rotary Service,  
DGE Samantha Maruzzelli



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### **WHAT IS RLI??**

Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is a grassroots coalition of Rotary districts implementing a leadership development program for “potential” leaders in Rotary. While it is an unofficial program of Rotary International, it has substantial support of a number of past Rotary International Presidents and current, past and incoming R.I. Directors.

### **When is RLI in District 7410?**

RLI will be held on October 28th, 2023. Registration begins 7:30am. Sessions for Leadership I, II, III and Graduate will begin at 8:30AM. There will be a lunch break at noon and the sessions will resume at 1:00PM and wrap up around 3:30.

**The event will be held at:**  
**Holiday Inn East Mountain Inn**  
**600 Wildflower Drive**  
**Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 18702**

If you wish to come the night before, rooms will be available at the East Mountain Inn at a discounted rate of \$129.00 per night, single or double occupancy. Rooms must be reserved by October 1st, 2023 to guarantee the reduced room rate. Rooms can be reserved by calling East Mountain Inn directly at 570-822-1011.

### **What is the cost for RLI?**

Cost for RLI will be only \$125. Cost includes breakfast, lunch, and all your materials for the day.

### **How do I register for RLI?**

Log on to [rlinea.org](http://rlinea.org) and register under the upcoming classes tab for the October 28th, 2023 District 7410 and begin registration.

### **QUESTIONS**

Contact site chairs	JK Karavis	570-574-4246 or <a href="mailto:jkkaravis@comcast.net">jkkaravis@comcast.net</a>
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RLI Northeast Regional Vice Chair	Hector Ortiz	at <a href="mailto:richie1166@msn.com">richie1166@msn.com</a>

# Stephen Moulton - Newest AG for Area 3



Stephen Moulton is the Treasurer and Business Operations Director for the Himalayan Institute, a Yoga, Wellness, and Meditation Retreat Center in Honesdale, PA.

He joined the Institute 12 years ago and together with his wife and 2 kids, they moved to the green and peaceful Northern Poconos in order for their family to experience something different than the Dallas, TX suburbs.

As an administrator, he enjoys analysis and strategic thinking in his daily work, projects, and activities. He loves to collaborate with people if they like to do so. Otherwise, he looks forward to spending time during the next 3 years with your clubs as AG.

Before coming to PA, he ran a software and scanner company creating products for doctors and hospitals. His interests beyond work include board gaming, computers, and relaxing.



# Pat Ward - Newest AG for Area 5



Pat Ward retired as President of the United Way of Greater Hazleton in November of last year after serving over 16 years.

In addition to his more than 25 years as a United Way volunteer, Ward is a well-known community activist, public relations and marketing professional, political consultant and broadcast journalist, with over forty-five years of experience in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

An award-winning journalist, he served in lead editorial and anchor positions at a number of regional radio and television stations and, as part of a wide-ranging career, he was vice president of community relations for Hazleton-Saint Joseph Medical Center and the Greater Hazleton Health Alliance.

He also worked as a staff assistant and press officer in the U.S. Congress.

Ward is a graduate of Bishop Hafey High School and holds a degree in Mass Communications from Penn State University. He is a member of Holy Annunciation Parish, where he has served as lector and usher.

A Rotarian for 27 years, Pat has also been involved in numerous community organizations and is a past president of the Hazleton Rotary Club and a Paul Harris Fellow.

Ward and his wife, Kathy, have two married sons, and five-year old granddaughter.

# Our Rotary Foundation

Our Rotary Foundation transforms your gifts into service projects that change lives both close to home and around the world. Since it was founded more than 100 years ago, our Foundation has spent more than \$4 billion on life changing, sustainable projects.

Our District foundation giving is down this Rotary Year and only 5 clubs have matched or exceeded their donation from the 2021-22 Rotary Year. I know a lot of clubs and Rotarians wait until June to get their donation in so I wanted to remind you to do so as soon as possible.

The District presently has a total of \$64,917.99 in donations to the annual fund which secures our future to do service projects. In 3 years we will only have about \$16,000 for District Grants and \$15,000 for District Designated Funds to do Global grants.

Our District usually has between \$20,000 and \$30,000 for District Grants and this year alone we donated \$15,000 of our District Designated Funds to the Global Grant to supply water purifications to Ukraine.

