

# District 7170 Newsletter



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May 2022

## Governor's Message



Dear fellow Rotarians,

If it is Sunday morning as you are reading this, it is also being presented at our District Conference! I won't promise to say exactly what is written here, the attendees will likely hear more, but it will be close!

Rotary Year 21-22's end is approaching so I would like to take some time to review what we have accomplished.

The year began last July with Covid 'ending' and my club visits starting. Almost all the visits were in person but with masks, social distancing, and fewer attending. I wrapped the visits up by early October so missed the Omicron spike! At these visits I spoke of my goals for the coming year and how our DG track will be carrying forward with a focus on DEI and our environment, listened to your comments, and tried to answer your questions.

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First was **communications** between District, Clubs, and Rotarians, which has been problematic for years. A new newsletter editor, and maybe my push to get folks to read it, seems to have paid off with an increase in 'opened' from the low 30% to the low 40% range. That said, our newsletter is being sent to folks who one would think would want to know what is going on in the Rotary world around them!

We also started "Chat with the DG Track", a monthly opportunity for any Rotarians to hop on Zoom and engage with District leadership, or at least the Governor! The intent of having it the 5<sup>th</sup> day of the month, a different day of the week each month, was to make it more available. Several Rotarians took advantage, not as many as hoped, so I think we will keep it going.

Communication is a universal problem which cannot be addressed by one side...it requires everyone to make an effort.

Next, I ventured into the **world of DEI**. Too many folks are already rolling their eyes and not opening their minds and hearts. This is important and it will continue to be addressed throughout the Rotary world.

This year we got our District DEI Committee up and running. Many thanks to PDG Dave Reynolds and Andrew Flach for being co-chairs. As for the rest of the committee, they have been one of the most engaged groups I have ever worked with, so I am encouraged looking forward.

The Committee brought in Todd Jenkins, aka Dr. Bowtie, to speak with a multi-District audience via Zoom. Though lightly attended, it was an enlightening and fun conversation (available on our [District YouTube page](#)). Our committee also started the “Did you Know” column in the newsletter and they are working to get training for committee members so they can more effectively engage Rotarians at the club level.

**Our Environment**, people may be getting tired of hearing about it, but it is the number one problem in the world and will not ever be going away! RI is making major strides in helping Rotarians and clubs understand and engage in the work that must be done. If everyone in our world doesn’t start soon, we will send our children, grandchildren, and generations to come into a very different, and worse, world.

Individuals and clubs must step up and District 7170 is here to help. Sustainability is now a separate committee, not part of Community service. We are starting on a long term multi-club, eventually multi-District, effort focusing on the Susquehanna River. In a few weeks we are hosting a series of paddles down the Susquehanna to raise awareness of issues with the river and the broader world.

We will have a Zoom session (details TBD) on Sunday, 05 June which is ‘World Environmental Day’. This will supplant the aforementioned ‘Chat with the DG Track’. World Environment Day 2022 is hosted by Sweden. “Only One Earth” is the campaign slogan, with the focus on “Living Sustainably in Harmony with Nature”.

- Lastly, we do have some District business for this morning.
- o vote on acceptance of the audited 20-21 budget
  - o vote on acceptance of the proposed 22-23 budget

Update on redistricting: After receiving approval from 31 of our 41 clubs (1 ‘no’ and 9 not voting) we are moving ahead with forming a new District! The plan is to have it ready for 01 July 2024 at which point Districts 7170, 7150, and 7190 will dissolve and join the new District.

The new district committee is focused on looking forward, not to the past, for better ways to engage and grow Rotary and this new District will help us do that. We plan to have regular updates going out to all Rotarians in the three involved Districts starting in July and there will be many opportunities to engage in the process.

At this time, I would like to give each of our upcoming Governors a chance to speak.

- DGND Wendy Deis, Owego, 24-25
- DGN Cindy Kain, Trumansburg, 23-24
- DGE Rocky Martinez, Johnson City, 22-23

Thank you all for attending and for your patience. As we leave let’s look forward how we as Rotarians can ‘Serve to Change Lives’ and make the world a better place for all.

Yours in Rotary Service,

DG Evan

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## Worldwide News

### Rotary International Convention

The Rotary International Convention will be **June 4-8, 2022, in Houston, Texas**. I am serving as the resource person for District 7170. If you decide to attend and need any information, please e-mail me: [pkriebel@stny.rr.com](mailto:pkriebel@stny.rr.com)

There is a lot of information on [rotary.org](http://rotary.org)

- Pat Kriebel

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### Rotary Council on Legislation Update

I've returned from Rotary's Council on Legislation. It was an interesting and exhausting week of debate and voting. Here [are] some of the most noteworthy news [topics].

