District 7170 Newsletter



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Governor's Message



Dear fellow Rotarians,

Well, this is the last message from me... and I've found it is difficult to come up with just a single topic each month. Good luck, Rocky! My usual fall back was to provide reminders and review events hoping to engage more of you in the broader world of Rotary.

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The percent of Rotarians opening the newsletter email has steadily risen since last July and is approaching 50%, so some success! I attribute this to Chris' hard work and some level of increased engagement by Rotarians. Hopefully you are seeing the benefits of engaging at the District level and will continue to submit event announcements, project reviews, and other items of interest to folks in our District.

During the year I have learned that folks reach out to the Governor for help with items ranging from the most mundane ("can you get me so-and-so's email?" Yes, I will help but ANY 7170 Rotarian can log into our <u>District web site</u> and look up mails and phone numbers...) to some very serious legal issues. (Some clubs used to, and some do still, sponsor Boy Scout Troops and were touched by the lawsuit). For Rocky's sake, when you have questions, please try on-line resources, or reach out to your Assistant Governor first!

In the run up to the Conference I heard from one Rotarian, I assumed with regard to the Conference focus and the DEI session, that "if Rotary is going 'woke' I will look elsewhere." I know this is very much a minority attitude, but it is a reminder that some in Rotary do not, will not, accept the reality of a changing world and that Rotary must change with it.

Be that as it may, the rest of us are heading into a future where I feel we must engage more deeply. In my experience Rotary is great at addressing symptoms but not necessarily the root cause

of issues in our world. Root causes—climate change, poverty, systemic racism, over population, corporate greed, government indifference—are too often labeled 'political' and therefore off limits. I realize we cannot likely fix

those root causes, but we must speak to them, address them in some manner, as we do what we can to mitigate the damage they cause our fellow human.

In October I wrote about not attending the Rotary International Conference in Houston due to legislation and actions in Texas that I believe are contrary to Rotary's core tenets. Recent events in TX have certainly affirmed my decision! Though my action had little direct effect, perhaps my telling others of why I was compelled not to go will plant some seeds and, as we consider future issues, we may look deeper at the root causes and how we may address them.

The last 11 months certainly have been enlightening and fun. I had opportunities to engage with many folks and hope to continue to do so as we move forward and "Serve to Change Lives"

Comments on our Conference...

The feedback from many attendees and the speakers was that 7170's Annual District Conference was an excellent opportunity to hear new and important information regarding environmental issues and what we, as Rotarians, can do. Many folks appreciated that it was not the usual rehash of Rotary topics which was my intent though we did have a great keynote talk on Foundation from RI Major Gifts Officer Kevin Kelley.

We started the weekend in the big tent with the Rotary flag flying in front of the Woodcliff Hotel. After an enjoyable dinner, Elvis kicked off Friday evening's entertainment. I was floored by how quickly Rotarians and students hit the dance floor and sang karaoke, loudly if not well!

Saturday morning, I spoke to the gathering about why focusing on our environment is so important and then it was off to hear from folks who really knew what they were talking about. There was great synergy between engaged Rotarians and knowledgeable presenters.

Emcee Geoff Dunn kept us all engaged with short environmental quizzes at each meal, and committee and club displays in the lobby helped folks learn what has been going on with other clubs around the area.

Sunday morning, we had a lovely memorial service, led by Heidi Goldstein, for those Rotarians who passed in 21-22 after which we wrapped up the weekend with a bit of District business.

Our annual District Conference is a learning experience and a celebration of Rotary which, sadly, too many people pass on. Connections, ideas, and inspiration from the Conference can only make your Rotary experience better.

01 June, TODAY!

You should have received an email regarding this, so consider this a reminder!

Please join us tonight for an interactive session featuring **Denise DiNoto**, DGE (D7190). Her talk, "*Disability - the Other "D" in DEI*", will offer tips for clubs on how to build a club experience that is inclusive for all abilities. Denise's history as a Rotarian and her lived experience with disability provide her with unique insight into creating accessible Rotary opportunities. Bring your questions, including all those you always wanted to ask but didn't want to "be rude," and be prepared to laugh and learn.

Zoom meeting at 07:00 PM Register in advance at:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYqf-yhrzItE9b8Hpd28Gzw54S1K 7o3jtT

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

05 June - An Interactive Sustainability Session on Zoom

This is an opportunity to hear a brief update on Rotary and our environment and then to engage in some fun brainstorming with other 7170 Rotarians on what you can do in your life right now to start to minimize your negative impact on our world.

Zoom 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86998239181?pwd=UGFLRkdEbjJNUWJzdkxUOU1DVk9ndz09

Also, June 5 is **World Environment Day**, and the 3rd edition of our District's Environmental Sustainability Plan will be released.

21 June - District Pass the Gavel

Join your fellow District 7170 Rotarians as we acknowledge 21-22 with DG Evan and welcome 22-23 with DG Rocky.

5:00 to 9:00 p.m. "Traditions at the Glenn", live music, cash bar, dinner buffet, and minimal speeches!

Go to our <u>District home page</u> for more details on registration.

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

There is a lot of information on rotary.org

- Pat Kriebel

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District News

District Grants

If your club has a grant project for this Rotary Year, remember the final report is due by June 30. Send it to 7170districtgrants@gmail.com.

Thank you to the clubs who submitted grant applications for the 2022-2023 Rotary Year. The Grants Committee met in late May to review the applications. There were 19 applications in all, requesting a total of almost \$40,000. The amount of grant funding we have available for 2022-2023 is less than \$25,000, so the Committee had to make some tough choices. After lengthy discussion, the Committee approved 12 of the 19 projects.