Please encourage clubs members to join the “Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) category by simply making a one time donation of \$26.50 to the Rotary Foundation. At the 1917 Rotary Convention, out going Rotary President Arch Klump proposed setting up an endowment “for the purpose of doing good in the world.” That one idea and an initial contribution of \$26.50, set in motion a powerful force that has transformed millions of lives around the world.

Today, if every member of the Rotary District 7410 would make such a donation of \$26.50 it would total approximately \$29,000 which would bring us to the historic normal contributions for our district.

# International Service Committee

In December 2022, our District leadership approved a protocol for clubs and individuals to donate funds directly to our District Treasurer function for international wire transfer to the Warsaw City Poland Rotary Club. This effort continues to support steady state requirements to continue providing long term relief to Ukrainian refugees and Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs).

To date we have realized \$10,800 in contributions (including from non-Rotarians) to send to the Warsaw City Poland RC to support this steady state requirement. My own New Milford Area Rotary has an additional \$1,000 set aside to send to our District Treasurer for this effort.

Bluntly, more is needed. See your club leadership and consider donating to this initiative as soon as possible.

Service Above Self,

David Palmer, Chair, International Service Committee  
Rotary District 7410



# Polio Plus Society

April and May 2023 witnessed a surge of pinning's for PolioPlus Society members, including some new members.

As of this date, 47 Rotarians have joined the PolioPlus Society sponsored by District 7410. The most recent pinning took place with the recognition of Carol Goodman and Wendy Gaustad of the Wyalusing Rotary. In April, Gino Setta of New Milford Area Rotary, Charles Lang Jr. of Newfoundland Rotary, and Gerard Hetman of Scranton Rotary were pinned in ceremonies at their respective club meetings. Future pinning's are being planned for Tim Genetti of the Hazelton Rotary and Joseph Riccardo of the Scranton Rotary.

The PolioPlus Society is an opportunity for Rotarians and others to designate at least \$100 in donations each year to the Rotary Foundation, and specifically for the PolioPlus focus area. To date, \$5,600 in donations has been realized from this District initiative.

It is that simple! PolioPlus Society members earn the opportunity to wear a distinctive lapel pin, which is delivered to them in an appropriate club setting or other Rotary event.

Go ahead! Join us and manifest your dedication to ridding the entire world of this crippling and deadly child-hood disease. We are almost there! Only two countries, Pakistan and Afghanistan still have the wild polio virus endemic in their country. "Let's get to zero."

If you would like to join this society and manifest your passion for this child focused humanitarian effort, fill out the application form on the district website and send to the point-of-contact noted on the form.



*Lt to Rt: Carol Goodman, Wyalusing Rotary; David Palmer, District PolioPlus Society; Wendy Gaustad, Wyalusing Rotary*



*Left to right: Gino Setta, New Milford Area Rotary; David Palmer, District 7410 PolioPlus Society*



# ROTARY DISTRICT 7410 POLIOPUS SOCIETY APPLICATION



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

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

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

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

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

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

Name:

Signature:

Date:

Club Name:

Phone Number:

E-Mail:

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

# District Committee Needs

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

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

*Youth Service Chair*

*Rotaract Chair*

*Interact Chair*

*Youth Protection Officer*

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

*Annual Fund & Fundraising Chair*

*Polio Plus Chair*

We also need:

*Alumni Chair*

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

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

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

PDG Mary Ellen

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## New Member Welcomed

Judah Whitney was installed as a new member of the Rotary Club of the Abingtons at their weekly noon meeting at the Glen Burn Diner. Judah joins with an extensive military background and a desire to serve the Abington community.

Pictured(L to R): Judah, installing Officer and Past District Governor Roger Mattes and Rotary President Diane Calabro.



## Featured Speaker

Wayne Bank's new President and CEO was the featured speaker at Rotary's weekly meeting at the Glen Burn Diner. Jim Donnelly spoke of the bank's mission and goals for Wayne's locations that spread over a two state area. He also fielded questions from members in attendance.

Pictured (L to R): Jim and Rotarian Francis "Trip" Crowley who serves as a VP and Commercial Loan officer in Wayne Bank's Scranton location.





## Clothing Donation

Dropping another trunk load of men's clothing at the temporary headquarters of the Friends of the Poor at 300 Brook Street, South Scranton.



## Dolbear Grants

Awarding Dolbear Grants for furthering the education of Abington Heights teachers in 2023.

