

The Toolbox



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www.Rotary7190.org

From the Governor's Chair

As RPI hockey fans we receive the Rensselaer Alumni Magazine, which often has articles of general interest. The Fall 2011 issue included a personal account of the tragedy of 9/11 by Jose Holguin-Veras, an RPI professor of civil and environmental engineering. He wrote mainly of those he knew who survived that awful day, some who were at the scene and others who were lucky to be detained elsewhere when they had planned to be there. But what struck me, though, was that after sensing these hardships he decided to do something about it. He used his area of expertise as an engineer to find ways to improve the response time of critical supplies to disaster sites, which he considered "unlocked secrets" that could save lives. Katrina, Haiti and Japan are further applications of his findings!

That describes what we often do as Rotarians. It starts when we are touched by a need to make change, much as 2011-12 Rotary theme tells us to "reach within." And then we build on that felt need by doing something of value that will have lasting effect. In Rotary, the word is "sustainability."

Consider what Rotary brings to the table: 1.2 million people who share our values, people of all faiths in over 200 countries. If we wish it, we can get it done! Furthermore, we have the multiplier effect of Matching Grants that can double or more the dollar value of our own fundraising. People who give and those who receive know that Rotary will deliver, no "black holes" where the money goes. Bill Gates will back that one up!

So treat this opportunity to make a difference where we live and far beyond as special – and encourage others to join us!

Some sad news: Glove Cities Rotarian Mark "Doc" Crandall, the 99-year old member we wrote about in the January Toolbox, passed away on March 21st. At the funeral, club Secretary Mark Will gave a eulogy that was a beautiful look into Doc's life and the many activities he excelled at, and our Rotary was at the center of it. Doc added his own words to "Service

above Self" in everything he did and that was "kindness to others." He called Rotary "organized kindness."

There was another aspect of Rotary that Doc exemplified and that was knowing what it's like to do business with another person by that person's character and not by outward solicitation. He must have felt that when he asked Mark to become a Rotarian. Like Doc, Mark was a veterinarian in town but "two generations forward". Eventually he purchased Doc's practice from Doc's successor. Doc recognized throughout that Mark was a progressive doctor and together they shared mutual pride in the growth of the practice he had started. To this day, Mark states that "Doc's 'kindness of Rotary' created the fellowship that allowed me to learn the legacy that he had established."

So it is with the beauty of Rotary, the difference we can make and the relationships we can build. Let's enjoy it all!



DG Bill Nathan

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Welcome New Members

Member details on page 7...

Ballston Hills-Ballston Lake: Jon Costolo, Bill Wehrle and Peter Parker

Glens Falls: David S. Bishop

Hudson Shores: Allison Cherkosly

Racing City: Albert Van Dyk; Mary Flanagan

Saratoga Springs: Amber Boone, Angelo Calbone, Jeff Methren, Marlo Merithew, James Letts,

Schenectady: Major R. Michael Himes, Donna L. Tessitore, Melissa Kelly, Kevin Facticeau and Kristin Hanifin

Twin Bridges: Lynn M Johnson, Beverly Swimm, Bernardo G Bigalli

DISTRICT EVENTS AT A GLANCE

- April 8th – Happy Easter!
- May 18th-20th – District Conference

CLUB EVENTS AT A GLANCE

- **Now – Ireland Raffle** Sponsored by Schenectady East Rotary & the Area 7 Rotary Clubs
- **NOW-Tax Day Raffle** Sponsored by Amsterdam Rotary
- **April 4th – Brooks BBQ Chicken Dinner** Sponsored by Scotia Rotary
- **April 7th – Breakfast with Easter Bunny** Sponsored by Twin Bridges Rotary
- **April 24th – Interclub Fellowship Dinner** Sponsored (this year) by Scotia Lions
- **April 26th – Giffords BBQ** Sponsored by Hudson Shores Rotary
- **May 7th- Water Walk** Sponsored by Glens Falls Rotary
- **May 18th- Hometown Health Center Champagne Dinner Fundraiser** Sponsored by Niskayuna Rotary & Rotary Clubs of Area 7
- **June 2nd – Annual Wine Tour** Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Glenville
- **June 9th – Car & Craft Show** Sponsored by Shenendehowa Rotary
- **August 16th – Rotarian of the Year Recognition Night** Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Glenville

Sponsored by Schenectady East Rotary and the Rotary Clubs in Area 7

Raffle to Ireland

\$10 tickets - Drawing May 19th

Win: a trip for 2 to Ireland inclusive of airfare, hotel, tours, and more.

Tickets are available from any Schenectady East Rotarian.

For additional info contact DGN Sue Austin of Sch'dy East Rotary at bankr736@nycap.rr.com.

Also, page 7.