The money we had to distribute came from the contributions District Rotarians made in 2018-2019. Contributions that year were lower than in previous years so we had less to work with and had to select the most crucial projects.

Please contribute to The Rotary Foundation every year. Every donation, no matter the size, is important and comes back to the District three years later.

I am finishing my term as Chair of the District Grants Committee this month. Please welcome Catrina Ruling who begins her term as Chair on July 1. I have enjoyed working with so many District Rotarians these past several years and I know that we have made a difference in our world. Thank you for your support.

- Cynthia Burger

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Great Race in Downtown Binghamton

Rotary Community Service Needed at the Great Race, June 19th in Downtown Binghamton

The 2022 Great Race Committee is excited to announce the return of the Great Race to downtown Binghamton on Sunday, June 19th featuring vintage and classic cars from many decades – from the early 1900's to the 1970's. The Great Race is a cross country road rally with vintage cars competing to get as close to a perfectly timed score as they travel through communities this year from Warwick RI to Fargo ND. The Race last came through Binghamton in 2011 where we were voted best host city that year based on the experience and



feedback from the drivers and navigators – and this year we've been working hard to create that same welcoming community vibe in 2022!

This year's Great Race event will kick-off at 3 pm on Father's Day with an all-inclusive cool car cruise-in being coordinated by the Triple Cities Street Rods with live music in front of the Washington St Mall. We will be filling the side streets with local cars on display in advance of arrival ceremonies at the historic Broome County Courthouse starting at 4:35 pm. Shortly thereafter some 167 vintage Great Race cars from around the country will cross the Finish Line one by one on Court St. every few minutes, making their way down Court St and parking, allowing the community to check out their cars first-hand. The Great Race cars will be on display until 8:00 pm when they will depart for the overnight in our downtown hotels, where they will take off early the next morning for Wellsville NY.

This is a family friendly, open to everyone of all ages and completely free event, thanks to some very generous sponsors this year including Railside Properties/Kilmer Building, M&T Bank, Mirabito Energy Products,

Raymond Foundation, Downtown Binghamton Business Association, Southern Tier Harley Davidson, Gary's U Pull It, Security Mutual, Matthews Auto Group, Ellis Brothers, Peranich & Shelp Construction, Terry Burke Lighting, Sound, Audiovisual, Visit Binghamton, City of Binghamton, Broome County and the Iroquois Car Club. Special thanks also to our media partners, Equinox Broadcasting radio stations and WBNG TV, who will help us get the word out.

This event is made possible by the power of volunteers including the Binghamton Noon Rotary Club, who along with other local Rotarians and clubs will help carry out the mission of the all-important volunteer component of the event. Volunteers are needed as greeters/parking/dinner service. If your Rotary Club can help or if you have questions, please contact Robin Alpaugh, Great Race Co-chair at 607-725-4882 or robin.alpaugh@gmail.com.

Roll Rotary!

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Rotary Paddle Event

The weather was perfect for our paddle event from Crumhorn Pond to Silliman Cove. Many stopped for the landing party hosted by Milford Rotary right on the river front next to Canoe and Paddle. The outfitter Canoe and Paddle makes river events easy. They are located between Crumhorn Pond and Silliman Cove on Goodyear Lake.

Sarah, Mary and Steve of CRISP were with us throughout the event to keep invasive species under control. We expect to host paddle events next year to promote the District's plans for environmental sustainability. We are meeting with community organizations to evaluate the event and make plans for next year.

On June 5, World Environment Day, we will be issuing our 3rd edition of the District's Environmental Sustainability Plan. Evan will be hosting a zoom meeting on "Protecting Our Environment" on the same date.

On July 30 in Cooperstown, The Lions, Rotary and other local organizations will be conducting the fifth annual river clean up. This event includes divers that help locate debris to be removed from the river.

- Jeff Smith

(See additional info related to the paddle event at the end of this newsletter.)



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

"Did you know" that there are dozens of learning options through the Learning Center on <u>rotary.org</u> to help your club navigate becoming more *Inclusive?*

We understand that no two Rotary clubs have the same culture. That means each club needs to examine how they function and what works and what may not work





to help them be inclusive. Being Inclusive includes ethnicity, social class, race, ability status, sexual orientation, religion, age, gender, profession, personal trauma history, and military and veteran status.

We hope that every club in D7170 will have open conversations about their club's culture. Assess what works and what may not be working. Take time to gather feedback. Identify what shapes your perspective.

Rotary International has created the tools listed below to help clubs address their unique circumstances.

Topics included under Professional Development include:

Checklists for "Creating an Inclusive Club Culture: A Readiness Assessment", "Addressing Microaggressions: A Readiness Assessment", and courses "Building a Welcoming Community for People with Disabilities", "Designing an Inclusive Plan for your Organization", "Uncovering Unconscious Bias", "Essentials of Understanding Conflict", "D.E.I. Basics and Intermediate Courses" "D.E.I. Webinar series", and "Building Consensus" and several other options.

- Jo-Ellen Hedlund

(See the Master Resources list from RI at the end of this newsletter to help you get started.)



Membership Tip

This is my last membership tip. Matt Adler will be taking over as the district membership chair on July 1. It would really help Matt out if the club secretaries or membership chairs send him the names of their new members and their sponsors for the newsletter. madler@stny.rr.com



Press & hold ctrl key and click above to play featured video. It will take several seconds to load.