- COVID is still raining on our parade
- The numbers don't lie – we're losing members
- Increasing membership is a long-term goal
- The appeal

If you have any questions about the 2022 Council on Legislation or about proposing your own changes to Rotary's Constitutional Documents for the 2025 Council, please email me at [zoe@unadillarotary.org](mailto:zoe@unadillarotary.org).

- Zoë O. van der Meulen

*(See Zoë's entire 1-page report at the end of this newsletter. This is a must-read.)*

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## District News

### District 7170 Grants

May 1<sup>st</sup> was the initial deadline for District grant applications and May 15 is the final deadline when the completed application and all supporting documentation must be submitted to Cindy Burger. Contact Cindy at [csburger@frontiernet.net](mailto:csburger@frontiernet.net) or (607) 692-3442 with questions or concerns.

The grant application forms for Community and International District grants are posted on the District website – click on *Foundation*, then on *Grants*.

If your club is interested in pursuing a Global Grant, please contact Lana Rouff at [lanarouff@gmail.com](mailto:lanarouff@gmail.com). Global grant applications can be submitted any time through the year but someone from your club needed to have attended the Global Grants seminar on March 8.

- Cynthia S. Burger, 2018-2022 D7170 Grants Subcommittee Chair

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## D7170 Foundation Reception

Enjoy Rotary fellowship in a relaxed atmosphere. Come to connect with friends and make new ones. Learn how our generous donations are doing good in the world.

**When:** Wednesday, 11 May 2022, 5 – 7 | **Where:** Brewery Ommegang, 656 County Hwy 33, Cooperstown, NY 13326 | **Cost:** \$25

Register by May 4 at <https://rotarydistrict7170.org/event/foundation-reception/>.

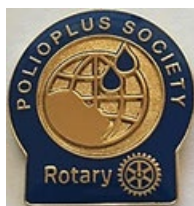
- Zoë O. van der Meulen

*(See flyer at the end of this newsletter for more information.)*



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## Polio Plus Society



Become a Charter Member of the District 7170 Polio Plus Society. Rotary International continues its commitment to keep its promise to see a world free from the polio virus and preventing all cases of paralysis caused by polio. Reaching that goal requires the continued dedication of all Rotarians and the necessary funds to keep up the difficult work. District 7170's Polio Plus Committee has set an "aspirational" goal of each club donating an amount equal to or greater than \$50/member to the Polio Plus campaign.

BUT WAIT – We have a great opportunity for you to do good in the world by becoming a charter member of the DISTRICT 7170 POLIO PLUS SOCIETY. It's easy to become a member. All you need to do is complete the Polio Plus pledge form at the end of this newsletter and send it to David Bensley, our Polio Plus Chair as directed on the form. As a member of the Society, you pledge to donate a minimum of \$100 each year until the world is certified polio-free by the World Health Organization. Rotarians and their friends who join the Society will be honored with a special pin, certificate.

POLIO PLUS SOCIETY – BECOME A MEMBER NOW!

- Dave Bensley

*(See pledge form at the end of this newsletter.)*

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## Susquehanna River Paddle

The Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group (ESRAG) of District 7170 is planning a set of river paddles on the Susquehanna in May 2022. The river provides an ideal subject for the recently enacted Rotary Seventh Area of Focus: Protection of the Environment. The river paddles are divided into four legs to facilitate the abilities of many paddlers. This event is open to the public as well as to all Rotary clubs in 7170.



The elegant stone footbridge over the Susquehanna in Cooperstown frames the start of the May 14th paddle.

The paddles on May 14 and 15 will put in at Crumhorn Pond and go to Portlandville (3 miles) and Goodyear Lake (6miles). Kayak rental is possible at Portlandville ([canoe-andkayakrentals.com](http://canoe-andkayakrentals.com)).

The May 21st leg will go from Apalachin to Hickories Park in Owego( 9 miles). The leg from Apalachin to Owego will pass Hiawatha Island, an island with a lot of history and folklore, which was saved from demolition through the efforts of noted Owego Rotarian John Spencer. On May 22<sup>nd</sup>, we'll paddle from Hickories Park in Owego to Riverside Park in Sayre, Pennsylvania where we'll be met by Rotary groups from Waverly NY, Sayre PA and Athens PA. There has been recent interest by Rotary Clubs in Pennsylvania to become part of district 7170's initiative to highlight the Susquehanna River.

All paddles start at 9 AM.

For more information contact Kevin Millar at [kjmilow@yahoo.com](mailto:kjmilow@yahoo.com) or 607-687-3263.