Partial proceeds to benefit Gift of Life 7190

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Scotia Rotary would like to invite you to their annual Take out or eat in

Brooks BBQ Chicken Dinner

Wednesday, April 4

4:00 – 7:00 pm

Glenville Senior Center

32 Worden Road, Glenville

Tickets available at the door

Twin Bridges Rotary announces Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

Saturday April 7th

8:30-11:30am

The Elks Club

Adults-\$6; 6-12yr: \$3, and 5yr & under free

Details: Easter egg hunts will be held at 9, 10 and 11 am. Children will be provided one admittance ticket to take part in the egg hunt of their choice. Reservations are not required. Face painting will be provided by Fantasy Faces and Creative Crafts of Ballston Lake and an extra special treat will be provided by the Melting Pot of Albany.

All proceeds will benefit local community projects.

Questions can be directed to Christine Sheppard at (518) 220-2010.

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The Amsterdam Rotary Club is pleased to announce their

Tax Day Raffle!

400 tickets will be sold at \$100 each

The ticket holder need not be present to win.

The drawing reception is being held on

April 17th from 5-7pm

at the Raindancer Restaurant

4582 State Highway 30 in Amsterdam

1st prize is \$10,000

2nd prize is \$2,000

3rd prize is \$1,000

Plus, four prizes of \$500

Tickets can be purchased from any Amsterdam Rotarian, or by calling club President Dennis

Wilson at 853-3011.

This year's raffle will benefit Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless, Montgomery County Office for the Aging, and other charitable causes.

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Interclub Fellowship Dinner

For approximately 20 years, the Glenville area leading Community Service Clubs have celebrated a wonderful, possibly unique, tradition of coming together for an annual *Interclub Fellowship Dinner*.

On **April 24** the Rotary Clubs of Glenville, Scotia and Burnt Hills will meet with the Scotia Lions and Schenectady Kiwanians for a night of fellowship. In Rotary tradition, we rotate the hosting responsibility and this year the Lions will be our host. This year we will be meeting at **Turf Tavern at 6pm** for a dinner and presentation by a Director of the NE Regional Food Bank.

**Hudson Shores Rotary BBQ presents
Giffy's BBQ Chicken Dinner**

**Thursday April 26
4:30 - 6:30 PM**

**at The Menands School
on Wards Lane, Menands**

EAT IN or TAKE OUT

**Complete Giffy's BBQ Chicken Dinner:
baked potato, salad, roll, dessert
\$9.00 per meal**

Proceeds help fund Community Programs/Projects
YOUR SUPPORT IS APPRECIATED
Pre-orders are welcome.

Contact Ron Miller: 463-8144 (H/O) or
rmille18@nycap.rr.com

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**Glens Falls Rotary presents
Water Walk 2011**

**Crandall Park, Glens Falls NY
Saturday, May 7, 2011
9 AM – 3 PM**

How can you participate?

The Glens Falls Rotary is once again sponsoring a Water Walk to help raise awareness and critically needed funds to bring clean drinking water to poor families Haiti. For five years we have been serving the needs of poor families in Haiti, Guatemala, and Honduras. Because of the devastating earthquake that struck Haiti on January 12th, 2010 the need is more urgent than ever. Go to our website at www.glensfallsrotary.com and see how to participate in the 6th Annual **WATER WALK 2011**. Please help support the Water Walk that started funding clean water and saving lives in Haiti. Please come help us again this year! *Read more on page 4.*



**For more information:
call Kay Walter 518-793-5660**

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**June's Toolbox will be our
100th edition!!!
Be a part of it!!!
See page 8 for details.**

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SAVE THE DATE

2012 DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Friday-Sunday, May 18th-20th

At the historic **Fort William Henry Resort and
Conference Center**
In beautiful **Lake George!**

Golf Tournament on Friday

**Saturday evening dinner cruise
on the Lake**

Room rates range from \$89 to \$139

Plan on bringing your family

Registration will be available soon either on the
District website or via mailed in form.
Credit Cards will be accepted!"

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**Sponsored by the Rotary Clubs in Area 7
Hometown Health Center
Fundraiser**

**Friday, May 18th
Champagne Dinner
6:00-11:00pm**

**At the Lighthouse Restaurant
Glenville**

Chaired by Rita Badami of Niskayuna Rotary
vbadami@ny.cap.rr.com

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SAVE THE DATE

**Rotary Club of Glenville
presents it annual**

Wine & Indulgences Tour

Come fill your senses with aromatic wines,
unique brews, and the element of the
unexpected...found only on this one of a kind
tour. *Come be pampered.*

Saturday, June 2nd

More info to follow

Or Contact Barb Wyllie at
370-2214 or bw4rotary@gmail.com

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Shenendehowa Rotary Seeks Crafters and Vendors

Clifton Park - Shenendehowa Rotary is seeking vendors and crafters for its **5th Annual Car & Craft Show** on Saturday June 9th from 10am – 3pm at the HealthPlex, 1679 Route 9 #1, Clifton Park, NY (rain date Sunday June 10th). For more information and registration forms please contact Jason DeFalco at jasondefalco@yahoo.com or 518-858-9371.