Here is a video at right to help you with your membership goals. Thank you to Lizzy Martin from District 7150 for making this video.

- Pat Kriebel

(See the NOTES from the 4/25/2022 Empire District's Membership Chair Meeting at the end of this newsletter.)



Welcome, New Club Members!

| <u>Club</u> | New Member | <u>Sponsor</u> |
|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Cooperstown | Mary Reitz | Margie Landers |
| Cooperstown | Bruce Testa | Charles Newman |
| Cortland Breakfast | Mark Hahn | Steve Cinquanti |
| Edmeston | Scott Convis | Alicia Bowen |
| Endicott | Nicholas Burlingame | Michael Tanzini |



| Endicott | Nancy Kiley | Tom and Sandy Johnson |
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| Hobart | Michelle Stephens | Mary Van Valkenburg |
| Nimmonsburg | Bridget Mirenda | Russ Sanaeko |
| Nimmonsburg | Tiffany Steinruck | Russ Sanaeko |



Cooperstown Rotary

Our club is planning a new fundraiser in cooperation with our local SPCA to raise funds for both the SPCA and our Rotary Club. There will be many pet and family activities planned for that day, June 18 (a rain date of June 27th). There are volunteer opportunities for members to help out that day. We are also preparing a basket of pet toys, etc. (biscuits, balls, treats, collars whatever) to raffle off as well. We are asking club members to bring one item to add to the basket that we will then prepare for the day of the event.



Sponsorships are available on various levels. We encourage you to consider a family sponsorship for your pets or in memory of a pet no longer here. As you consider who can be asked for sponsorship, please do not ask any car dealerships as the SPCA has made contact with a local dealership.

The success of this event depends on each of us Rotarians. Please help!

If you have questions call Susan Miosek: 607-547-5424 or 607-386-0079.

- Susan Miosek

(See info sheet and sponsorship form at the end of this newsletter.)

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Endicott Rotary

Endicott Rotary planted three historic trees at two Union Endicott Elementary schools.

Bill Campbell joined by fellow Rotarians Nicole Wolfe, Karl Bub, Nikki Post, Lou Karedes, Heather Uhlman and Darlene Leonard planted two trees at TJ Watson Elementary and one tree at George F Johnson Elementary.

The historic trees were acquired by American Heritage Trees. The children from each school assisted with planting each of the trees. The trees—a George Washington Sycamore, a Franklin D Roosevelt Black Oak, and a Moon Seedling Sycamore—will serve the schools as a positive environmental impact and will be used in the elementary educational experience.

- Brian Steele

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Franklin Rotary

On April 29th, Franklin Rotary Club joined forces with the Village of Franklin and Franklin Central School District for our second tree planting event along the Ouleout Creek, a tributary to the Susquehanna River. Organized and coordinated by Village Mayor and longtime Rotary member Tom Briggs and Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District, volunteers (students, community members, Rotarians) added an additional 80 trees to our original planting of 170. The planting layout was designed by Franklin resident Jack Siman, an accomplished horticulturist and landscape designer.

The native trees will provide a streamside buffer and plant and animal habitat, and will work to reduce the effects of flooding in the area. Long term goals include walking paths, benches and dedicated memorial groves for all to enjoy. A video can be viewed on the <u>Franklin Rotary Club Facebook page</u>.

- Amber Gray

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Johnson City Rotary

The Johnson City Rotary Club is pleased to announce the return of JC Carousel Day, scheduled for Saturday, July 23rd from 11am-4pm at C. Fred Johnson (CFJ) Park in Johnson City.

This event is free to attend and includes a variety of entertainers, music, food and craft vendors, and representatives from multiple community organizations and agencies. Organizations such as the JC Senior Center, Humane Society, UHS, Goodwill Theatre, YMCA, Your Home Public Library and others showcase their services to the community. Entertainers include the NY Volunteer Infantry Regiment Reenactors, magician and juggler. Music is provided by a local DJ.

The carousel at CFJ Park was donated by George F. Johnson to the children of the community in 1923. It is the largest of the area's six EJ carousels, housing 72 different horses. When Johnson donated the carousel, he did so with one stipulation – rides will remain free forever. George F. had been turned away from a carousel ride for lack of money when he was a child, and he wanted to be certain that no child in the Triple Cities would ever feel that shame. The CFJ Carousel is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and draws visitors from throughout the Southern Tier.

This event represents a renewal of community spirit in the Village of Johnson City. If you have questions or are interested in being a vendor, contact us at ssparedez@gmail.com. Come and join us for a day of fun!

- Sue Paredez

(See flyer at the end of this newsletter.)

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Nimmonsburg Rotary

Nimmonsburg Rotary wishes to thank the District Rotary Clubs that took part in this year's planting of heritage trees! Several clubs, stretching from Cooperstown in the north, to Delhi in the east and Owego in the west and several clubs in between, now have trees with historic roots growing in their own villages. News coverage of various Rotary Arbor Day historic tree planting events were widespread on multiple TV channels and local school websites in the Broome County area.

Schools were the main beneficiary, and now many have a living tie to a famous American. The seeds and nuts collected by staff at historical sites across America and sent to AmericanHeritageTrees.org for growing have yielded a tangible connection with the past. Our clubs selected a variety of trees this year, with many choosing a tree whose parent is a tree in Hannibal, MO on which Mark Twain played as a youth and wrote about in his books; a Black Oak from the Warm Springs, GA *Little White House* where Franklin Roosevelt sought comfort from his polio braces and where he died; a maple from Walden Woods at Walden Pond honors Henry David Thoreau; a sycamore from George Washington's home at Mt. Vernon; a Robert Frost birch from his farm in New Hampshire; and a sycamore whose parent went to the Moon as a seed in 1971, on Apollo 14.

