

# Rotaract Club raises \$3.2K for Daily Bread food pantry

PUTNAM — The Quinebaug Valley Regional Rotaract Club raised \$3,261 for Interfaith Human Services of Putnam's Daily Bread Food Pantry and Day Kimball Hospital's Deary Memorial Cancer Fund at The 2nd Annual Rotaract Celebrity Bartender Night, held April 17 at J.D. Cooper's Restaurant in Putnam.

"The Rotaract Club is absolutely delighted with the success of the event. We could not have wished for a better turnout and truly appreciate the outstanding support from the community," said Rotaract President Crystal DiZazzo. "Whether you came, participated or helped support the event in some way, we thank you for being part of such a successful night and look forward to many more events together as a community to benefit some amazing causes."

Celebrity Bartenders from the following local businesses participated: The Citizen's National Bank, Putnam Bank, CorePlus Federal Credit Union, Jewett City Savings Bank, WINY Radio, Putnam and Danielson Rotary Clubs, Day Kimball Hospital, Daily Bread, The Gentleman's Choice Barbershop, Monroe's Salon and Spa, Moxie, Gates Auto Group, Putnam Ford, King Cadillac-GMC, and Cargill Chevrolet, as well as local high school coaches Chad Neal, Chris Coderre, Bethany Lee and Travis Godley.

The event also featured a raffle with items donated by more than 20 local businesses.

The funds will be split between Daily Bread and the Deary Memorial Cancer Fund. Based in Putnam,

Daily Bread Food Pantry is a client choice food pantry that provides emergency and supplemental food assistance, as well as personal care items, for individuals in Northeastern Connecticut. The Deary Memorial Cancer Fund provides cancer-related services or routine screening examinations to individuals in our community who otherwise may not have the financial resources available to obtain needed medical attention.

The Rotaract Club is a community service and professional networking organization for young professionals (ages 18 to 35) co-sponsored by the Putnam and Danielson Rotary Clubs and committed to the Rotary model of "Service Above Self."

Previous accomplishments include hosting a Spaghetti Dinner to benefit the Home at Last Campaign and sending a member to the national Rotaract conference. Last year's Celebrity Bartender Night raised more than \$2,300 for Daily Bread. The club also hosted a Trivia Night in October, which raised funds for the Rotaract Scholarship fund.

New members interested in community service and professional networking are encouraged to join. The club's next meeting will be at 6 p.m. May 6 at J.D. Cooper's Restaurant. For more information, visit [www.facebook.com/putnamrotaractclub](http://www.facebook.com/putnamrotaractclub).

The club's next focus will be on donating time to community service projects, with the first being the Putnam Beautification Day May 3. The club also plans to hold its 2nd Annual Trivia Night this fall.



Members from the Danielson and Putnam Rotary Clubs helped kick off the event by being the first team behind the bar.



Chris Coderre serves up some suds for the crowd.



The Barber/Salon Team poses with J.D. Cooper's hardworking staff members as the evening comes to a close.



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The Coaches show their team spirit.



Rotaract's own Bryan Smith shows his skills behind the bar during his shift with local Barbers & Salons.



The raffle table featured items generously donated by local businesses.



All smiles — David Conrad, Kevin Merchant, Warren Scholl, and Tom Borner.



Rotaract Treasurer Jade Flynn, Mallory Murray, and President Crystal DiZazzo.



The Coaches Team works together to pour a round of shots.



Rotaract members Rachel Locke, Jessica Rawson, and Secretary Sarah Mortensen.



Gary and Karen Osbrey consult on a white wine during their time behind the bar.



Kim Rosebrooks of Team #Hashtags demonstrates an expert pour.



Representing Daily Bread and Day Kimball Hospital — Sarah Hamby, Donald St. Onge, Pamela Watts, Jack Burke and Rachel Arcand.



Denny Gates, of the Dealerships Team, flexes his bartending skills.



Tom Borner, of Putnam Bank, helped the bank team achieve one of the most successful shifts of the night.



Cargill Chevrolet's Robert Breault eagerly rings the tip bell.