

Rotary

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As one of three women in the club Martin said, "It's interesting. I've always been one of the guys. I used to work production for WBRE-TV, I was the first woman hired to work in the production department. But I have to admit, there aren't many women in the club right now. That is something we would like to see too - more of an integration."

Rotary International members are business people helping give back to their communities, but Martin has discovered that she receives just as much as she gives in return. "One of the self serving things that Rotary has done for me is brought me out of my introverted self. Because of my business I sit in front of a computer doing graphic design. I am very, very happy, if I don't have to deal with anybody. And in my work, I've been basically working with one agency, and (one person) comes and brings me work, which is absolutely marvelous," Martin said. "But now, I see where I can't do this anymore. And a lot has happened since I joined Rotary."

It seems the service organization that she never really wanted to join has changed her life. "I'm a different person, it has really done me a lot of good. I was very, very uncomfortable in front of a crowd doing anything, it was very hard for me to go and present my work," Martin said. "When you have anxiety, it's a horrible thing. Rotary has helped so much with that. I'm a part of something, and you have to get up to speak. So for me it is also self serving," she said.

Through the years, the Dallas Rotary Club has been instru-



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As a business owner, Karen Martin recognizes her duty to give something back to the community as a Rotarian.

mental in support of the Back Mountain Library and its mem-

"When you're in business, it's good to put back into the community."

Karen Martin
Dallas Rotary

bers founded the Luzerne County Fair. Looking for new projects is a top priority for Rotarians. Their latest project is starting a high school counterpart with students who will perform the same type of community projects as Rotarians do, but it needs more members and more

support, Martin said.

The Dallas Rotary has 34 active members and to help recruit new members each Rotarian has been challenged with naming three people who they think would make good members. A membership mixer for interested individuals will be held April 19, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Castle Inn on Rt. 415, Dallas. During the evening questions will be answered and the club will be looking for ideas and input. The only requirement for the mixer is to register in advance with Eric Martin at 287-5911.

Rotary Club International is open to individuals who are business owners, management level employees and professionals in the community. "We are looking for people who have the skills necessary to give back to the community," Martin said.

Fundraiser

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turned to heart break when her mother, Mona, discovered a lump and took Libby to the doctors. Libby spent much of her 16 months fighting cancer and trying to get well. Her battle was lost on Jan. 5, 2001.

When Tom and his wife, Gail, found out about the Libby Schomas Fund, they immediately wanted to help. They were not surprised when their two sons,

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Tom Kukosky
collecting cans for cancer



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The Kukosky family, seated; Gail, Brynn and Tom. Kneeling; Jared and Tyler

Jared who is seven years old, and Tyler who is five, asked how they could help. They expanded the news of the project to other family members and friends, and soon they had a whole network of people interested in helping raise money for this worthwhile project.

Jared asked Mrs. Gilbert, his first grade teacher at Gate of Heaven School, if they could do something at school. Tyler asked Mrs. Austin, his teacher at Sandy Beach Pre-School, if they could help as well.

Both teachers got permission to collect the aluminum cans. "My dad bought a can crusher," said Jared. "We want to crush some of them ourselves. We can get 40 cents a pound for them."

Tom and Gail Kukosky want to deliver a check to Blake and Mona Schomas on Easter Sun-

day at the Schomas home in Mountaintop. "We had an original goal of about \$300 in the early planning stages when we started this," said Gail. "But we have already received about \$800 in checks, so we have increased the goal to \$1,000. Everybody wants to help."

"Yes," said Jared. "We want to help Libby's family build a house."

"When I look at Blake and Mona Schomas I am speechless to know what to say to console

them," said Tom. "We just want a way to express our condolences and help them with this memorial and remembrance of Libby. And when our boys wanted to get involved, we were very proud. This is turning into something much bigger than we anticipated. It's a very good thing."

Checks can also be sent to: Tom Kukosky, 128 Patla Road, Sweet Valley, 18656. Please make them payable to the "Libby Schomas Fund."

Arsenic, old lace

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much fun. I love working with my friends. We work well together as a unit. This is my fifth play, and I'm having a great time."

The 14 cast members are: Rebekah Burke, Becky Hoffman, Michael Miller, Corey Phillips, Kelly Jacobs, Kristen Vodzak, Meredith Nagy, Ken Bauer, Adam Morgan, Brad Lothridge, Cory Pajka, April Piazza, Lee Griffin, and Sarah Klug.

Assisting the director is Audrey Ide. Students involved in the behind the scenes activities such as lighting, sound, props and make-up are: Laura Vodzak, Adam Pajka, Kevin Covert, Bobby Murphy, Megan Riley, Meredith Nagy, Lauren Nafus, Tricia Shepherd, Stephanie Miller, Michelle Mancke, Heather Jones, Cory Pajka, Becky Burke, Jake Burke, and Robbie Amahn.

Mr. McKeown would like to add a special thank you to others who have helped with the play: US Tuxedo, Little Theatre of Wilkes-Barre, The Music Box Dinner Playhouse and Wyoming Seminary.

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Right; Michael Miller as Teddy (Brewster, or is it Mr. Roosevelt?)

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