Left to Right

Front Row: Dr. LaCoe, Stacey Bamford, Maggie Vitale, Catherine Owens, Barbara Moss

Back Row: Rotary President Diane Calabro, Victoria Borel, Katie Mellilo, Karen Bevan, Samantha Pasternak, Erica Stewart, Jessica Verry, Danielle Sadusky, Julie Rockwell-Klee





# Annual Fireworks Sponsorship - July 1st, 2023

The Fireworks Committee of the Rotary Club of the Abingtons met at the law office of Rotary Fireworks Co-Chair Roger Mattes to confirm the **July 1st 2023** program that once again will be held at the Newton Ransom Elementary School. The school is located at 1555 Newton Ransom Boulevard.

This year's event will include more than a dozen food trucks, children's activities, entertainment, novelty sales and more. The grounds will open at 5PM on July 1st (rain date July 2nd) and the entrance fee will remain the same at \$10 per car.

This year's food vendors will offer a wider range of menu items, including local favorites, holiday staples and the ethnic dishes that give Northeastern Pennsylvania its one-of-a-kind flavor. This year Rotarians expect shorter lines, increased food truck numbers and a larger selection of foods.

The Rotary Club will sell light ropes and other Fourth of July novelties at their tent and throughout the ground.

Law enforcement officials are reminding show-goers that parking will be prohibited on the Newton-Ransom Boulevard and other roads in the vicinity of the show. Guests should not bring fireworks to the show or use fireworks during the show.

The high cost of the show has been a concern to Rotarians for many years. Donations can be mailed to Rotary Club of the Abingtons at PO Box 392, Clarks Summit PA 18411 or to their go fund me page.

Law enforcement officials and the Rotary Co-Chairs Roger Mattes and Mike Wademan are offering those attending or traveling near the fireworks show advice on enjoying the show and getting to, from and around the Abington Heights Middle School the night of the show.

For the safety of everyone at the show, the show guests should not bring fireworks to the show or use fireworks at the show.

Parking will be prohibited along Newton-Ransom Boulevard, Country Club Road, Hillside Drive and Forest Acres Road. Travel on some of these roads will be restricted to one direction from late afternoon until one hour after the fireworks show. Motorists who are not attending the show should consider avoiding the Middle School area.

Pickup recommendations-Parents with children attending the fireworks show are advised to pick up children at the western end of the Middle School property along the Newton-Ransom Boulevard 30 minutes after the fireworks show concludes (about 10:45PM). Parents should use only the boulevard to access the pickup location. Parents should plan to meet their children at 10:45PM along Country Club Road near the driveway that accesses the Newton Elementary School using the Country Club Road to access the pickup location.



## Paul Harris Fellow

The Hamlin Lake Ariel Rotary Club recognized a member of the community as a Paul Harris Fellow. Joe Sledzinski has been named a Paul Harris Fellow in appreciation & admiration for his service and commitment to his community.

Joe is a Veteran of the United States Navy. He has been a member of the Ledgesdale Volunteer Fire Co for 36 years and has held several positions within the company, and he has been the captain of the Ledgesdale Dive/Rescue team since its formation 29 years ago. He currently serves on the Salem

Township Planning Commission, and also volunteers his time at the Safe Kids Fair each year. He has volunteered at many blood drives and roadside clean up events, and has always been supportive of their Rotary Club and their fund-raising efforts.

When his children were younger, you would find him coaching football and softball teams...and as they grew older, he supports the students in the community by attending the high school football games (he rarely misses one!). Joe is someone who can be counted on and truly embodies the mission of Rotary – “Service Above Self”.



## Fire Company Donation

The Rotary Club of Hamlin Lake Ariel is committed to serving the local and global community. Local Volunteer Fire Companies work selflessly to give to their community. A total of \$2,000 was donated to the Hamlin, Lake Ariel, Maplewood, and Ledgesdale Fire Companies.





## Hazleton Rotary Gifts Two Organizations

Following the purchase and training of “K9 A Sheridan”, a dog for the Hazleton Police Department, Hazleton Rotary recently made a donation of \$1800 for a “bite suit”. The bite suit allows police officers to train their dogs to engage in targeting behavior in a non-threatening manner. It is easy to use and can be worn over clothing. Trainers can also hide the bite suit under clothes to make it less noticeable.

