

District 7170 Newsletter



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Youth Service Month May 2024

Governor’s Message



Hello Fellow Rotarians,

During last weekend’s District Conference, DG Elise, DG Whitney, and I were asked to talk about the past, present and future of Rotary. When I sat down at my laptop and thought about the past, it conjured up thoughts of nostalgia, like pecan pie at Thanksgiving or parades on Memorial Day. Then my mind drifted and it seemed a bit pessimistic. I remembered hearing comments like, “it was so much better when...” or, “We always do it this way”

What I’d like to remind you is that looking at the past is a sign of progress. Remember when we listened to music on a record player, now we ask Alexa to play our favorite song. Or when there was a single telephone in the house and now there’s one in everyone’s pocket. We only need to look back 40 years when women weren’t allowed to join Rotary and now, thanks to Sylvia Whitlock, you have 3 women serving as your District Governors.

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Paul Harris started Rotary as a means of networking, exchanging ideas and developing friendship amongst colleagues in his community. It wasn’t long before the vision of volunteerism and humanitarian service was their guiding light. At each turn, our founding fathers looked for new opportunities and expanded their reach from their beginnings in Chicago to around the globe.

From the first service project, the public toilet, to the first donation to the ‘Society for Crippled Children’ in 1930, Rotarians have been committed to service. As our organization continued to grow, we sought out new opportunities to address the challenges in our world. Rotary International President, Arch Klumphs’ creation of The Rotary Foundation, an endowment for “doing good in the world”, provided the financial means to carry out our mission. In the 40’s, we adopted the 4-way test. The 60’s gave birth to the first Interact club and group study exchanges. In the 70’s Rotary Youth Exchange was adopted as an official program and RYLA worked with students to develop leadership skills, problem solve and improve communication. Our signature project, eradicating Polio, remains our top priority.



Area Representatives

Moving forward, Assistant Governors will now be called Area Representatives (or Area Reps, for short). Your areas, or a small group of clubs geographically grouped together, are not likely to be changing right away, but could be modified slightly in the future. Most Area Reps will remain the same, except for some whose terms were scheduled to end this June. Your club leaders will be notified about your new Area Rep. They will be in touch to conduct their usual visits and check-ins. The role of the Area Rep is essentially the same as it was previously and they are someone you can count on when you need help or resources. Never hesitate to reach out to them when you have questions or concerns!

Inauguration Celebration

At our recent Tri-District Conference at the DoubleTree in Binghamton, the first ever CNY Rotary Inauguration was held with quite a bit of fanfare thanks to a lively crowd. Incoming President Lizzy spoke about the process of creating our new leadership team, everyone got to meet the executive board and leadership council members, the President line was pinned and made official, and she provided a look at what's to come, featuring three important points:

1 - Official club visits as you may have done with District Governors before will now be an Official Area Visit, where you will get together with the other clubs in your area for a social gathering to meet with President Lizzy. If you have ideas on something fun in your area, a venue that could accommodate your event or any thoughts on what might make for a great, new tradition for you and your neighboring clubs, reach out to your Area Rep right away. They will work with Lizzy and the Events Committee to set these up for late summer and fall, and it is best to get something on the calendar sooner rather than later! It is encouraged that this event would replace your club's meeting for that week where it makes sense. She also offered to meet with club boards on zoom if your leadership team would like one-on-one time with her. You can reach out rotarylizzy@gmail.com to schedule that at any time.

2 - Watch for a video to be released that will be the "official visit" presentation with information from Rotary International's incoming President Stephanie Urchick, more about our theme The Magic of Rotary, and more about Rotary's Action Plan. Clubs will be encouraged to use this video as a program early in the Rotary year and to share with members who can also watch on their own time.

3 - If your club has a special event - a milestone charter, a large service project, a treasured tradition - please send the invitation to that ASAP to get on President Lizzy's calendar. Other members of the executive board will also attend your special events whenever possible.

Conference 2025

The dates and location for next year's conference were revealed. Please save April 4-6, 2025 to join us at the Hilton Downtown in Albany, NY. Many details are still to be determined, but the weekend will definitely include our annual Learning Assembly on Friday morning. The hope is that combining the two events will make them more accessible as we will not ask members to give up two weekends in April. If you wish to join the planning committee for Conference 2025, reach out to chair Sam Netzband at samnetzband@outlook.com.

Connect with us!

If you have questions or concerns, you can reach out to us anytime at centralNYrotary@gmail.com. We will also host two more Town Hall sessions on May 7 and June 4 at 7pm on zoom. They are open to all who want come learn about the latest news and ask anything. Consider making sure someone from each club attends and can take the information back to your members! [Click here](#) to register for the Town Hall zoom link. You can pre-submit anonymous questions [here](#). You are also welcome to reach out to any of our executive board members at any time. [Click here](#) for our current org chart with email information for each leader.

Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#), too!

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Club News

Bainbridge Rotary

At its charter night dinner, the Bainbridge Rotary Club conferred Paul Harris Fellow Awards to honor two Bainbridge citizens, who demonstrate “service above self” in their business and personal lives. A Paul Harris Fellow is Rotary’s recognition of and dedication to exceptional community service. June White, a Bainbridge Rotarian and Paul Harris Fellow herself, presented the awards stating that Lori McGraw and Erika Rickard are perfect choices to receive the honor of a Rotary Paul Harris Fellow.



