



# The Scallop

## Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Niantic



### Events

Service Person of the Month  
September 14, 2022

Food Drive for Care & Share  
October 8, 2022

### Birthdays

Alan Wilensky  
September 13th  
Daniel R. Cunningham  
September 16th  
Michael Barnett  
September 17th  
Cheri Meier  
September 17th  
Laura A Frisch  
September 17th

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By Debbie Delorimiere on Friday, September 9, 2022  
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### Polio, Pollinators, and Participation

Our club had an official visit from **Tari Marshall-Day, District Governor for 7980**, as she continued her official tour of her district's clubs and projects. Her messages covered local and world-wide concerns.

Unfortunately, incidents of polio are increasing in the unvaccinated population. Rotary's efforts to **eradicate polio** are ongoing and will exist for as long as polio exists. There has also been amazing work done due to grants during the pandemic. This reinforces the importance of giving to the **Annual Fund and Polio Plus**.

Rotary's focus on protecting the **environment** means that everyone can play a part, however small, in their own spaces. One thing we can do is provide a rich environment for **pollinators**. If you took a moment to capture nature in a photograph, submit it to [nianticrotary@gmail.com](mailto:nianticrotary@gmail.com), or bring the photo to the next meeting. We as a club can submit up to three photographs to the **photo contest** being held at the upcoming District conference in Hartford. Four winning pictures will receive \$100 towards their Annual Fund Goal.

### Interact Involvement

Promoting and supporting the **Interact generation** means more great leaders for the future. The world needs Rotary more than ever, and this 12 to 18 year old group is on deck to face the challenges we will face. Our East Lyme Interact club has been strong and active, so we will want to learn more about them and what they are doing. They are Rotarians, too.

### Mental Health

**Don't Bottle It Up** is a Rotary campaign to promote mental health. Free e-posters are being offered in support of the Rotary Mental Health campaign to encourage those who directly or indirectly struggle with mental health issues to reach out by displaying the motto **"Don't Bottle It Up – I'm not afraid to speak up and neither should you"**. Although this is mainly for social media use, the concept of speaking up, reaching out, and not being afraid to ask for help is the same. We have a great local resource in the Brian Dagle Foundation, and the new 988 National Mental Health Crisis Hotline is also now available.

### Diversity, Inclusion, and Accommodating Member Needs

Rotary membership has evolved over time. In some countries, including the USA, it has also declined. Looking at the members of the Niantic Rotary, we see a long history of experience, generous community giving, personal friendships, government representation, and business growth. To continue our stories, we need to invite and introduce more members to Rotary.

We need to come up with ways to make **membership and participation more attainable and flexible**, and dispel any myths such as attendance requirements, or being just for wealthy people.

As taken from <https://www.rotary.org/en/about-rotary/diversity-equity-and-inclusion>.

"We value diversity and celebrate the contributions of people of all backgrounds, across age, ethnicity, race, color, disability, learning style, religion, faith, socioeconomic status, culture, marital status, languages spoken, sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity as well as differences in ideas, thoughts, values, and beliefs."

\*\*Link to pictures at the end, and the real story on the Imagine logo\*\*

### Club Business

The Raffle pot's comeback is strong as no one won this week.

Happy Sad dollars were collected and donated to Tary Marshall-Day to assist with her sanitary supplies drive. Members also brought in a few bags of items to donate, so she was very appreciative of our contributions.

On **October 8** from 10 to 3, we will conduct a **Food Drive to benefit Care & Share**. East Lyme Stop & Shop has graciously granted us their location for this event. If you can spare 2 hours of your day to help, call Presidents Linda and Michael. 9:00 is setup, with 10-12; 12-2; and 2-3 slots available. There will be a sign-up sheet at the meeting. Bring a lawn chair if you need to sit, come and chat, watch the parking lot antics. The holiday season is fast approaching. This drive will not only request items for the weekly distribution to clients, but kicks off the collection of menu items needed for the Thanksgiving and Holiday baskets.



**Service Person of the Month** will be honored at our club meeting on **September 14**. Our Service Member awardee and family will be present, as well as representatives of our armed forces, East Lyme First Selectman Kevin Seery and Representative Holly Cheeseman.

Let's turn out for them, they are so deserving of our support!

\*\*DG Visit Pictures\*\*