Shenendehowa Rotary meets every Thursday morning at 7:15 AM for breakfast at Coburg Village at the intersection of Grooms and Vischer Ferry Roads in Clifton Park.

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SAVE THE DATE

Rotary Club of Glenville presents its annual Rotarian of the Year Recognition Night Thursday August 16th

At the Joe Bruno Stadium at HVCC

This is an excellent opportunity to celebrate your club's **Rotarian-of-the-Year** with those from neighboring clubs.

Many specials and giveaways

More info to follow

For reservations contact Barb Wyllie at 370-2214 or bw4rotary@gmail.com

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Change-Over Event Update

This year our traditional “change-over” event is going to be a public celebration honoring all the Not-For-Profits the clubs of District 7190 has partnered with. It doesn't matter how long ago you worked together, or how new your partnership is – if you've touched them, we want to meet them. I need **your help** to invite the local organizations your club has worked with. Please fill out this form: <http://celebrationofheros.org/submit-charity/> to include your favorite organizations on our invitation list. I don't mind duplicates, so just fill it out and I will sort it out from there. Each organization will be able to enter into a little contest where they may win \$1000, \$500 or \$250 on the spot! Each Rotary Club is also welcome to participate; the winning club will get the *District 7190 Helping Hands award*. ~ Read the through the [Celebration of Heroes](http://celebrationofheros.org) web site for all the details. I'm excited ~ Hope you are too.

Melissa Ward, 2012-2013 DG

Annual Water Walk

The Glens Falls Rotary Club is seeking teams to register for its Annual Water Walk to be held on Saturday, May 5th, 2010 in Crandall Park, Glens Falls. The Water Walk continues to support its ongoing efforts in Haiti where the recovery from the massive 2010 earthquake has been a long slow process. Participants in the event allow tens of thousands of people in Haiti (and other poorer nations) enjoy water that is safe to drink through the money they raise. The club partners with Pure Water for the World and provides both water filtration facilities as well as necessary hygiene education and support. Haiti has suffered from both natural disasters and a subsequent Cholera outbreak that has left its population vulnerable to water-borne disease. Pure Water for the World aims to provide solutions for immediate relief and long-term planning to eradicate water-borne illness from the lives of these people.



So far, the Rotary Club of Glens Falls has helped nearly 20,000 residents in southern Honduras access to potable water, provided support for the Glens Falls Medical Mission in their efforts in Guatemala and helped in Haiti with supplying treated water to residents of the slums of Port-au-Prince, water filters to countless others and a program of continuing hygiene training throughout Haiti. The number of lives touched by the club and by Pure Water for the World's efforts runs into the hundreds of thousands. Thanks to all who have supported or Water Walk and continue to do so.

The Walk will run from 9 am to 3pm on Saturday, May 5th, 2012 at Crandall Park. Pre-registration of teams is preferred but walk-ins are always welcome. See You There!

Details at www.glensfallsrotary.org or by mail at PO Box 4702, Queensbury, NY, 12804

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To share your Rotary Story and Club Events with us send them to:
thetoolbox7190@gmail.com

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4TH Annual Purple Pinkies Saves Over One Thousand Children!

For the fourth year in a continuing effort to raise awareness for polio eradication worldwide, members of the Mechanicville Rotary Club painted elementary school students' pinkies purple in a sign of freedom from polio.

Throughout the world, each time a Rotary volunteer administers oral polio vaccine, the child's pinkie is colored purple with a permanent marker temporarily marking the child to prevent double dosage during National Immunization Days (NIDs).

Building on this symbolism, local school children learned about the efforts to raise funds for oral vaccine in the three endemic countries of Nigeria, Pakistan and Afghanistan and become part of the solution. Recently India was removed from the endemic list by the World Health Organization.

During Purple Pinkies Days at Waterford Halfmoon Union Free School District, Mechanicville Elementary School, Stillwater Elementary School and Hoosic Valley Elementary School students donated \$1.00, the estimated cost of a dose of oral vaccine, to have a pinkie painted and provide vaccine to over 1100 children in other parts of the world.

All contributions go to The Rotary Foundation's PolioPlus eradication effort.



Mechanicville Elementary



Stillwater Elementary



Stillwater Elementary

Additional photos on page 8.

From ROTARY SERVICE:

Dear Rotarian:

As the world grows increasingly interdependent and Rotary's reach expands, Rotarians are inspired to employ varying resources to undertake and strengthen international collaboration. In a grassroots organization of over 34,000 clubs worldwide, opportunities to establish friendships across borders, enhance cross-cultural understanding, and unite in international endeavors are bountiful.