Hazleton Rotary also donated \$2500 to support the work of The Drop the Drugs mobile unit which is a safe and secure way to dispose of old or unwanted prescription drugs. Those drugs, some addictive, have a history of posing danger if in the wrong hands. The earlier these medications are taken out of our medicine cabinets and properly destroyed, the safer our community will be.



*L to R Hazleton City Police Department Brandon McGinnis, K9 A Sheridan, Hazleton Rotary President Lisa Marie Halecky, Hazleton Rotary Vice President Mark Ondishin*



# Hazleton Rotary Announces 2023 Memorial Scholarship Winners

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 \$22,000 for four years.

Hazleton Rotary President Lisa Marie Halecky says, “We are very happy to announce the following students, seniors at MMI Preparatory School, have been selected as the Hazleton Rotary Memorial Scholarship winners for 2023.”

“Jessica Zheng will receive a scholarship of \$2500 per year for a total of \$10,000 for four years, Jillian McGeehin will receive \$2,000 per year for a total of \$8,000 and Khristian Banks will receive \$1,000 per year for a total of \$4,000 for four years.” Halecky explains.

Jessica is the daughter of Jim Thorpe residents Hongzhi and DeXiao Zheng. She plans to attend Massachusetts Institute of Technology and double major in Biological Engineering and Science, Technology and Society (STS Major).

The daughter of Amy and Larry McGeehin, Jillian resides in Sugarloaf and her intended course of study is a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and Chinese at the University of Chicago. Khristian is the daughter of Renee and Michael Banks, Mountain Top. She will attend Gettysburg College and focus on a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemistry (pharmacology).

Rotary Scholarship Project Chair Kim McNulty comments, “Our scholarship recipients are to be congratulated on all their wonderful achievements. It is a pleasure to offer them this fantastic opportunity to further their education. Wishes for a future filled with success are offered by Hazleton Rotary to Jessica, Jillian and Khristian .”

The winners will be introduced to the Hazleton Rotary membership this summer.



# Hazleton Rotary 2023 Technical Scholarship Recipient Mariel Montes Selected as 2023 Hazleton Rotary Technical Scholarship Winner

“Mariel Montes, currently a student at Hazleton Area High School, was selected as the Hazleton Rotary Technical Scholarship winner for 2023” announces Committee Chair Kim McNulty. “Hazleton Rotary is delighted to say that the future for Mariel now includes a scholarship for \$1000 that will help her reach her educational goals.”

Mariel is a Beaver Meadows resident, and will attend King’s College this fall with a goal of earning a Bachelor’s Degree in Health Care Administration.

She was inducted into the National Honor Society Class 2023 and the German, French, and Spanish National Honors Society. Her other school activities involved the Executive Council, the Athena Club, Hazleton Area Key Club, Math Club, Foreign Language Club and Psychology Club. She is currently employed at Burger King.

Her civic involvement included community service at the Hazleton Integration Project and Salvation Army.

All applicants were asked to author an essay on “How Volunteering Makes a Difference.”

Mariel wrote, “Growing up in a low-income country and being aware of terribly inhumane situations people around me were undergoing made me feel powerless. For me, as a child, it was frustrating to see people with beautiful hearts in difficult situations without any kind of help available to them. The worst part of the whole situation is I never knew of any organization that would do anything about it. Observing these kinds of situation inspired me to become involved in my new community.”

She continues, “Ever since the day I moved to the U.S., I made the decision to start doing volunteer work in my school and community. I began to volunteer in organizations that allowed me to carry out activities which included volunteering in activities such as a summer camp for youngsters, road cleaning, participating as a volunteer in after school programs, cooking and serving food at a local soup kitchen and registering people for monthly food deliveries.”

In closing, she adds, “Community service has taught me there is always something to do about difficult situations where everyone has the power to help even in the smallest ways. When you do volunteer work you create an impact in different ways, you grow personally, and you bring a way to get the community together.” Hazleton Rotary President Lisa Marie Halecky comments, “We congratulate Mariel on her achievements, especially her understanding of the benefits of volunteering and are happy to help invest in her future by offering her this scholarship assistance. This is the fifth time we have provided a technical scholarship to a member of the local community, and we were delighted to see an increase in the number of applicants. We are looking forward to continuing and expanding the practice in the future.”