We will do it again next year! Three tree orders have already been requested!

- Bob Aagre/Nimmonsburg Rotary 607-217-4122

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Oneonta Rotary

Oneonta Rotary Centennial Celebration Dinner

Sequins and bow ties, feathers and fedoras filled the ballroom at the Quality Inn of Oneonta on May 12th as the Oneonta Rotary Club and 70 guests from throughout the district celebrated Oneonta's 100th Anniversary. The 1920's-themed dinner featured a cocktail hour with signature drink, the Bees Knees, a history display of club artifacts and documents and a slide show of past celebrations and projects.

Following a buffet dinner, Co-Presidents Rosalie Higgins and Dan Buttermann led the formal program. District Governor Evan Kurtz offered his congratulations and honored Oneonta Rotarians who were past district governors. Oneonta Mayor Mark Drnek presented a proclamation from the city congratulating Oneonta Rotary for its service to the community and establishing April 20, 2022 as Oneonta Rotary Day on the city calendar, in perpetuity. Highlights from the history of the club were reviewed and Verne Thomas, a 59-year member of Rotary cut the anniversary cake with President-Elect Carlton Cleveland.

The festive evening ended with a toast to the next 100 years of Oneonta Rotary and a rousing rendition of R-O-T-A-R-Y. The celebration continued the next day with the re-opening of the Greater Oneonta Historical Society and the unveiling of two window displays featuring 100 years of Oneonta Rotary.







Finally, in keeping with the goal of one special Centennial project a month, Rotarians donated \$1,300 to the One-onta Rotary Fund in April, purchased, and planted 100 Norway Spruce saplings in the Wilber Lake watershed, and presented 115 "Good Ideas for Oneonta" to Mayor Drnek at the Centennial Dinner this May. Oneonta Rotary concluded the busy month by visiting with Oneonta High School honor students at a school mixer and welcoming new member Sean Lewis, President and CEO of the Otsego County Chamber of Commerce. As the month draws to a close, we are grateful to project chairs, Dave Rowley, Cesily Seecolish, Dr. Bob Davidson and Catrina Ruling and to the Centennial Dinner Committee and chair, Cindy Struckle.

Photos: (1st) Mayor Mark Drnek presents the proclamation to Co-Presidents Rosalie Higgins and Dan Butterman; (2nd) Carlton Cleveland and Verne Thomas cut the Anniversary Cake with a saber; (3rd) New member Sean Lewis with Co-President Dan Buttermann

- Lynne Sessions

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Sidney Rotary

The Rotary Club of Sidney and the Cullman Child Development Center are teaming up to create the second annual series of four events that will engage kids in curious, stimulating educational free fun filled activities.

On Sunday, June 5th kids and adults can explore 12-17 learning "doing" stations where together they can solve, explore, discuss and learn new skills by participating in fun hands-on activities. These motivating multiple opportunities are geared toward enhancing a child's sense of accomplishment while sharing with their peers. Some of the activities to explore will include archery skills, assembling paper airplanes, boot camp for kids, make a be kind card, glaze a window together, decorate cookies, learn about pets, get ready to sew, explore some crafts, plant an herb, learn sign language and so much more. The Rotary/Cullman "You Can Do It" Day will be held from 1 pm to 3 pm at the American Legion, 22 Union Street, Sidney.

On Sunday, July 10 is "The Buzz About Honeybees" Day from 1 pm to 3 pm at the American Legion, 22 Union Street, Sidney. Beekeepers and volunteers will present learning "doing" activities that promote the importance of the honeybee to our environment and food. Families can explore the life of a bee, view bees at work in a totally enclosed safe observation hive, handle the beekeeper's tools, dress up in a beekeeper's suit, assemble a hive, make bees wax lip balm, watch extraction of honey, taste the honey, face paint and much more. NO LIVE BEES ARE EXPOSED TO THE PUBLIC.

Dairy Day will be held on Sunday, July 24 at Keith Clark Park, 70 River Street, Sidney from 1 pm to 3 pm. The Dairy Princess and her Court, Future Farmers of America students and advisor will provide hands on opportunities for kids to integrate learning activities while making ice cream, butter, participating in a milking, exploring various breeds of cows, compare the cow's anatomy to humans, take a picture on the huge tractors. Hands-on crafting opportunities and face painting will focus on the dairy theme for the children. Learning the value of dairy and farms in our community will be a common theme.

The only Saturday event of the Rotary/Cullman Series and will be held on Saturday, August 6 from 11 am to 2 pm at the Cullman Child Development Center, 90 West Road, Sidney. "Big Rig" Day will include opportunities for parents and kids of all ages to explore a wide variety of vehicles that will range from the horse, antique cars, trucks of every size and purpose and large construction cranes and EV. Big Rig Day will look to provide children with hands on learning experiences by giving them the opportunity to climb into vehicles and talk with the vehicle operators to learn "what that button does".

Last year Bill Roche, a member of the Rotary Club of Sidney, organized the first summer series and collaborated with Amy Williams, Director of The Cullman Child Development Center, to start a sustainable plan to provide high quality entertaining, hands-on educational opportunities for children of the area. Roche and Williams hope families will take advantage of these free programs and support Rotary and Cullman's efforts to bring quality fun, educational opportunities to our community.

