



# The Scallop

## Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Niantic



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## Niantic Rotary Awards Student of the Month Awards to Moriah Liebig and Ben Potenziano

By James D. Lombardo on Thursday, April 4, 2019



The Rotary Club of Niantic honored nominees from the East Lyme High School Health and Physical Education Department and the Coastal Connections program at its April 3 meeting. Rotarian Tom Thibault introduced teachers Rudy Bagos and Dan Crowley who described recipients Liebig and Potenziano.

Moriah Liebig has been a student in all physical education classes and sports throughout her high school career, while achieving the honor roll every semester. The articulate young woman plans to attend Liberty University of Virginia in the fall to study nursing. Her life goal is to become a missionary nurse and travel the world.

Ben Potenziano has attended the East Lyme Coastal Connections program for two years, where he excelled both academically and socially, while focusing on his life ambition to make it in the high stress music world as a singer. During his time at East Lyme, Ben interned at the Garde Arts Center and has recently published his first EP (six song collection) which showcases his great talent as a musician.

The Niantic Rotary wishes Moriah and Ben great success in achieving their respective goals. The Club will again honor the full list of 2018-2019 students-of-the-month and their families at a June luncheon. Click [here](#) for more information about this Niantic Rotary program.

## 2019 Gala Preparation Continues

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.



## A Message from the District Governor Larry Gardner

Happy Spring to all Rotarians across our great District. Welcome to April...

With the Rotary year moving into its last several months, we all have much to be proud of in our District. Recently two major international Global Grants were initiated in Uganda and Kenya. The Uganda Global Grant is led by the Guilford Rotary Club and will dig upwards of ten fresh water wells throughout the Bushenyi District in Western Uganda, while the Kenya Global Grant is being led by the North Branford Rotary Club to serve women and children of Kenya.

In addition to these newly launched Global Grants, the District managed Grant program is in full swing with only about \$14,000 in funds remaining. So, do not wait. If you have a project that you wish to execute, get those applications in so we can support your efforts.

April is Maternal & Child Health Month. How appropriate that the six Rotary Clubs of Area 8

(Branford, Clinton, East Haven, Guilford, Madison and North Branford) just completed packing 46,000 meals for the children and families of Haiti. The program was extremely successful and received statewide visibility on Fox61 and WTNH8. Over 170 volunteers showed up to pack 46,000 meals in just under 2 hours. An amazing accomplishment. This is a great example of coming together as multiple clubs and I encourage all Clubs around the District to join together and make a difference in support of mothers and children across our district and around the world.



Also, do not forget that the District Conference and Assembly is coming up May 17th through May 19th. I strongly urge everyone to attend. It's local and will provide a tremendous opportunity to bring our District together to celebrate a fantastic year. Registration information follows.

Meanwhile, I wish you all a wonderful month as we launch into warmer climates and continue our active work to support those in need around our community and around the world. Thank you for all you do in Rotary.

## New Clubs Formed

We are excited to announce that three (3) new clubs have been formed within our District. Sponsored jointly by the Devon, Milford, and Stratford Rotary clubs is the **Connecticut Shoreline Rotaract Club**. As a community based Rotaract club, its potential to attract young adults from throughout the area will be much broader than a college campus based club.

Sponsored by the Ledyard Rotary Club is the new **Ledyard Interact Club**. I'm sure that Ledyard Rotary President Jay Hartling's role as the Superintendent of Schools in Ledyard was instrumental in making this happen.

And, sponsored by the Cheshire Rotary Club is the **Cheshire Interact Club**.

Congratulations to all for helping to broaden the reach of Rotary!