Please check the Rotary Club of Hazleton Facebook page or the Rotary Club website, [www.hazletonrotary.org](http://www.hazletonrotary.org) for updated information on club activities. Club fundraisers such as the upcoming Hazleton Rotary Wine and Beer Festival on Saturday, August 26, 12pm-6pm, Louis Schiavo City View Park help club service projects move from possibilities to realities.

## Club Recap

### Summer Recreation Program

Will begin on June 19 and end on August 10. 127 children in grades 1st through 5th have signed up. Daily breakfast and lunch will be provided. The camp will feature Arts & Crafts, Sports, Games, and daily STEM programs will be presented.

The cost of the camp is ~ \$310 per participant, but is provided free of charge. Besides our club, the program is supported by SHINE, the JTASD, Borough of Jim Thorpe, Penn Forest Township, the Jim Thorpe National Bank, the Mauch Chunk Trust, Brandywine Transportation, and private donations.

### Jim Thorpe Childcare and Early Childhood Center

Details are being finalized and, hopefully, the program will open in fall. Multiple grants are pending to support the required modifications to the former St. Joseph's Regional Academy.

### National Night Out

Our Club will participate in the program on August 1st at Memorial Park.

### Member Recruitment and Retention

While our membership has remained relatively stable, we are looking for ways to recruit and maintain members. In that regard, we are looking at changing the meeting schedule in order to accommodate members' various schedules. Also, now that the Covid pandemic has subsided somewhat, we will restart our 'Social Hour' periodically. In July we will hold a "Rotary Boot Camp" and invite potential new members to discuss what Rotary is about.

### Interact Club of Carbon Career & Technical Institute

Advisor, peg Kalogerakis reported that the club donated money to, and collected supplies for, the Cat Shelter. Also, the members donated \$300 (collected from students) to the Dimmick Memorial Library.

### One Hundred Year Anniversary

In 2024, we will mark the 100th Anniversary of the Jim Thorpe rotary Club and we will begin planning to celebrate that event.



## Paul Harris Fellow

New Milford Area Rotary recognized two members recently with Paul Harris Fellow pins. On May 18th, Cindy Beeman received her first Paul Harris Fellow pin. Cindy is the primary member of the corporate membership of the Susquehanna County Interfaith, of which she serves as the Executive Director. Cindy also contributes in-kind services to the New Milford Area Rotary, as well as aiding county individuals and families. Recently this assistance included providing aid to a three-member adult refugee family from Ukraine.

On June 1st, Brian Michael Lione received a Paul Harris Fellow pin and the blue Saffire (PHF1). Brian is a resident of Montrose Borough and is the International Cultural Heritage Protection Program Manager at the Smithsonian's Museum Conservation Institute (MCI). Brian also serves as the district 7410 Grants Subcommittee Chair.



*Pictured left to right: Cynthia Beeman, David Palmer, Membership Chair, New Milford Area Rotary.*



*Pictured left to right- Brian Michael Lione, Thoms Kurosky, President of the New Milford Area Rotary*



## Rotary Club of Plymouth Golf Outing

The Rotary Club of Plymouth recently conducted the 3rd Annual Rotary Club of Plymouth Past District Governor Paul “Budd “ O’Malia Golf Outing at WB Municipal Golf Course. Over 80 golfers braved the early morning chill to participate in the event. Proceeds of the golf tournament benefit Rotary projects including Holiday projects and the Budd O’Malia Memorial Scholarship, presented to a Wyoming Valley West student pursuing a degree in Education. Budd was a teacher of French during his time at Freeland High School and a 38 year member of the Club with Perfect Attendance.

Pictured are Teddy Delaney, Thomas P Hogan, Rotary Club of Plymouth President, and Brian Vnuk, Assistant Governor for Area 7 in District 7410







## 2023 Tunkhannock Rotary Relays Invitational

The 37th Annual Tunkhannock Rotary Relays Invitational Track and Field event was held at Memorial Stadium on Sat May 6 with 6 junior track and field programs competing. The event was coordinated by Relays Chairperson Don Davis with help from Rotary volunteers and track and field officials. Dick Daniels called the events for the day.

The Hazleton Cougars were the big winners for the day taking home both the girls and boys titles. Tunkhannock girls took home the gold medal in the long jump relays.

The photo below shows some of the Rotary volunteers who made this event possible.