For more information check out websites: www.facebook.com/cull-manchilddevelopmentcenter.

- Anna Ritchey

The Last Page . . . for reference

Chat with the 7170 DG Track



On the 5th of every month—this month, Sunday, June 5th—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 <u>District homepage</u>, just scroll down to 'Upcoming Events'

Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86998239181?pwd=UGFLRk-

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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 <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 collection of photos to share too massive for this publication? Send an email to Wendy Deis at went-dygirl201@gmail.com to get them posted to the D7170 Facebook page! Copy 7170 newsletter@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!

| 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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| Wednesday, June 15 | Tuesday, June 28 | Friday, July 1, 2022 |
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| Monday, August 15 | Monday, August 29 | Thursday, September 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!

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 | |
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| 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 | |
| May | Youth Service | |
| June | Rotary Fellowships | |

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NOTES from Empire District's Membership Chair (DMC) Zoom Meeting 25 April 2022 Districts 7120, 7150, 7170, 7190

In attendance: DMC's: Pat Kriebel, Sara Visingard, John French, Kimmy Talbot, Joe Caruso, PDG's: Matt Adler, Richard Griesche, Linda Kohl, DG's: Janet Tenreiro, Evan Kurtz, DGE's Denise DiNoto, Ralph Brandt, ARC Scott MacDonell

1) Lizzy Martin has done a fantastic job with our latest "Membership Monday" presentation entitled "How Can We Strengthen Club Leadership". Here is the link for you review if you have not seen it.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1brAX_V9P4Lx_2mKx1pwqeps7b1gUaYVP/view?usp=sharing

This is a much different approach than we have used in the past. It is a five-minute video featuring five prominent Rotary leaders explaining their concept of strengthening club leadership.

There was much discussion about how we should roll this out. The general consensus was that each district would do it as they see best.

Lizzy, who was not able to attend the meeting due to a Rotary conflict, has provided us guidance with an email earlier today. Please check this out if you have not yet had a chance to do so. The key will be for "everyone (each district) post this Monday evening, May 2nd around 6pm with text that reads something like – The Multi-District Membership Committee is bringing you another installment of Membership Monday, but this time it's in a short video..." Thank you Lizzy for all of you great work on this.

The membership chairs and DGs from each district should coordinate the release of this video for next week.

We expect further videos to be provided (RI Director and 2022-23 Vice President Nicki Scott submitted one today) so there likely will be a part II.

2) News from Zone 32: A Zone 32 Coordinator and ARC Retreat is scheduled for May 23-24 in Danbury. This conflicts with the date we have set for our next regular meeting. Since the following Monday is Memorial Day our next DMC meeting must be scheduled for Monday 6 June at 5:00. Hopefully this will work for most.

The "Learning to Lead" Zone Institute is scheduled for Sept. 21-24 in Toronto. Invited this year are District Governors, Governors Elect, Governors Nominee as well as district leaders in four disciplines: The Rotary Foundation, Membership, Public Image and District Trainers.

To register check out the Zone 28-32 website: https://portal.clubrun-ner.ca/50077/page/2022-learning-to-lead

- 3) Districts 7150, 7170, and 7190 are slated to merge into one district in 2024. Much planning to be done. Further details to come.
- 4) District news.
 - a) D7170 Pat Kriebel will be retiring from the District Membership Chair Position. Thanks, Pat, for all you have done for your district and Rotary over the last several years. Matt Adler will continue in that role. Looks like there will a Hancock satellite club with the possibility that it may be able to charter as a full club in the new future.
 - b) D7190 Ray Anthony will be taking over as membership chair on July 1. Kimmy Talbot will be moving to the position of Zone 32 Empire Districts Innovative Club Advocate Congratulations Kimmy!

Looking for one more member to charter the Twin Bridges satellite club.

5) Next meeting, as noted, will be on Monday, 6 June at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Scott MacDonell 26 April 2022

Let Fat Cowboy's feed your family and support

Nimmonsburg Rotary Club

Pickup Saturday June 11, 2022
Beginning at 2 PM At the Lowes
Parking Lot on Upper Front Street

\$15.00 Per Dinner From The Fat Cowboys Choose From Pulled Pork Or 1/2 Chicken with 2 Sides

(Side Choices: Mac Salad, Bacon Bakin' Beans, Salt Potatoes, or Coleslaw)



NOTE: ALL ORDERS MUST BE PRE-ORDERED THROUGH THE WEBSITE OF APP DAY OF ORDERS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE

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April 27, 2022

On Saturday, June 18, the Susquehanna SPCA (SQSPCA) will host the first Ultimutt Dog Show in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Cooperstown.

The Ultimutt Dog Show is an exciting new opportunity to partner with two well-known organizations in your community. The event will offer a variety of family-oriented activities that are centered around our four-legged companions. Throughout the course of the day, there will be 10 dog show classes, an agility course for dogs, activities for children, pet photos, vendors, food trucks and our shelter will be open for visitors. Sponsorships at various levels provide several advertising and marketing opportunities. The SQSPCA (www.sqspca.org) is a registered shelter with New York State Agriculture and Markets and a 501c3 charitable organization. We care for and advocate on behalf of homeless and abandoned animals in and around Otsego County. In 2021 alone, we cared for 1,162 animals in need.

Will you please consider supporting the 2022 Ultimutt Dog Show event? Your contribution as a sponsor will assist us in meeting our \$5,000 fund-raising goal and help promote your business or organization. Enclosed, please find details of the available support levels ranging from \$100 to \$1,000.



