

District 7170 Newsletter



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Environmental Month

April 2024

Governor’s Message



Hello Fellow Rotarians,

The spring is always a busy Rotary month. This year we have the Grant Seminar via Zoom April 1st, the District Training Assembly on April 6th and the grand finale: the Multi-District Conference at the Binghamton DoubleTree April 26th – 28th. I must give a BIG shout out to Tom Overbaugh, D7170 conference chair, for sharing his expertise and experience with me and the whole committee. He’s been a life saver! We have a stellar lineup of keynote speakers from around the

US and Canada. There are also several Rotarians from our District who’ll be presenting breakout sessions. We’ll also be offering some non-Rotary breakout sessions too. Are you interested in taking better pictures with your phone, or

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maybe learning about home brewing? Do you know about the challenges artificial intelligence brings? There’s something for everyone! Don’t forget, if you’ve never had the chance to attend the conference before, there is a scholarship program to help offset the cost. It’s on a first come first serve basis so don’t wait to get your name on the list!

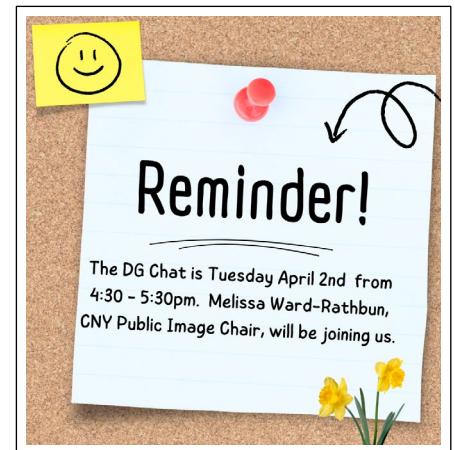


Let’s not forget that April is also Environmental month in the Rotary calendar. It’s so tempting to go out on a nice day and start cleaning up the gardens. But it’s important to wait until the temperature is consistently above 50 degrees. This is because many pollinators overwinter in the dead material surrounding plants and bushes. By waiting to do yard cleanup you’ll be saving many bees and pollinators.

Finally, the creation of CNY Rotary, D7180, is almost complete and will go into effect on July 1st, 2024. Here are a few facts about the new district:

- Approximately 110 clubs
- Roughly 2900 members
- Dues \$35/year
- Leadership structure is almost complete
- Visit CNYrotary.org to learn more

There are many members of all 3 districts who have dedicated hundreds of hours to establish a new model for Rotary in our



Reminder!

The DG Chat is Tuesday April 2nd from 4:30 – 5:30pm. Melissa Ward-Rathbun, CNY Public Image Chair, will be joining us.

The Cooperstown Club is a major supporter of the Cooperstown Food Pantry and supports other local organizations such as the Children’s Program at the Farmers Museum. This winter, the Club allocated funding to 10 other programs totaling over \$6,000.

Our weekly lunch meetings are well attended, and speakers range from our opera director to local physicians. Our theme this year has been the health of our Lake and the health of our members, but includes local civic organizations and groups, too.

To celebrate the anniversary, the Club is conducting “100 Acts of Service” during the year. January was 100 hours of service, February was 100 valentines for our senior residents, and March is 100 hours of reading to school children. A gala celebration is planned for April 18th and local Rotary Clubs, including our sponsoring Club Oneonta, are invited.

In 1924, for the Club’s Charter meeting, the entire Oneonta membership came via trolley. This was made easy because one of the trolley’s Board members was a Rotarian and provided free passes. We invite all Rotarians to come and help us celebrate, but no free trolley passes this year. Contact our Secretary at margaret.37ms@gmail.com for further information.

- Bill Waller

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Delhi Rotary

The Delhi NY Rotary Club has had a busy this winter.

Our annual pay-what-you-can Sweetheart Breakfast was a great success, feeding pancakes, eggs, sausage, and fruit to approximately 300 members of our community. Members of the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America as well as the SUNY Delhi Kappa Omega Iota sorority sisters volunteered to help us, and the Delhi Fire Department gave us the use of their space and kitchen.



Then, just in time for spring, we installed a blue-and-yellow Little Free Library in a park in the heart of Delhi village. Our members designed and crafted the library and worked with village officials and the Delhi Beautification Committee to select the location.