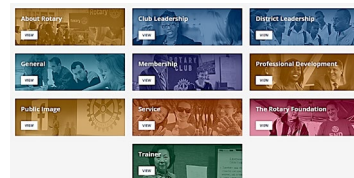
-Kevin Millar

*(The event registration form—containing all the event details—and the required liability release form for paid participants are at the end of this newsletter.)*

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## DEI's "Did You Know...?"

**"Did you know"** that the World Health Organization defines health equity as the absence of avoidable, unfair, or medical differences among groups of people, whether those groups are defined socially, economically, demographically, geographically or by any other means of stratification?



**"Did you Know"** that compared to heterosexual, cisgender people, LGBTQ people are more likely to be unemployed, uninsured, lack access to health care, and delay health care—including care that's critical to help prevent cancer and screen for it?

**"Did you Know?"** that Black Americans are 60% more likely to be diagnosed with diabetes? And that every 4 minutes a limb is amputated due to diabetes and most amputations are avoidable? Food deserts, and lack of health insurance are just 2 of many barriers to better health.

**"Did you Know"** that Hispanic/Latino and Black women have higher rates of cervical cancer than any other racial/ethnic group? And Black men are twice as likely as White men to die of prostate cancer?

For more information check out "health equity or disparities" online at [NIH.gov](https://www.nih.gov) or [ACS.org](https://www.acs.org) or [www.ama-assn.org/healthequity](https://www.ama-assn.org/healthequity).

- Jo-Ellen Hedlund

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## Membership Tip

A good resource for membership for your clubs is the Rotary Membership Video Series by Lawrence Furbish on YouTube. Just search YouTube for Rotary Membership Videos and you'll see it.

These are short, about two minutes or so on various membership topics. They are fun to watch with the cartoon characters. You can view a few of these and have a program for your club. Most clubs now have computers at their meetings so that their members can join the meeting via zoom.



Press & hold ctrl key and click above to play featured video in a new tab.

- Pat Kriebel

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## Club News

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## Welcome, New Club Members!

<u>Club</u>	<u>New Member</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Cortland Breakfast	Eden Harrington-Hall	Conrad Janke
Ithaca	John Clarke	Serenna McCloud
Ithaca	Matthew Smith	Frank Towner
Vestal	Nathanial Kelsey	Vincent Gennett
Vestal	Rob Warholic	Vincent Gennett



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## Cortland Rotary Clubs Heed the Call!



When the Homer Center for the Arts needed volunteers to clean the basement of its 150 year old building, members of the **Cortland Breakfast and Cortland Noon Rotary Clubs** helped out.

On April 23, Don Richards, Jim Nichols, Conrad Janke, Dave Jones, and Jean Cadwallader restored part of this valuable community resource.

The **Cortland Breakfast Rotary** has an active Interact Club, led by Maria Gimma. Members of the Interact Club, directed by Maria and Jackie Burke, welcomed Spring by cleaning the yards of some local residents.





- Conrad Janke

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## Endicott Rotary

### Endicott Rotary makes donation to Ukraine in Club Member's name

The Endicott Rotary Foundation recently made a donation of \$1,000 to Rotary International's Disaster Relief Fund for Ukraine in club member Stephan Wasytko's name. Stephan has many members of his family living in the Ukraine. He spent his professional career in Foreign Service spending many years in Poland, Ukraine, Russia and Canada. The Foundation was honored to make the donation in his name.

### Endicott Rotary celebrates anniversary

Endicott Rotary celebrated their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary on March 31<sup>st</sup> at the McKinley in Endicott, NY. The evening included a dinner celebration with Harpist Ted Davenport followed by a full event program. The night included the history of the club, the gift to the community of the 1926 Band Organ and the Key Note Speaker, Nobel Laureate, M. Stanley Whittingham.



The club honored long time club members Jim Leonard with 40 years of service, Dennis Sweeney with 37 years of service, Tom Latini with 31 years of service, La-Von Haussaman with 30 years of service and Sam Lupo with 26 years of service. The club also honored Sam Lupo with a Paul Harris Service Above Self award. Sam has endlessly given his time, resources and service to the club and community.



We thank everyone who attended our special event. The support was overwhelming!

- Brian Steele

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## Franklin Rotary

It's time for Franklin Rotary's bi-annual litter pick-up along State Highway 357! Our first TRASH TO CASH fundraising event in 2021 was a success, so we're bringing it back for '22 [on May 4<sup>th</sup>]!

