



ROTARY CLUB OF WELLSBORO

Our Motto: Be A Gift To The World

2018-2019 Rotary Theme: "Rotary: Be the inspiration"

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Thursday, March 28, 2019

PROGRAM: Introduced by Rotarian Mike Birbeck, today's speaker was Director of Operations Abby Thorburg from the Tioga County Homeless Initiative. Abby came to tell us about their newest endeavor Produce Production. The Tioga County Homeless Initiative opened its doors in 2008 as a non profit faith based organization whose purpose is to provide a warm, safe and caring environment for individuals and families who experience homelessness. The shelter is the only one of its kind in Tioga county and is supported by a network of local churches and organizations throughout the county by not only providing a place to stay but also two meals a day as well as transportation to and from either Wellsboro or Mansfield so that adults can look for work, housing do shopping, take care of children, etc. The Produce Production project was the brainchild of farmer Darren Hudick who wants to provide a self-sustaining organic garden whereby the initiative will be able to sell its produce at the shelter and to local farmers markets to help fund its many services. The garden will be located directly behind the shelter at 2580 Charleston Road in Mansfield

and they are looking for volunteers as well as donations of a variety of things from garden tools to greenhouses. We will get a detailed list of those items for later circulation. At this point Darren has already started preparing the garden itself and this season they will start off small and expand as they can.



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SAVE THE DATE! Mark your calendars now for April 24th! The annual Laurel Festival Banquet Dinner is sure to be a great evening of fellowship and a fundraiser for a very worthy cause, we hope to see all of you there, so get out there and start selling your dinner tickets as well as the raffle tickets. If you have not received your tickets yet, please see Jim Paxson.

THANK YOU!!! Pauline wants to thank each and every one of you that donated to help fund her trip to San Diego with her host family the Smiths. She had a great trip and among many other things, especially enjoyed getting to the San Diego Zoo.

SPRING ROAD CLEAN UP: Our annual spring road clean up has been scheduled for Wednesday April 17 at 5:15. If you would like to volunteer please contact Teri Carson. More details to follow!

Infant and Child CPR Class: For those of you that registered, the class has been scheduled for Tuesday April 2 at 7:00pm in the Cedar Conference room at Soldiers and Sailors Hospital.

TO ALL BOARD MEMBERS: The next board meeting is scheduled for next Thursday April 4 at 8:00 at the Penn Wells Hotel.

Rotary Students of The Month! Today we recognized Brooke Lundgren as Student of the Month for her achievements in Fine Arts. Brooke is a 9th grader at Wellsboro High School. Congratulations to our extraordinary student of the month!!!



WELCOME!!! We would like to extend a heartfelt welcome to new member Sam Seaman. Congratulations and welcome to the family, Sam!

District 7410 Annual Conference: This years District Conference is scheduled for April 5th and 6th at the Radisson Lackawanna Station Hotel in Scranton. A great program has been lined up and there is still time to register. Additionally, the discount pricing has been extended so join us to represent The Rotary Club of Wellsboro! Please see President Dawn for information.

Two of our guests today were our RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Academy) ambassadors Hope Sampson and Kiyah Boyce. Hope and Kiyah will represent our club at the District wide event which is an amazing leadership program for our area youth held at Keystone College in La Plume this June.



Do you need a speaker idea? Pauline would like to be a speaker at one of our upcoming meetings, so if you are in charge of an upcoming speaker and need someone, please get in touch with Pauline.

The Tioga Youth Leadership Melting Pot Fair date has been changed to Friday May 3, 4-8pm. The club will have a booth to spread the news about Rotary and especially our Foreign Exchange program. If you would like to spend time at our booth please let President Dawn know.

SPEAKER REMINDER!

Next week: April 4 Diane Mosher
April 11 John Murphy
April 18 Jim Paxon
April 25 Glenn Poirier



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