



The Scallop

Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Niantic



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Eva P. Menon
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Niantic Rotary Sponsors 34th Annual Gala

By James D. Lombardo on Sunday, April 14, 2019



The Rotary Club of Niantic sponsored its 34th annual gala on Saturday, April 13 at the Water's Edge Resort in Westbrook, CT. The 150 ticket holders enjoyed a wonderful meal, dancing to the sweet sounds of The Illusions, musical chairs, and both a live and silent auction. Esther Williams, Rotary board member and former president, introduced attendees from Liberty Bank as she presented the Rotary Service Award to the bank for its many years of charitable service to the communities of southeast Connecticut. Club president Jim Lombardo presented the Paul Harris Award to fellow Rotarian Dave Putnam for his outstanding leadership in overseeing the raising of nearly \$400,000 to construct a Miracle Field in East Lyme, a recreational facility that will allow hundreds of disabled children from throughout the county to play baseball and basketball on a fully accessible field. The Niantic Rotary has already contributed \$15,000 to the project and has pledged to offer a major portion of this year's fund-raising success to the Miracle Field completion. In accepting the award on behalf of the Miracle Field, Putnam thanked his spouse and parents for their support throughout the challenging fund-raising efforts.

Rotarians Andy McKirdy and Dick Gada co-chaired the Gala Committee, and Joe Furey, WTNH TV chief meteorologist, donated his services as auctioneer for the many donated items. Rotary president Jim Lombardo acted as master of ceremonies for the event. Every member of the club worked hard to make this gala a great success and a whole lot of fun for all.

Annual District Conference and Assembly



**Register Today for the District Celebration Event of the Year!
Two Events in One...The District Conference & The District Assembly!!!**

Make plans now to come to the combined District Conference & Assembly May 17 - 19. A short drive away in Southbury, CT, this year's event combines the two most significant District-wide events into one exciting weekend.

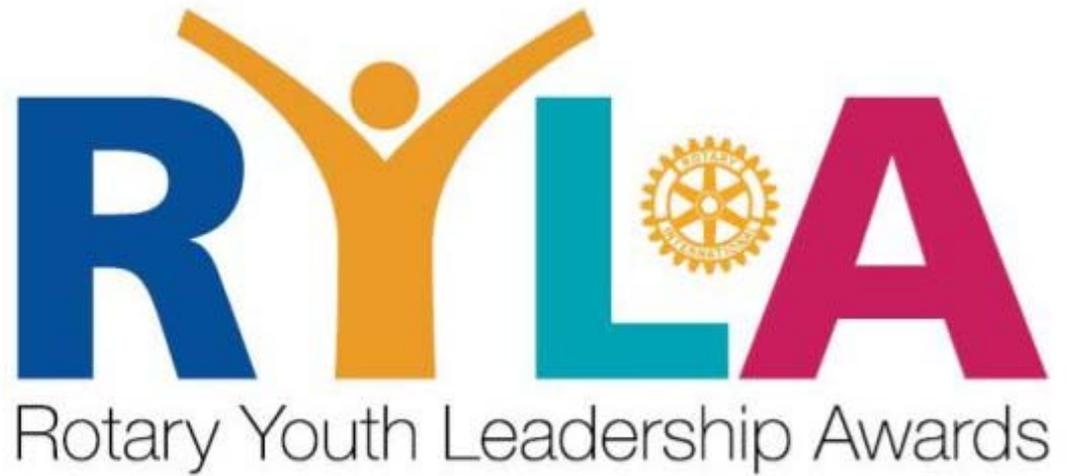
Why should you attend the 2019 District Conference/Assembly?

- **Be inspired** and entertained with engaging speakers
- **Celebrate** your club's accomplishments during the past year
- **Learn** about Rotary's widespread accomplishments
- **Make new friends** with members from other clubs
- **Help** with a hands-on service project
- **Prepare** for the upcoming Rotary year with fresh vision
- **Laugh and have fun**

This year's annual conference will empower you with tools and strategies to foster your personal ability to serve others.

Reserve your spot today! Registrations can be made online via the District website by clicking the [District Conference Event Calendar Link](#). Please make all Rotarians aware of this important annual event.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)



The next RYLA event takes place May 10 - 12 at Camp Hazen in Chester. There are still scholarships available, each \$125. Clubs are eligible for a maximum of two (2) per year. Please pass this along to your Clubs and do not let these opportunities go to waste. RYLA is one of the most extraordinary programs for youth in Rotary. Give the gift of leadership to the youth in your community.

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