How can you help? Sponsor a bag and Rotarians will fill it up with roadside litter! It's that easy! All proceeds will go towards supporting our club programs, including the Rotary Youth Exchange Program and the Rotary Youth Leadership Academy that benefit Franklin Central School students.

Ready to sponsor a bag to help us beautify and support our town? We gratefully accept donations via mail, cash to a club member, or via PayPal. Info below – suggested sponsorship is \$20/bag, but any amount is appreciated. THANK YOU! Let's make Franklin shine!



Checks may be mailed to: Franklin Rotary; PO Box 178; Franklin, NY 13775

Via PayPal: <https://bit.ly/3x2ZRAJ>

Any questions? Want to join the fun? Message us on Facebook or connect with a member!

- Amber Gray

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## Nimmonsburg Rotary

The Nimmonsburg Rotary Club and its members have contributed over \$5,000 to the humanitarian efforts for the people of Ukraine. Our board of directors voted to donate an initial \$1,000 and anticipates additional contributions due to longer term needs. Individual members have donated more than \$4,000. The monies are funding efforts being made through The Rotary Club of Bratislava, Slovakia and also through a relief expedition originating from Calvary's Love Church in Johnson City.

- Russ Sanaeko

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## Oneonta Rotary

On Thursday, May 12, the Oneonta Rotary Club will celebrate 100 years of Service Above Self with a 1920's themed Centennial Celebration Dinner at the Quality Inn, Oneonta, NY. Appetizers will be served at 5:30 p.m. with a buffet dinner to follow at 6:30 p.m. The buffet dinner will feature popular foods from the 1920's.

Live music will be provided by pianist Tim Iverson and the cash bar will feature beer, wine, and a signature cocktail, The Bee's Knees. Dress for the event is festive attire and 1920's style wear is welcomed.



The cost is \$40/person to be paid at the door by cash or check. **Reservations are required by May 5, 2022. Please email Catrina Ruling at [oneontarotarysecretary@gmail.com](mailto:oneontarotarysecretary@gmail.com) or Cindy Struckle at [cstruck143@hotmail.com](mailto:cstruck143@hotmail.com).**



The Oneonta Rotary Club was chartered on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 1922, and the charter was presented to the club in April of that year. The club has been celebrating throughout the year by carrying out special monthly service projects.

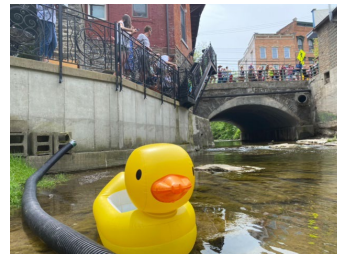
- Lynne Sessions

*(See flyer at the end of this newsletter.)*

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## Trumansburg Rotary

**Rubber Duck Race.** Tburg Rotary’s first rubber duck race last year was just what the village needed to shake off the effects of the Covid lockdown; it took place outside, it was in the middle of the village, it was fun for the entire family, and it raised money for a good cause. Plus, a sunny day and enough water in the creek insured success!



Frontenac Creek flows through the village and more than a thousand numbered little yellow rubber ducks entered the creek at the bridge on Rte 227, then floated a quarter mile to the bridge at the Rte 96 with the first 3 ducks to arrive winning \$250, \$150 and \$50 for their respective ticket holders. Tickets sold like proverbial hot cakes at \$5 for one or 5 for \$20. The community lined up to buy tickets at the table staffed by Rotarians at the ShurSave Supermarket in town and, after expenses, \$3000 was donated to the Tburg Food Pantry.

This year we hope for a repeat performance to help fund the Tburg Fire Company’s purchase of new portable jaws-of-life to replace their aging, hard to repair, tethered equipment. The race will follow the same course and is scheduled for **May 14 at 1:00pm**. Spectators can view the start and the finish from the bridges, and we hope to again have music at the finish line in the form of Rubber-Ducky-We-Love-You played on a ukulele with a sing-along.

Tickets can be had from your favorite Tburg Rotarian or at the ShurSave sales table staffed during most lunch and dinner times. Make a point of visiting Tburg Saturday May 14 at one o’clock, especially if you can bring a youngster—they and you will have great fun!