The premise of a Little Free Library is to take a book, share a book. Our club has had a commitment to literacy ever since we started our Summer Reading Challenge in 2020. Our library is registered with the Little Free Library system and as long as it stands our club will steward it, making sure it is stocked with books and maintained. Photo shows club members Vince Olechnowicz and Billy Hancock installing the library.

- Tracey Hancock

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Ithaca Noon & Sunrise Rotary

Rotary Highway Cleanup

Calling all Rotarians! We need your help! The Ithaca noon and Sunrise Rotary clubs’ Spring highway cleanup is less than a month away and we are seeking volunteers to help clean the two mile stretch of Rt. 13, from the Stewart Park to the Triphammer exits.

The cleanup is scheduled for **Saturday, April 20** and we will **meet at 9:00 am in the parking lot of the Tops supermarket on Triphammer Road (2300 N Triphammer Rd)**. We will then break into small teams and head out to clean sections of Rt. 13. It is a fun project, and we encourage Rotarians to help us keep the gateway to our community free from trash and looking good. All necessary supplies needed for the cleanup will be provided including gloves, hard hats, vests, garbage bags and picker uppers.

Please consider joining us for this Spring Earth Day event and if you can help, email Bob Gravani (bob-gravani@gmail.com) of the Ithaca Rotary [noon] club and let him know you can help. Thanks so much!

- Bob Gravani

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Owego Rotary

Owego Rotary Club's 'Care Committee' contributes

Owego Rotary has donated nearly \$7,000 worth of personal care items to Tioga County's food pantries from March 2021 to January 2024. Each month three pantries serving Tioga County are identified. They indicate their nonfood needs, and the Care Committee endeavors to purchase and deliver the products. Items like shampoo, laundry detergent, soap, toilet paper, etc. are not routinely available in food pantry stock. This helps fill a basic family need. These donations have been made possible in part through a generous \$10,200 contribution from Carrie Schroll and her husband Alex Penney given in memory of Carrie's grandmother, Eleanor Melville, mother of Owego Rotarian Judy Quigley. Mrs. Melville was a longtime Owego resident known for her charitable work and her years of service to the Coburn Free Library.

- Brian Eldridge

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Stamford Rotary

Stamford Rotary Club President Heidi Pickett awarded a Paul Harris Award, with two sapphires, to George Bergleitner for his over 50 years with perfect attendance and the weekly market report. George also leads the annual project "Christmas Feeling Fund" Give Away that distributes food packages, coats and gifts to over 140 families in need, serving those less fortunate for over 52 years. He has been a contributing member of the Club since November 1, 1965.

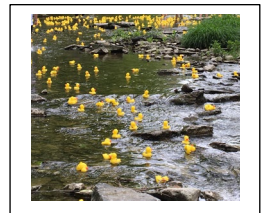
- Beth Marrantzini

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Trumansburg Rotary

Trumansburg Rotary will conduct its 4th annual rubber duck race at 1pm on May 11 this year.

Each of the past years have been a success as the creek water level, the weather and the community all cooperated. Money raised in the past has funded the Food Pantry and the Fire Company; this year's proceeds will be given to another good cause -The Trumansburg Conservatory of Fine Arts. The May 11 date coincides with the village wide yard sale and is a family fun event so bring all the kids from one to eighty-two!



- Frank Zgola

(Please see the poster at the end of this newsletter.)

The Last Page . . . for reference

Chat with the DG Track



Chat with the DG Track on the **1st Tuesday of each month from 4:30-5:30pm**—this month, April 2nd. This is an opportunity for any Rotarian in District 7170 to ask questions and talk with members of our District leadership.

Visit the D7170 Events Calendar for the Zoom link: [Events | Rotary District 7170](#)



Is your Club Growing?

Let us know! Send new member(s) name, club joined, and sponsor to 7170newsletter@gmail.com.

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. 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 large collection of photos to share? Send an email to Wendy Deis at wendygirl201@gmail.com to get them posted to the [D7170 website](#) and the [D7170 Facebook page](#) along with your story!

| MONTH | ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES |
|-----------------|----------------------------|
| Apr 2024 | Environmental Month |
| May 2024 | Youth Service Month |
| Jun 2024 | Rotary Fellowships Month |

Source: <https://my.rotary.org/en/news-media/calendar>

Submission and publication schedule for this newsletter

| Soft Deadline – Send content to 7170newsletter@gmail.com by the 15 th of the month if possible. | Hard deadline – By noon on the 3 rd to last day of the month to allow time for final editing. | Publication! |
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| Friday, April 15 | Sunday, April 28 | Wednesday, May 1, 2024 |
| Wednesday, May 15 | Wednesday, May 29 | Saturday, June 1, 2024 FINAL ISSUE |



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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!