Lori McGraw is the owner of two consignment shops, Snips and Snails in Bainbridge and Resale 41 in Greene. The shops not only sell new and gently used children’s clothes, equipment and toys in the stores, but also sells online shipping merchandise all over the country. Lori provides affordable clothing for families all over the area who might not otherwise be able to afford clean and presentable clothing and children . She is active in the community and is known to generously donate to many non-profit organizations.

Since opening Erika’s Cakery, owner Erika Rickard has become an important member in the community. She attended culinary school right out of high school achieving the highest rank in her class, being awarded their professional award for excellence. Erika has generously donated to numerous student and community non-profit organizations. She demonstrates Rotary’s motto “Service Above Self” when it comes to her generosity and willingness to help in our community.

John Gliha

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Binghamton Rotary

Several months ago, The Rotary Club of Binghamton joined The Rotary Club in Perinjanam in India in setting up a dialysis center at the Taluk Government Hospital in the rural area of Kodungallur. The high incidence of diabetes is the main cause of kidney failure in this area. Regular dialysis is needed to combat the resulting deaths. The underprivileged however cannot afford this treatment. What’s more, the government hospitals are woefully short of infrastructure funding to meet the need. The club developed a global grant to set up a new facility to address this need.

The Rotary Club of Binghamton agreed to be the International Partner for this project and was notified this month that the project is 95% completed! This is a fine example whereby a small club in Upstate New York, through the Global Grant process, can save the lives of many.

- Lana Rouff

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Cortland Breakfast Rotary

In April the Cortland Breakfast Rotary performed its annual Spring Clean Up for seniors in the area. President-Elect Jackie Burke led 20 Interact students to their tasks:



Of the five teams, the first team to complete their mission was captained by President Don Richards, who was presented the coveted “Dirty Hoe” by Chairman Jeremy Boylan.



- Conrad Janke

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Deposit Rotary

The Deposit Rotary Club hosted its annual Easter Egg hunt. We had 2200 hundred eggs scattered all over Fireman’s Park, with also 22 golden eggs which held a ticket for a special prize. Screams of delight could be heard when we had a special visitor arrive at the park to join in the festivities! Hugs & high fives were given, pictures were also taken with our guest, the Easter bunny. It was a wonderful day of service to our community & fellowship with our club.



Pictured at left: Chris Zacharias, Megan Decker, Nancy Zacharias- Secretary, Brenda Lee - President, Ava Lee President Elect

- Brenda Lee

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Trumansburg Rotary

‘Tis migration season when a raft of rubber ducks will once again make their way along Frontenac Creek in the heart of downtown Trumansburg on May 11th. The race begins at 1pm and, given the leisurely water flow, usually ends about 1:45 with the first 3 ducks across the finish line delivering money to their lucky ticket holders.



This event is very popular with families and kids who cluster at the bridges to see the ducks dropped into the water near the Farmer’s Market and, later, emerge from the creek at Gimme Coffee.

Money raised this year will help fund the many programs at the Trumansburg Conservatory of Fine Arts.

The event deliberately coincides with the village-wide yard sale, so you have two good reasons to come to Trumansburg - treasures await!

- Frank Zgola

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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, May 7th. 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
May 2024	Youth Service Month
Jun 2024	Rotary Fellowships Month
Jul 2024	Maternal and Child Health 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!
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!

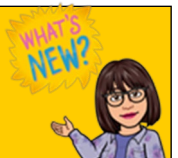
Here’s what to include for a good story: **Who** is involved/invited? **What** is the event/activity? **When** did/will it happen? **Where** did/will the event/activity take place? **Why** did/will it happen? **How** did it happen? Other details? Other people to contact?

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

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CNY Rotary  **CONFERENCE 2025**

ALBANY

APRIL 4-6, 2025

*Will include our annual Learning Assembly (Friday morning), local site seeing, a theme party and more! **Save the dates!***

The flyer features a background image of a Hilton hotel at night with its name visible on the building. The text is overlaid in white and blue.

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

CNY Rotary  **Register for the zoom link at CNYRotary.org**

The flyer has a black header with white text. Below is a light grey background with a grid of nine stylized human icons representing a Zoom meeting. The dates are listed in bold black text.

Brooks BBQ

(DRIVE-THRU)

Date: Tuesday May 7th, 2024

Time: 3:00 PM Until 6 PM (Or Sold Out)

Location: 1326 Upper Front Street Binghamton, NY 13901
(by Lowe's)

Chicken Dinner:

\$15.00 includes a half chicken, baked potato, macaroni salad, dinner roll & butter, hinged container and plasticware kit



Sponsored by the Binghamton Breakfast Rotary Club

Proceeds are used to fund our local charitable donations and our Rotary Youth Exchange program



*You are cordially invited
to come celebrate
Norwich Rotary Club's
100 years of Service*

When: Friday June 14, 2024

Where: Canasawacta Country Club Norwich

Time: 5:30pm-10:00pm

Cost: \$30 per person (includes tax and tip)

CASH BAR, LIVE MUSIC and MORE

To reserve your ticket please call Splendor Inn B & B at 607-346-5003.

Mail checks to: Norwich Rotary Club PO Box 681 Norwich NY 13815

Pick tickets up at Splendor Inn or the night of the event



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