



The Scallop

Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Niantic



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Speakers

April 03, 2019

Tom Thibault
Student of the Month

Events

April 3rd
Club Meeting

April 13th
Annual Niantic Rotary Gala

Birthdays

Richard Robertson
April 4th

James D. Johnston
April 6th

John R. Harnly
April 12th

Neil Frisch
April 14th

Details of International Water Project Presented

By James D. Lombardo on Sunday, March 31, 2019



Steve Dristas of the Pittsburgh Chapter of Engineers Without Borders attended the March 13th Club meeting to update members on the progress of the Club's international water project. Just recently approved for funding by Rotary International, the project is a collaborative effort between the Niantic Rotary Club, the Ambato, Ecuador Rotary Club and Engineers Without Borders of Pittsburgh. The project was hatched by Mr. Dristas and Niantic Rotary President Jim Lombardo during a hiking trip in 2016. When the project is completed in early 2020, it will bring clean water to 150 residents of the Curingue, Ecuador community from a spring located 1200 feet below the village in a remote canyon.

Club members asked many questions and all were pleased with the Club's efforts to raise almost \$38,000 to complete this water project. District grant coordinator Lynda Hammond commented that it is very difficult to get approval from Rotary International for such a project and commended Niantic Rotary for a well written grant application.

2019 Gala Preparation Underway

Sunday, January 27, 2019

The Gala Committee is continuing with planning for the 2019 Niantic Rotary Gala. The Gala will take place on Saturday, April 13, 2019 at the Waters Edge Resort in Westbrook, CT. The evening will again include a live and silent auction. All tickets to the event will be \$100. Joe Furey, Channel 8 Co-chief Meteorologist will serve as the evening's auctioneer.

This years honorees are Dave Putnam, Executive Director, Miracle League Field of East Lyme/Director, East Lyme Parks & Recreation Department (Niantic Rotary Paul Harris Award) and Liberty Bank (Outstanding Service Award).

The committee needs help from all members to obtain sponsorships, live auction items, silent auctions items and to sell tickets.



Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.