- Frank Zgola

*(See flyer at the end of this newsletter for more information about the 2022 Rubber Duck Race.)*

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# The Last Page . . . for reference

## Chat with the 7170 DG Track



On the 5th of every month—**this month, Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**—at 7:00 PM we have our District's 'Chat with the 7170 DG Track'. This is an opportunity for any Rotarian in 7170 to ask questions and talk with members of our District leadership. Details are on the [District homepage](#), just scroll down to 'Upcoming Events'

**Zoom Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86998239181?pwd=UGFLRk-dEbjJNUWJzdKxUOU1DVk9ndz09>  
**Meeting ID:** 869 9823 9181  
**Passcode:** 909087

## Getting club events on our District Calendar is easy!



**If your club uses ClubRunner:** While creating the event post for your club's calendar, look toward the bottom of the page and you will see a radio button labeled 'Show Event in District Calendar?'. Select 'Yes' to make your event visible on the District calendar! **If your club does not use ClubRunner:** Send an email with all the pertinent information to [7170Calendar@gmail.com](mailto:7170Calendar@gmail.com). Include title, date, times, location, costs, event description, and a point of contact. If a point of contact is not provided, the default will be the club president. It may be several days before this gets seen and posted, so please allow time.

## And remember Social Media!

Do you have a collection of photos to share too massive for this publication? Send an email to Wendy Deis at [wendygirl201@gmail.com](mailto:wendygirl201@gmail.com) to get them posted to the [D7170 Facebook page](#)! Copy [7170newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:7170newsletter@gmail.com) on the message and I'll cross-reference it in the newsletter and include the link!

## Submission and publication schedule – Mark your calendars!

<b>Soft Deadline</b> – Send content to <a href="mailto:7170newsletter@gmail.com">7170newsletter@gmail.com</a> by the 15 <sup>th</sup> of the month if possible.	<b>Hard deadline</b> – By noon on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> to last day of the month to allow time for final editing.	<b>Publication!</b>
Sunday, May 15	Sunday, May 29	Wednesday, June 1, 2022
Wednesday, June 15	Tuesday, June 28	Friday, July 1, 2022
Friday, July 15	Friday, July 29	Monday, August 1, 2022



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## Are you a writer?

Do you like expressing yourself with the written word? Did you attend or participate in a club or district event, face-to-face or virtually? **TELL US ALL ABOUT IT!** Write up a report about it and send it to: [7170newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:7170newsletter@gmail.com)!

**Here's what to include for a good story:** Who is involved/invited? What is the event/activity? When did/will it happen? Where did/will the event/activity take place? Why did/will it happen? How did it happen? Other details? Other people to contact?

Remember to include **your name** and **your club** in the subject line! And attach **photos** if you got 'em! 😊

MONTH	NEW ROTARY INTERNATIONAL THEME
July	Transition Month
August	Membership & Extension
September	Basic Education and Literacy
October	Economic and Community Development
November	The Rotary Foundation
December	Disease Prevention and Treatment
January	Vocational Service
February	Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution
March	Water and Sanitation
April	Maternal and Child Health
<b>May</b>	<b>Youth Service</b>
June	Rotary Fellowships

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## Supplement: Flyers, Registration Forms, Reports, etc.

Rotary District 7170

# Foundation Reception

Hors D'Oeuvres + Cash Bar

Rotary fellowship in a relaxed atmosphere. Come to connect with friends and make new ones. Learn how our generous donations are doing good in the world.



- When: Wednesday, May 11 from 5 - 7 PM
- Where: Brewery Ommegang  
656 County Hwy 33,  
Cooperstown, NY 13326
- Cost: \$25
- Register by May 4 at <https://rotarydistrict7170.org/event/foundation-reception/>

Traveling far and need a place to stay? These hotels are nearby:

- Best Western Cooperstown Inn & Suites
- Holiday Inn Express & Suites Cooperstown
- Comfort Inn & Suites Milford / Cooperstown





# ONEONTA ROTARY CLUB 100TH ANNIVERSARY

**CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF  
SERVICE ABOVE SELF**

MAY 12, 2022 QUALITY INN ONEONTA, NY

COCKTAILS, 5:30 PM  
CASH BAR, SIGNATURE COCKTAIL

MUSIC BY TIM IVERSON

BUFFET DINNER, 6:30 PM

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OR CSTRUCK143@HOTMAIL.COM



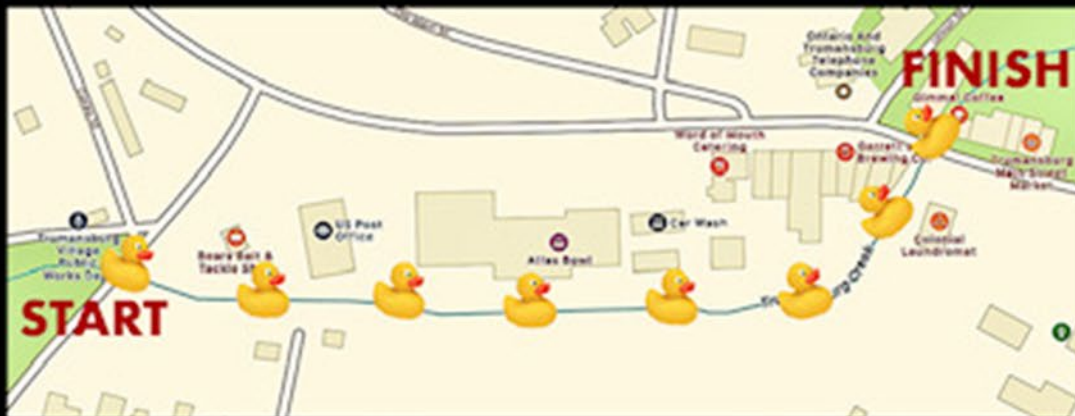
# Trumansburg Rotary's 2022 RUBBER DUCK RACE!