We appreciate your time and consideration and hope you want to be a part of this fun community event. Should you have any questions, or would like more information, please feel free to contact us at (607) 547-8111 or ahungerford@sqspca.org.

Sincerely,

Susquehanna SPCA and the Cooperstown Rotary Club

Sponsorship Opportunity







Please place a check mark next to your selected option:

__\$1,000 Ultimutt (seeking only one sponsor for this level)

- *Logo displayed on step and repeat banner in front of which all participants and winners will be photographed
- Banner displayed on front fence during the event and for two weeks thereafter
- Facebook 4 posts/announcements that include tagging your business/organization on the Susquehanna SPCA account
- Website your business/organization logo and hyperlink added as a partner on the Susquehanna SPCA website
- Opportunity to have a display table and to provide promotional material to participants

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Please make checks payable to: Susquehanna SPCA

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Please respond to: Susquehanna SPCA, 5082-5088 State Highway 28, Cooperstown, NY 13326 or via email at ahungerford@sqspca.org by Friday, May 27, 2022.

^{*}High resolution logos should be emailed to ahungerford@sqspca.org

Johnson City Rotary

Presents

CAROUSEL DAY

Join
Confluence Running
In a 5K run
Begins at 10:00am
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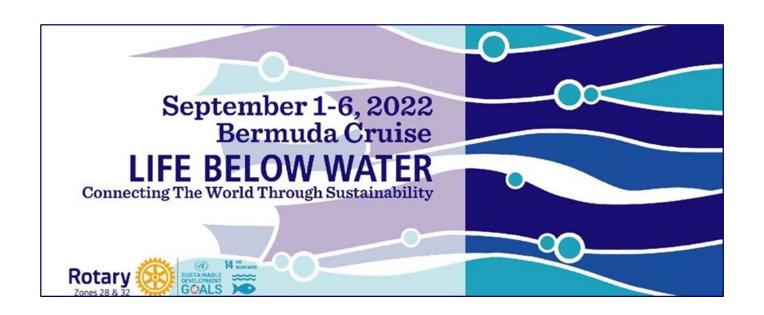
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AT CFJ PARK
Saturday, July 23, 2022
All activities 11:00am to 4:00pm







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.

Register Now

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Elm Tree Golf Course

Thursday, June 16, 2022

9:00 A.M. Shotgun Start

Captain and Crew \$280 per team

•18 Holes of Golf

Two Carts

•Refreshments

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Cortland Rotary Breakfast Club



32nd Annual Charity Golf Tournament

for McGruff and Other Local Charities



The Cortland Rotary Breakfast Club is proud to sponsor the 32nd Annual Charity Golf Tournament.

The Club is the major funding source for the McGruff Program conducted by the City of Cortland Police Department. In 2021 we donated \$4,000 to the McGruff Education Programs. Since the inception of the Golf Tournament we have donated more than \$136,000 to the Cortland Police Department in support of McGruff. Each year thousands of children benefit from our generosity, which is made possible by YOUR generosity.

Thank you for participating in our Tournament. We hope you have a great day.

If you are not a member of a Rotary Club, we encourage you to contact a member of our club or any Club near where you live or work and consider becoming a member.

LIST OF DEI RESOURCES: This is a comprehensive list of every resource that was shared during the **Accountability** + **Inclusion** webinar series. Links to external resources are being provided as a convenience and for informational purposes only; they do not constitute an endorsement or an approval by Rotary of any of the products, services or opinions of the corporation or organization or individual. Contact the external sites for answers to questions regarding its content.

- Design an Inclusive Plan for Your Organization
- The Power of Connection with Diverse Communities
- Exploring the Black Experience in Rotary
- Building Strong Intergenerational Relationships
- Building a Welcoming Community for People with Disabilities
- Planning for an Inclusive Future

Design an Inclusive Plan for Your Organization:

- Committing to DEI, online learning course: Learn more about Rotary's DEI statement, what DEI means, and how you can put it into practice to create positive experiences. (My Rotary login required: https://my.rotary.org/learn?deep-link=https%3A//learn.rotary.org/members/learn/course/inter-nal/view/elearning/679/committing-to-diversity-equity-and-inclusion
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion learning topic: Find resources to use in your clubs and to share best practices with other members (My Rotary login required: https://my.rotary.org/learn?deep-link=https%3A//learn.rotary.org/members/learn/dashboard/channel/91
- This interactive framework can be used to facilitate a discussion about the diversity of your clubs and organizations— any actions should extend to all activities and have measurable results: https://my-cms.rotary.org/en/document/diversifying-your-club-member-diversity-assessment?embed=true
- Looking for inspiration? Learn more about the frameworks shared by Ofek, Carol, and Sydney here:
 https://rotary365-my.sharepoint.com/:x:/g/personal/leeann_searight_ro-tary org/EX2820ZWiV5EuEknxzSKDBcBY-Tfqc987nDdeB6RtJMDBw?e=GRZFOz
- Want to stay in touch with Dr. "Bowtie" Todd Jenkins? https://linktr.ee/dr.bowtietodd

The Power of Connection with Diverse Communities:

- Before we can effect real change, we need to define the terms "diversity," "equity," and "inclusion:"
 <u>https://builtin.com/diversity-inclusion</u>
- The Implicit Association Test (IAT) measures attitudes and beliefs that people may be unwilling or unable to report: https://implicit.harvard.edu/implicit/takeatest.html
- This course From LinkedIn Learning diversity expert Stacey Gordon helps you recognize and acknowledge your own biases so that you can identify them when making decisions and prevent yourself from making calls based on a biased viewpoint: https://www.linkedin.com/learning/unconscious-bias/welcome
- Explore your privileges (because everyone has one in some form or another) and how you can use them to be an ally for those who need your voice and partnership: https://youtu.be/LG_1Lv9Jtz4

