

Today's Dallas Rotarians not only service the community, they also know how to have a good time. A twist was added to the 74th Charter Dinner - Rotarians took part in a murder mystery. On floor is Eric Martin. Seated from left; Melissa Saxon, Stephanie Reisch, Lois Kutish, Jessica Martin and Buddy O'malia. Standing; Duncan Whitehead, Phil Hoover, Karen Martin, Nick Stredny, Jr. and Kerry Freeman.



Dallas Rotary has good time while helping the community

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On March 27, 1927 a very important community service legacy began in the Back Mountain. From helping make the Back Mountain Library a reality to establishing the Fall Fair, which later became the

Luzerne County Fair, the Dallas Rotary Club has been an important part of the Back Mountain community. Since that day in March of 1927, the Dallas Rotary Club has inducted members from all different backgrounds, ages, genders and professions; but there is one thing all Rotarians have in common - they want to give back to their community. During the club's first year, its highlights included honoring Civil War veterans over 80 years of age and hosting a boys' night for seventh and eighth graders from Dallas Borough, Dallas Township and Kingston Township. Another popular event during the early days of the Dallas Rotary were ladies' night for Rotary Anns. At that time, wives of Rotarians who also wanted to be a part of the Rotary in some way joined the Rotary Anns. Today, any Rotarian's spouse may join. In 1930, Dallas Rotary President Jim Besecker started the crippled children's program in Dallas. Rotarians drove young patients to Wilkes-Barre to see Dr. Rugh of Philadelphia, who visited periodically at General

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