A Trumansburg Rotary fundraiser in support of the  
Tburg Fire Company's Jaws-of-Life purchase.

## Fun for the entire family!

Saturday, May 14th, 1pm Start Time  
at Frontenac Creek in the Village



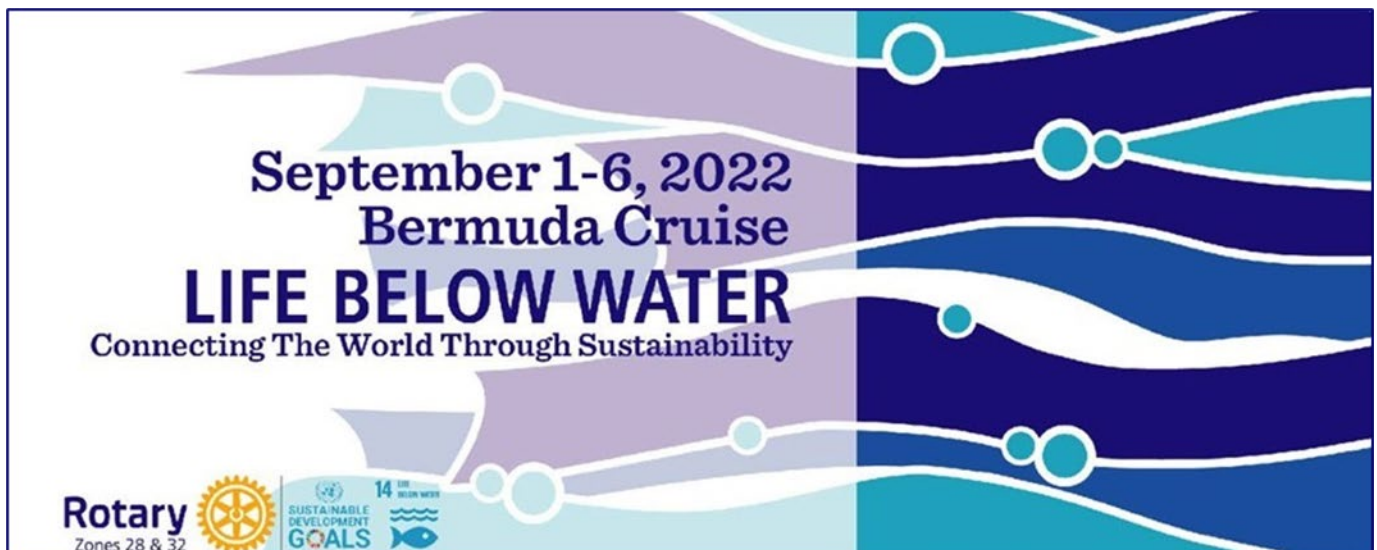
Ducks will enter the creek at Hector St. (rte 227) bridge and  
the first 3 ducks to cross the finish line at East Main St (rte 96)  
bridge will be declared the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners.

**Cash prizes are; 1st Place - \$250, 2nd Place - \$150, and 3rd Place - \$50**

Tickets are \$5 per duck or \$20 per five ducks and will be sold at the Shur-Save entrance  
or available from any Rotary member between now and up to 30 minutes before race time.

**Visit [TburgRotary.org](http://TburgRotary.org) for more information**





## Cruise to Bermuda, September 1-6, 2022 Celebrating Life Below Water

**This event is open to everyone – Rotarians and non-Rotarians – interested in having fun and learning more about Life Below Water.**

**Just announced - speakers during our special cruise to Bermuda!**



**Lis Mullin Bernhardt** - Programme Officer, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

Currently working with the Rotary Adopt-a-River in East Africa. After the ambitious and holistic 2030 Agenda was put into place, Lis shifted her efforts to add coherence and “wo”manpower to the implementation side, in particular SDG 6 for water and sanitation. In the four years since she joined UNEP,

Lis has been hard at work linking freshwater topics across the house, including to issues such as coasts, oceans, security, forests, and other SDGs. This includes the creation of UNEP’s Freshwater Strategy 2017-2021, firmly focused on UNEP’s water-related mandated in the SDGs, taking a lead role in the 2018 World Water Day campaign on Nature-based Solutions for Water, acting as lead author for the 2018 World Water Development Report and SDG 6 Synthesis Report for the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF), and leading on water-related issues at UNEA 3 and UNEA 4.