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! 😊

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Supplement: Flyers, Forms, Reports, etc.

ATTEND OUR TOWN HALLS

Save these dates to come get answers to your questions!



The first Tuesday of
each month at 7pm:

APRIL 2

MAY 7

JUNE 4



**Register for the zoom
link at [CNYRotary.org](https://www.CNYRotary.org)**



Register Today

TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

Now available online:
Weekend Schedule
Breakout Topics
Speaker Bios

**District Conference
April 26-28, 2024**
DoubleTree, Binghamton NY

**Full Conference Weekend
just \$225/person**

RATES AVAILABLE FOR SAT/SUN OR SUN ONLY TOO!

Rotary District 7150 Rotary District 7170 Rotary District 7190

REGISTER NOW @ www.Rotary7150.org

CNY
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Inauguration

at District Conference
DoubleTree, Binghamton NY

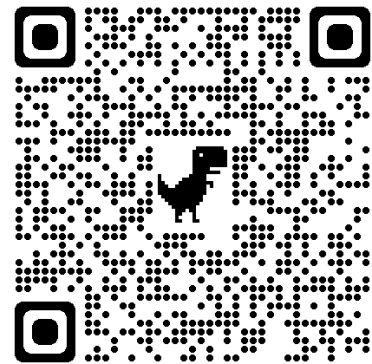
This will replace our annual event celebrating the change in leadership typically held in June. It will be the installation of our first officers for CNY Rotary, following Sunday brunch at conference, April 28th.

If you want to come just for this event, it is \$50/person, which includes brunch.

This is already included if you have booked a full conference weekend or the Sat/Sun combo

REGISTER NOW
www.Rotary7150.org

<https://rotary7150.org/page/district-conference-2024>





Trumansburg Rotary Raffle Win a 7-night Resort stay!



Disney's Old Key West Resort Stay

- \$5/single raffle ticket or \$20/five raffle tickets
- 1 winning ticket will be randomly drawn on April 25, 2024
- 7-night resort stay (July 7 - 14, 2024, dates are fixed)
- 2 bedrooms/2 bathrooms, 3 beds + 1 sleeper sofa
- full Kitchen and laundry
- complimentary Wi-Fi, parking, and local transportation
- resort stay does not include admission to attractions



visit www.tburgrotary.org



Raffle tickets may be purchased online at www.tburgrotary.org. Tickets may also be purchased by check by completing this form. Make your check payable to the Trumansburg Rotary Club and write "Disney Raffle" on the memo line. Mail your completed form and check to -

Trumansburg Rotary Club
PO Box 259
Trumansburg, NY 14886

Incomplete entries will not be accepted. Entries must be postmarked by April 18, 2024 in order to be eligible for the drawing.

Single Tickets: _____ X \$5.00/ticket = _____

Five-Ticket Packets: _____ X \$20.00/5 tickets = _____

Total Price: _____

name: _____

address: _____

phone: _____ email: _____



CORTLAND ROTARY CLUB PRESENTS

3rd ANNUAL OPEN WATER SWIM

JUNE 22ND, 2024 @ 8:15 AM

DWYER PARK, PREBLE, NY

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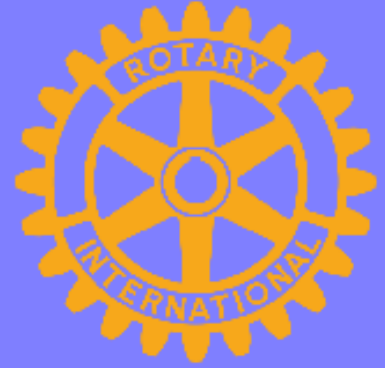
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Norwich Rotary Club



Save The Date

Date: Friday June 14th

Time: 5.30pm (TBC)

Location: Canasawacta Country Club, Norwich

In 2024 Norwich Rotary Club is celebrating 100 years of service to the community.

We are organizing an evening of food, music and good company.

There will be a cash bar.

Tickets will be \$30 per person. Watch this space for more details.

Contact person: Ann Smith 607 336 5003

Email: norwichrotary4890@gmail.com