- It should be noted that Rotary is not alone in its struggle to engage members who reflect the racial and ethnic diversity of the communities they serve. This article provides eight concrete strategies for engaging with diverse communities: https://blogs.volunteermatch.org/8-strategies-for-creating-a-more-inclusive-volunteer-program
- Here is one example of a club that is building authentic relationships by approaching new opportunities with open hands. Their strategy is to offer manpower, resources, connections, and influence:
 https://rotaryserviceblog.org/2020/08/18/improving-lives-and-fighting-for-social-justice-through-rotary-community-corps/
- To continue on your personal journeys of cultivating awareness of the biases we hold, conscious or otherwise, this activity, known as "the trusted 10" can be a good place to start: https://www.dressem-ber.org/blog/diversifyyourcontext
- Finally, the Rotary LGBT Fellowship has created some resources and initiatives to help clubs become more welcoming and inclusive: https://rotarylgbt.org/education/

Exploring the Black Experience in Rotary:

Race can be a complicated and intimidating issue for a lot of us. Some of us are avoiding the conversation because we feel ill-equipped to have it. For others, it feels too painful to talk about. Still, others are thinking it is not their issue to address.

- Use this worksheet to explore your intersecting social identities: https://sites.lsa.umich.edu/inclusive-teaching/wp-content/uploads/sites/732/2020/07/Social-Identity-WheelDefinitions.pdf
- This website can help you understand yourself, your race, and the experiences of others in a more nuanced, interactive way: https://nmaahc.si.edu/learn/talking-about-race/audiences/committed-equity
- Learn how to hold space for transformation—and lean into conversations about race: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IF--2vGj7Tg
- Do you have stories that would help us see a fuller picture of Rotary's Black history? Send them to MembershipDevelopment@rotary.org.
- Sometimes, the only way to know how welcoming your club actually is, is to ask. Commit to learning more by asking current members about their experience: https://my-cms.rotary.org/en/document/en-hancing-club-experience-member-satisfaction-survey
- Many of you wanted to know how to approach Black communities while avoiding "tokenism." "TOKENISM is diversity on a superficial level—without the inclusion part." Dr. Todd Jenkins. Learn more in this short video: https://vimeo.com/463445534/1f4955af3a
- A collection of stories and resources, including more interviews with Black Rotarians, can be found here: http://bit.ly/DEIStories
- Finally, while we talked to Rotarians around the world, advancing racial equity in the work place is a system level challenge in the US. This new report explores race in the workplace, particularly the Black Experience in the US private sector. Explore the report and consider the ways Rotary can make a difference: https://www.mckinsey.com/featured-insights/diversity-and-inclusion/race-in-the-workplace-the-black-experience-in-the-us-private-sector

Building Strong Intergenerational Relationships:

- Evolution is inevitable. It might be time to revisit how your club operates. But don't discredit what your club is doing well. Show off what you're proudest of so you can attract others who will help you do more of it. If you aren't satisfied with the way it is now, or if you worry what it will be like if it continues its current course, you can change its direction. Explore resources and recommendations here: https://www.rotary.org/en/engaging-younger-professionals-culture
- (English Only) Listen to a 6-minute recording detailing microagressions encountered by members of Big West Rotaract: https://soundcloud.com/user-524968587/micro-aggressions-and-their-impact-on-relationships/s-F1T4c9FRJzM
- There's ample evidence that gender- and ethnically diverse companies are more effective. But what about age? According to Chip Conley, "The modern elder is as much an intern as they are a mentor, because they realize, in a world that is changing so quickly, their beginners' mind and their catalytic curiosity is a life-affirming elixir, not just for themselves but for everyone around them. What is striking about the modern elder is their relevance, their ability to use timeless wisdom and apply it to modern-day problems." Available in 19 languages: https://www.ted.com/talks/chip_conley_what_baby_boom-ers_can_learn_from_millennials_at_work_and_vice_versa/transcript?language=en#t-544050
- Another way to build strong intergenerational relationships is through offering service-learning opportunities. Service-learning combines community service with learning objectives that empower young people to develop real-world leadership skills. The courses in this learning plan will introduce you to service-learning and teach you how it can be used to successfully empower participants (My Rotary login required): English: https://my.rotary.org/learn?deep-link=https%3A//learn.rotary.org/mem-bers/learn/learning-plan/view/286/service-learning-for-advisers
- Rotary's programs are developing the next generation of leaders, providing funding to make the world a better place, and making peace a priority. And our programs are not just for club members. Learn how you can make a difference in your community through Rotary. https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs

Building a Welcoming Community for People with Disabilities:

- "It's crystal-clear that disability inclusion must not be considered by businesses as just a 'nice to have' initiative. In fact, I would go as far as to say it's critical to future-proofing business's sustainability and growth." Carolyn Casey, Founder The Valuable 500. Learn more: https://www.wefo-rum.org/agenda/2020/10/disability-inclusion-crucial-to-sustainability-development-goals/
- Often there are multiple barriers that make it extremely difficult or even impossible for people with disabilities to participate fully in our communities. Learn more about the seven most common barriers and additional strategies for addressing them: https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/disabilityandhealth/disability-barriers.html
- "There is no thing as a single-issue struggle because we do not live single issue lives." Audre Lorde. Follow these eight, influential Black women with disabilities to learn more about their

intersectional identities: https://disabilityhorizons.com/2020/06/8-influential-black-women-with-disabilities/