[You can read her complete biography at this link.](#)



# The PolioPlus Society



As a Rotarian and supporter of Polio Eradication, **Rotary's Number One Humanitarian Priority**, I wish to participate in the Countdown to History as a member of the

## PolioPlus Society of District 7170

I hereby commit to making an annual donation to the PolioPlus Fund of The Rotary Foundation as follows (select one):

\_\_\_\_\_ I have contributed \$100 to Polio Plus during the current Rotary year and pledge to contribute \$100 per year (minimum amount to become a society member)

\_\_\_\_\_ I have contributed \$100 to Polio Plus during the current Rotary year and pledge to contribute \$\_\_\_\_\_ per year to PolioPlus (more than \$100)

I pledge to help Rotary make history by continuing to contribute the above amount each year until the World Health Organization certifies that polio has been fully eradicated because ...

***Until the world is polio-free, every child is at risk.***

Society members will receive a PolioPlus Society membership pin, and certificate...and your contribution qualifies for Paul Harris Recognition Points credit.

To make your tax-deductible donation go to [my.rotary.org/donate](http://my.rotary.org/donate) and click on "Polio Fund". You can choose a one-time donation of \$100 or more, or a recurring donation in the amount and frequency of your choice (We suggest \$10/month as the "easy way" to become a PolioPlus Society member.)

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please email form to **David Bensley your District PolioPlus Chair at [yep7170@gmail.com](mailto:yep7170@gmail.com)** or mail to: 465 Earlville Road, Earlville, NY 13332. The Children of the world thank you for your commitment to the eradication of Polio. **Sign up today!**

You will receive a pin like the image above.



# 2022



\* fun crafts \* giveaways \* hands on activities \* live demonstrations \*

## "You Can Do It" Day

Sunday June 5  
1 - 3 PM  
American Legion  
22 Union Street  
Sidney NY

## Buzz About Honeybees Day

Sunday July 10  
1 - 3 PM  
American Legion  
22 Union Street  
Sidney NY

## Dairy Day

Sunday July 24  
1 - 3 PM  
Keith Clark Park  
70 River Street  
Sidney NY

## Big Rig Day

Saturday August 6  
11 AM - 2 PM  
Cullman Center  
90 West Road  
Sidney NY

Check our websites for more info  
[www.Facebook.com/sidneyrotaryclub](https://www.Facebook.com/sidneyrotaryclub)  
[www.Facebook.com/cullmanchilddevelopmentcenter](https://www.Facebook.com/cullmanchilddevelopmentcenter)



# Rotary District 7170 Paddle Event Registration

Rotary District 7170 is conducting 4 paddle events on the Susquehanna River defined below. These events are open to the public. The purpose is to enjoy our natural assets and to learn more about environmental sustainability. There will be an event party for each event with snacks, and drinks. Rotary and other environmental sustainability organizations will have information available. The fee is \$10.00 per adult (18 and over) to help defray costs. The fee is good for any or all events. Children under 18 are free. **A waiver of liability is required for each participant and should be brought to the event.** The cut off date for registration is three days prior to each event. **Checks should be made out to Rotary District 7170.**

1. May 14: Crumhorn Lake to Portlandville – 9 AM, 3.5 miles (about 1 hour) or Goodyear Lake at Stillman Cove 6.5 miles (about 2 hours). Event party at Crumhorn Lake.
2. May 15: Crumhorn Pond to Portlandville or Goodyear Lake – Same as above
3. May 21: Apalachin to Owego – 9 AM, 9 miles (about 3 hours), Apalachin Boat Launch to Hickories Park. Event party at Hickories Park.
4. May 22: Owego to Sayre – 9 AM, 20 miles (about 6.5 hours), (Hickories Park to Riverside Park). Event Party at Hickories Park.

Please fill out the form below to register for the 2022 Paddle Event and send to [jsmith1532@aol.com](mailto:jsmith1532@aol.com) or call 607-754-0673. You will receive an email or phone call at a later date to verify final details of the event. We will also provide guide for cleaning your canoe or kayak of invasive species. Any questions can be directed to Kevin Millar at [kjmilow@gmail.com](mailto:kjmilow@gmail.com) or call 607-687-3263.

