



# NEWTOWN ROTARY CLUB.

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Reminder: Last Chance for Special Offer on Conference Registration, closing date December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Holiday Dinner and Election of Officer 2011/2012

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## **FAMILY OF ROTARY MONTH EVENTS:**

Our last meeting in November was the annual tree decoration event at the Ability Beyond Disability House in Newtown.

Not too well attended in comparison to previous years but those who did join in this Family event enjoyed some great food and helped with the decorations they had brightened the house when we left.



Dan Honan and Mike Toll admire the handiwork at Ability Beyond Disability



## **PANCAKE BREAKFAST ANOTHER GREAT YEAR!**

The 49<sup>th</sup> Pancake breakfast drew the crowds and special guests; Over 600 was the estimate of 'Newtowners' who turned out for their annual indulgence in the Rotary Secret Recipe! And they were joined by District Governor Colin Gershon and first lady Millicent, seen here with Project chair Jake Danziger who headed up a team of members who turned their hands to flipping pancakes; stirring batter; cooking sausages; brewing coffee and serving the hoards. Interactors from Reed school again bussed tables. The Amber Alert Team from the Danbury Club headed by Bob Vetter reported processing over 90 kids a record for this event. Sponsored jointly by Associated Refuse and Newtown Savings Bank.



DG Colin Gershon congratulated Bob Vetter of the Amber Alert Team.

## ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER

Organizer Tony Strange reports that numbers are topping 50 for another Family of Rotary event. Closing date is Friday 12/18.

A great menu dancing and some District guests make for a fun night. Plus I hear we will be welcoming back Belek, our Youth Exchange Student who was with us earlier in the Year, he is returning to go to college here.

Cocktails at 6.00; Dinner at 7.00 and Dancing at 9.00.

There will be one item of business; we need to elect our slate of officers for 2010/2011 and register them with RI!

Watch for an email from President Bill with the nominations.



Our Students of the Month Program has produced some super initiatives for this Club. Monday 12/14 saw us listening to presentation from Reed school student; Adam Harrison that the Club is likely to support as it fits well with the District Governor's 'Green' initiative, this project will save tons of paper by cutting out unwanted Catalogues. The DG has recently announced an award for clubs who support the theme. This Club is already well on the way to collecting that awards; we took part in Make a difference day; we were instrumental in creating the Rotary Park on Fairfield Hills; we have a guest speaker in February who will highlight 'Green' building and we are working to support a former Student of the Month with her Tree replacement venture in Ethiopia.

In case you hadn't noticed our banner head – It's Green!!



Past President; Larry Gardner is part of the District 'Visioning Team' a project to help Clubs do some strategic planning.

Watch for details, but keep the date January 7th



## ITZHAK PEARLMAN – END POLIO NOW CONCERT

Reported to be a resounding success, Tom Nipper was fortunate to attend this event held at the Avery Fisher Hall at the Lincoln Center on December 6. Tom tells us the concert was wonderful, with a poignant moment when Mr. Pearlman came on stage, he is a polio victim with an iron support on his leg making it very difficult to walk. It was slow progress across that stage, but he truly is amazing, recipient of numerous awards, ranging from the Medal of Liberty to four Emmy's and 15 Grammy's.

Well done Tom for supporting this event.



## DECEMBER STUDENTS SET A HIGH STANDARD

Four of the award winners pose for the statutory press photo, except one got away! See below – this young lady had another appointment! Sounds like she will be a Rotarian very shortly!



**STOP PRESS! Newtown selects a Four-Way Speech contest winner: Three High School students attended the local run off and the winner: Nicole Vournazos will now go to the District "Speak-Off" on January 24, at Fairfield U. Nicole won the \$100 US Savings Bond prize.**