- Since so many of us are still meeting online, something we can do immediately is enable live transcriptions in English (closed captions). Here are the instructions for how to do this in Zoom: https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/207279736-Closed-captioning-and-live-transcription
- One great resource we have within the Rotary family is the Disability Advisers Group (https://rota-ryda.blogspot.com/). It is made up of people from around the world who share a passion for disability rights and a goal to encourage Rotary to be more welcoming to people with disabilities. The group's focus is on accessibility, awareness, inclusion, and support. The group meets on zoom every Monday at 9 AM EDT. If you would like to join the group, please write to Rotarydag@gmail.com

Planning for an Inclusive Future

- Whether or not you feel you have the knowledge to influence change, all of us can play a role in creating an inclusive organization. Inclusion simply refers to "a cultural and environmental feeling of BE-LONGING." Watch this short video to learn more about the three pillars of inclusion: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6V8z9aZy5gc
- We encourage you to visit https://my.rotary.org/en/learning-reference/about-rotary/diversity-equity-and-inclusion to read the full commitment and learn about ways to Support DEI in your club, district and community.
- If you feel someone conducts behavior that goes against the code of conduct, email <u>DEI.Inquiries@rotary.org</u>.

Rotary is committed to maintaining an environment that is free of any form of harassment, broadly defined as any conduct, verbal or physical, that denigrates, insults, or offends a person or group based on any characteristic l (age, ethnicity, race, color, disability, religion, socioeconomic status, culture, sex, sexual orientations, or gender identity). If you are notified of any allegation of harassment involving an adult, or you feel you have been harassed, follow these steps:

- If anyone's safety is in doubt, contact local law enforcement.
- Notify a club officer (club president or secretary), district leader (district governor or district governor-elect), or zone leader (RI director).
- Report the incident to Rotary International's Club and District Support team by contacting cds@rotary.org.
- Any allegation of harassment or abuse that involves young people must be reported to Rotary International at youthprotection@rotary.org within 72 hours.





SCAN THIS CODE FOR EVEN MORE RESOURCES

Rotary Paddle Event

The first annual Rotary Paddle event concluded Sunday, May 15th, for the Northern Branch.

Canoe & Kayak is located between Crumhorn Pond and Silliman Cove. They provide great service and sales. Milford Rotary club hosted a great landing party next to Canoe & Kayak right on the riverbank. I believe Canoe & Kayak is the largest outfitter on the Susquehanna River in NYS. This company makes river events very easy. The landing party helped to make the event very enjoyable.

The run from Crumhorn Pond to Portlandville and then Goodyear Lake is very safe and enjoyable. One couple came from Ithaca. They stayed on the Bed & Breakfast on the Canoe & Kayak property. They had a great weekend.

I want to thank Sarah, Mary and Steve from Crisp. They covered the entire event and provided kits for controlling invasive species. Jeanne and I learned much about invasive species. Folks from Global Trekkers stopped to cheer folks on. Steve wanted to know where Brian Jester was. Apparently, they are paddling partners. Kevin, Steve wants to go the full 440 miles.

A few 70 milers showed up at Crumhorn Pond to practice. One gentleman is practicing for his 45th 70-mile race. He practices every night. I need to get busy.

The Cooperstown review team suggested bathroom facilities. Kevin provided a rental unit. It came in very handy.

Next year's event: We want to set a date for next year's event now. Please review and provide comments.

- 1. I suggest June 3 and 4 for next year. This date takes us past the regatta and the river will be cleared of debris.
- 2. June 3 will start in Cooperstown where there is plenty of parking and space for organizations to display their information. Those that do not want to portage can stay on the lake. Others can go downriver.
- 3. June 4 will be a repeat of Crumhorn Pond to Portlandville or Silliman Cove. A landing party will take place at Portlandville. Starting times will remain at 9 am.
- 4. We can consider a fundraising event to support a project to improve access to the river or perhaps to address invasive species. We can consider matching grants from other organizations.
- 5. Other communities/clubs can consider their location for an event. Perhaps the Bainbridge area would like an event. There are several clubs along the Chenango River and steps are being taken to create the Route 12 Economic Corridoor.

Related tasks:

- 1. Support the river cleanup on June 30
- 2. Support the Broome County Riverbank cleanup
- 3. Support the NYS Southern Tier River Trail
- 4. Identify potential investments for the river in Otsego County.
- 5. Continue to promote involvement of Rotary along the entire Chesapeake watershed.
- 6. Continue to build a list of all organizations, projects and businesses related to environmental sustainability in Otsego County. See initial list. Continue to collaborate and identify action plans.
- 7. Support service club night at Mirabito Stadium. This event includes environmental sustainability organizations.
- 8. Begin to broaden the Susquehanna River basin strategy to include related topics: tree planting, pollinators, invasive species, food insecurity, community gardens, net zero waste. net zero carbon footprint etc. Support existing programs when possible.

Related tasks for Tier Energy Network:

- 1. Provide assessments of the CLCPA, the State's energy plan.
- 2. Promote entrepreneurs and established companies in clean energy technology development
- 3. Support service organizations involved in workforce development and hiring of the resources needed for a set of new opportunities: STEAM, public transportation, daycare, housing, immigration and refugee resettlement
- Jeff Smith