Participant or group: \_\_\_\_\_

Group lead: \_\_\_\_\_

Event(s) selection (1 thru 4 above): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of participants: \_\_\_\_\_

Lead phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Lead e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Would like transportation from end of event to the starting point: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Information will not be used for any purpose other than the paddle event.

**Payment is made at the event.**

**Release of Liability for Rotary District 7170 2022 Paddle Event**

**ADULTS**

I, \_\_\_\_\_  
*PRINT NAME*  
acknowledge that I choose to participate in the 2022 Paddle Event. I will adhere to all social distancing requirements as deemed necessary by the Rotary District or their representatives.

**OR**

**MINORS**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ hereby  
*PRINT GUARDIAN'S NAME*  
authorize my child \_\_\_\_\_  
*PRINT CHILD'S NAME and AGE*  
to participate in the 2022 Paddle Event. I will ensure that my child adheres to all social distancing requirements as deemed necessary by the Rotary District or their representatives. **I understand that the Rotary District will provide no supervision of my child of any kind or nature and that I am fully responsible for my child's actions.**

I accept full responsibility for my own/my child's actions and understand that there are hazards associated with this activity, both known and unknown, which may incur injury and/or death, traveling to, participating and/or playing in, and/or traveling from said Paddle Event. I release from liability all family, friends, members, significant others, associates and/or the Rotary District by myself, family, friends, associates and/or legal representatives. The Undersigned agrees to hold Rotary District 7170 and any officer, volunteer and/or agent thereof free and harmless from any and all loss(es), penalty(ies), damages, settlement(s), cost(s), charge(s), professional fee(s) or other expense(s) or liability(ies) of every kind arising from or relating to any and all claim(s), lien(s), demand(s), obligation(s), action(s), proceedings or causes of action of any kind in connection with, or arising directly or indirectly from the undersigned or the child of the undersigned participating in the riverbank clean-up project.

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the undersigned covenants that any and all such claims, etc., relating to personal injury, death, damage to property, or any actual or alleged violation of any applicable statute, ordinance, administrative order, executive order, rule or regulation, or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction in connection with, or arising directly or indirectly from, errors and/or negligent acts by Rotary District 7170 and any officer, member and/or agent, as aforesaid, shall be included in the aforesaid release.

I confirm that I am cognizant that this agreement is legal and binding between myself and all the parties aforementioned.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Volunteer/Guardian Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Volunteer/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



## Council On Legislation Update

I've returned from Rotary's Council On Legislation. It was an interesting and exhausting week of debate and voting. Here is some of the most noteworthy news.

- COVID is still raining on our parade
  - This was Rotary's first in-person gathering since 2020 and they took many precautions to protect attendees. The event was hybrid and over 40% of us participated virtually (myself included.) The rest had to be vaccinated, have a negative test before arriving in Chicago, and wear an N95 mask at all times (except when actively eating or drinking.) They also had a health and safety company onsite to test and contact trace. Despite these efforts, delegates did get or had COVID before they arrived. The biggest shock came during the opening session when the Council Chair greeted us via Zoom and announced that he had COVID. Fortunately, he said he felt well. But, during the closing session (the only other time we saw him at all) he mentioned how disappointed he felt that he had spent over two years preparing for a Council that he was unable to attend. I had a ton of sympathy for him.
- The numbers don't lie – we're losing members
  - I'm not going to sugarcoat it. The Council began with a 5-year financial forecast and we heard that we can no longer say that there are 1.2 million Rotarians in the world. It's closer to 1.16 million and falling. This affects everything we do, and is a big reason why the Board asked for (and ended up getting) a dues increase.
- Increasing membership is a long-term goal
  - Rotarians are trying everything they can think of to get new members. After considerable debate, the Council approved a pilot project that will allow two Rotary areas (Zone 8 – Australia, New Zealand, and the Pacific Islands and Rotary In Britain and Ireland) to put into motion their plans to change their structure to attract and retain new members. I hope that they are successful and that our area can try some of their methods to stop our membership loss here.
- The appeal
  - Rotary clubs that disagree with a decision made by the Board of Directors are able to appeal the decision at the Council On Legislation, and this happened. It was an interesting process – we got 300 word statements from the Board and the club and then each got 5 minutes to present their case. After that, we had to vote.

If you have any questions about the 2022 Council On Legislation or about proposing your own changes to Rotary's Constitutional Documents for the 2025 Council, please email me at [zoe@unadillarotary.org](mailto:zoe@unadillarotary.org).

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