## Rotarians Visit CANPACK

On Thursday May 11, members of the Tunkhannock Rotary visited CANPACK in Olyphant, PA for a Plant Tour by Tunkhannock Rotarian - Jeff Tague.



## Rotary Scholarships Awarded

At the May 18 Tunkhannock Area High School Senior Community Awards night, club Scholarship committee chair, Don Davis, presented \$1,000 scholarships to 2 graduating seniors.

Nathan Schaeffer was the academic winner and will attend Bucknell Univ. with a major in biology and biomedical science.

Ben Cannella won the vocational scholarship and will attend the Pennsylvania College of Technology with a major in heavy equipment operation.

## Multiple Paul Harris Members

At the May 18 Rotary Luncheon at Shadowbrook, District Rotary Foundation Chair, Mary Ellen Bentler, presented Don Davis and Pres Mike Markovitz with their multiple Paul Harris designations for their donations to the Rotary Foundation. Don earned his Paul Harris +1 and Mike his Paul Harris +7.



*Don Davis (left) and Pres. Mike Markovitz (right) receiving their PHF from District Foundation Chair Mary Ellen Bentler.*

## Rotary Day of Service - May 20, 2023

Members of the Tunkhannock Rotary conducted a Food Collection Drive at the Tunkhannock Public Library Pavilion on Sat. May 20, 2023. Donations went to HANDS, the 7-Loaves Soup Kitchen and the Wyoming County Food Bank in Tunkhannock. The staff at the facilities greatly appreciated these donations. A big thank you to the TPL and Rotarian Dellana D iovisalvo, Library Executive Director, for hosting this event in their pavilion.

The club also thanks Shelly Karavis President Elect of the Plymouth Rotary Club. She joined our club's activity with the Rotary Day of Service District wide event. Shelly delivered a trunk full of food to contribute to our collection.



*L to R: Elaine Walker, Pres. Mike Markovitz, Ron Furman, Laura Charles and Samantha Maruzzelli Shelly Karavis, President Elect of the Plymouth Rotary Club with Pres. Mike Markovitz*



# Memorial Day Parade

The Tunkhannock Rotary volunteers created a float for the 2023 Tunkhannock Memorial Day Parade on May 30. The float featured a variety of vignettes depicting Club annual projects/programs including July 3rd Fireworks, the Interact Club, Candy Cane Day, the Harvest & Wine Festival, the Drug Take Back Program Outreach. Josh the Baby Otter Water Safety books, the Food Drive and the Rotary Relays.

At the Parade, Rotarians accompanying the float gave out candy to the children and Tunkhannock Rotary Information Brochures to the adults.







## Wyalusing Area Rotary Club Names 2023 Essay Winners

Seventeen juniors and seniors from Wyalusing Area High School submitted essays in the 2023 Rotary Essay Contest.

This year's prompt was: "As a person of action, what would you identify as a major public issue in your hometown or local area? What would you propose as a possible solution?" Three winners were selected from the entries.

- First prize of \$100 went to senior Olivia Carr for her essay on drugs.
- Second prize of \$50 went to senior Ethan Lewis for his essay on mental health.
- The third-place winner of \$25 was junior Nick Salsman for his essay on the need for access to more books in the school district.

Other topics selected by the students included the need for apprenticeships, the desire for a sports complex, a need for more things for teens to do locally, the lack of participation in activities by many students, the need for more public services, potholes, and childhood safety.

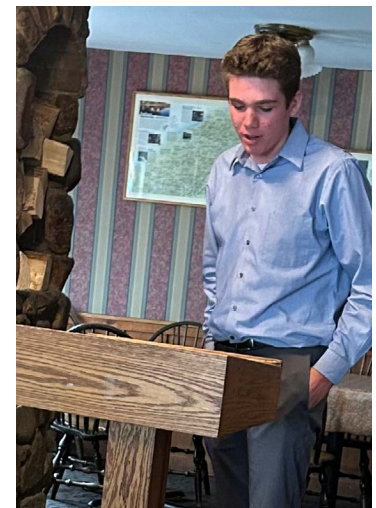
The students took this assignment very seriously, thought about it deeply, and wrote meaningful essays. Olivia, Nick, and Ethan read their essays at recent meetings of the Wyalusing Area Rotary Club.



Ethan Lewis



Olivia Carr



Nick Salsman