District 7170 Newsletter



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Youth Service Month

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

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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.

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", pro-

vided 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.



Tradition and rituals give us a powerful link to the past providing a sense of identity and can be handed down from generation to generation. Traditions also *provide a sense of stability and comfort that help us connect with our roots*.

By valuing traditions, we honor the people who came before us. We can see this in Rotary when we achieve Paul Harris Fellow recognition, or when we celebrate 'people of action'. For some clubs' tradition can be singing a song or happy dollars. For some families, such as Lizzy's, it can mean being a 3rd generation District Governor. Traditions are good, but change is inevitable and a sign of progress. Yet, there are some things that will never go out of style:

- our motto "Service above self",
- the 4-way test and,
- the rotary wheel, our mark of excellence.

Wendy

District Governor 2023-2024 Wendy Deis Owego Rotary Club

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CNY Rotary News

Let's Get Ready for CNY Rotary

We've been working on and talking about CNY Rotary for almost two years now, but the time to become official is drawing near. On July 1, we will be CNY Rotary and our three current districts will be retired. What does that mean for the average member? By and large, this change will not impact your day-to-day Rotary experience. Clubs will continue to meet and serve as they always have, but there will be a few changes that you need to know. Please read on for some information to help you and guide you on where to go with questions.



Communications & News

If you want to find information about our district online, you will want to visit <u>www.CNYRotary.org</u>. This has been our website for more than a year and will serve as our online hub moving forward. Your current district websites will automatically redirect you there starting in July, just in case you forget. Around mid-July that we will have finalized the merging of our three current accounts into our new CNY Rotary ClubRunner, which will give the website a new look and be your new portal for logging into ClubRunner. Watch for emails and social communications once that is complete.

The June edition of this newsletter will be the final edition in this format. Starting in July, we will transition from one monthly publication to a section of the website that is constantly refreshed with new articles all the time, called the CNY Rotary News Network. This will make it possible for clubs, Rotary programs and CNY Rotary committees to submit articles and event information at any time. We will post your submissions to the Rotary News Network and share it across our social channels. Members will receive a monthly email with a roundup of headlines currently on the Rotary News Network and a reminder to engage with that content on our website. We encourage all to follow us on social media to stay connected to important information, inspiration and educational materials as well. Check back next month for details on how you will be able to submit your news to us.

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

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 <u>rotaryl-izzy@gmail.com</u> 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 <u>samnetzband@outlook.com</u>.

Connect with us!

If you have questions or concerns, you can reach out to us anytime at <u>centralNYrotary@gmail.com</u>. 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! <u>Click here</u> to register for the Town Hall zoom link. You can pre-submit anonymous questions <u>here</u>. You are also welcome to reach out to any of our executive board members at any time. <u>Click here</u> for our current org chart with email information for each leader.

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram, too!

- CNY Rotary Communications

District News

Climate Action Notes

Reduce ... Reduce ... Reduce

Earlier this year, climate change and pollution were discussed. This month our world's decreasing biodiversity is the topic.

Decreasing Biodiversity:

Our biome, the vast interdependent array of critter and plants, has been, and continues to be, significantly negatively impacted by human activities. We need to increase awareness that our every action has environmental consequences and then to minimize those actions. Habitat loss and pollution have the biggest negative impact on biodiversity.

Massive loss of habitat to provide feed and grazing land for huge herds of beef...it's not good for use, it is expensive, and it contributes in multiple ways to climate change (methane, feed production, processing, packaging, transporting). Habitat loss eliminates sources of potential medicinal chemicals from plants and even from animals. Wetlands are destroyed for housing and grazing... they are vital to a diverse biome, to our fresh water supply, and for flood control.

Worldwide pollinator numbers and varieties are decreasing in large numbers. This is a direct threat our food sources. Without the vast array of insects many crops will fail causing economic issue as well as causing widespread hunger. Pollinators are not just cute fuzzy honeybees. Dozens of species of insects as well as many bats and birds contribute to this complex web. Our rampant use of herbicides, insecticides, and fertilizers do more damage than good across the world.

Protecting our biodiversity includes our oceans. Aside from the damage caused by the climate changes (acidification, sea level, etc.) and pollution humans have other negative impacts. We have over fished all the sea to the point of collapse. When we decimate one species there is a ripple effect impacting both the things that species fed on and those that feed on it!

Sometimes it seems like I am yelling into a vast emptiness... is anyone listening? This note is a bit disjoined... there is so much to say, so much to consider, and sometimes it seems so little concern. Each and every day ask yourself what you are doing to help and what more you can do to minimize our rapidly growing climate crisis. Generations to come will be addressing this and the more we do now the lighter their load will be.

- Evan Zurtz

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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.

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John Gliha

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.

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- Conrad Janke

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

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!

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- Frank Zgola











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. <u>May 7th</u>. 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: <u>Events | Rotary District 7170</u>



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 <u>not</u> use ClubRunner: Send an email with all the pertinent information to <u>7170Calendar@gmail.com</u>. 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 <u>wendygirl201@gmail.com</u> to get them posted to the <u>D7170 website</u> and the <u>D7170 Facebook</u> <u>page</u> 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 7170 newsletter@gmail.com by the 15 th of the month if possible.		Publication!	X
Wednesday, May 15	Wednesday, May 29	Saturday, June 1, 2024 FINAL ISSUE	

Published newsletters can be found on the D7170 website on this path <u>after</u> being posted online: <u>https://rotarydistrict7170.org/</u> \rightarrow District 7170 \checkmark \rightarrow District Newsletters \checkmark

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: <u>7170newsletter@gmail.com</u>!

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! 😳



Supplement: Flyers, Forms, Reports, etc.

ALL TIME



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



Save these dates to come get answers to your questions!





(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