Encourage clubs to explore Rotary Service Connections resources to form new friendships, connect with project partners, and establish long-term partnerships in order to make a lasting global impact. Here is a sample of the numerous resources available on Rotary.org: Make new friends by traveling across borders and hosting international groups through a Friendship Exchange. Support or post a project in need of assistance on ProjectLINK, Rotary's database of active club and district projects seeking support. Establish a long-term working relationship with an international club by formalizing a Twin club partnership. Attend a Project Fair, a regional event that encourages collaboration by providing opportunities to display service projects needing assistance, to connect with potential partners, and to attend workshops that share innovative approaches and ideas. Review best practices for Establishing Effective Partnerships. Are Rotarians from your district attending the RI Convention in Bangkok, Thailand 6-9 May? Invite attendees to participate in the following workshops:

- Transparency and Accountability in Service Projects, Monday, 7 May, 14:30-16:00
- Partnering for Effective Service Projects, Wednesday, 9 May, 14:30 – 16:00

Remember, we want to hear from you! Write to us with news about exciting partnerships, service projects, exchanges, and events. Share your photos. You may be featured in an issue of the Rotary Service Update newsletter or on the RI website!

We wish you well in your service endeavors and thank you as you continue to lead, support, and inspire fellow Rotarians. Please do not hesitate to contact staff at Rotary.Service@rotary.org if you have any questions on collaborating and building connections.

Best regards,

Ellina Kushnir

Program Coordinator Rotary Service, RI

Programsrotary.service@rotary.org

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Gift of Life Concert



Rhonda Vincent & DG Bill Nathan



Dorothy Jane Siver



GoL Pres Tom Burdick, Rhonda, Melissa Elhers, Larry Jones

On Friday, March 23rd, Gift of Life 7190 and Albany Rotary Foundation sponsored **Rhonda Vincent & the Rage** in concert at the Cohoes Music Hall. A fun time was had by all, and it's clear to see why Rhonda Vincent has been dubbed the 'Queen of Bluegrass'.

The evening started with a **Meet and Greet** giving concert goes an opportunity to mingle with Rhonda, Dorothy, and their band members.

Before Friday evening, I wasn't quite sure what bluegrass music was, or if I would even enjoy it. But, once the music started I immediately knew I was in for an evening of fun. Bluegrass music will certainly bring a smile to your lips, and a light-heartedness to your soul. It's clear to see why this genre has such a staunch following.

Rhonda Vincent and the Rage performed at the RI Convention in New Orleans last May. But again, thinking I wouldn't enjoy it, I didn't seek it out. I was wrong. It turns out I missed a fun time.

The **Dorothy Jane Siver Band** was Rhonda's warm-up act. At 15 years of age, Dorothy Jane Siver took the stage with an extraordinary confidence and playfulness that never waned. Backed by a band consisting of her parents, and

assorted other family members, incredible talent prevailed through their 45 minute upbeat set.

If you missed this concert, you missed a wonderful experience of 'feel good' music for a worthwhile cause. Should you find yourself presented with such a fun opportunity in the future, do yourself and your psyche a favor and make sure you attend.

Blue Grass music is what the Rotary organization would sound like if you could put it to music: upbeat and uplifting.

Article by Barb Wyllie, Editor & GoL VP

Photos by Richard Welty Albany Rotary President



Ambassadorial Scholar Batuka with DG Bill Nathan



Garry Wilkins, (mannequin), DGN Sue Austin & Husband

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Clothing Bins

to benefit *Gift of Life*.

If you have a place of business (or know of one) that would be willing to place a Clothing Bin to benefit the Gift of Life, please contact GoL president Tom Burdick at Thomas.Burdick@AXA-Advisors.com or call him at 373 7314.

Thank you.

These bins are very well maintained, and can be removed during the winter if snow accumulation is an issue.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Ballston Hills-Ballston Lake:

- ❖ **2/6/12: Jon Costolo** Military US Navy Officer
- ❖ **2/6/12: Bill Wehrle** Retired Pharmacist
- ❖ **2/6/12: Peter Parker** Retired Accountant

Glens Falls:

- ❖ **1/12/21: David S. Bishop** UNUM (located in Chattanooga, TN) / Computer Systems Consultant

Hudson Shores:

- ❖ **1/2012: Allison Cherkosly** Boy Scouts of America / Unit Service Executive

Racing City:

- ❖ **1/23/12: Albert Van Dyk** State of NY / Governmental Agencies
- ❖ **1/23/12: Mary Flanagan** Roohan Realty / Residential Real Estate Agent

Schenectady:

- ❖ **1/19/12: Major R. Michael Himes** Salvation Army, Schenectady Citadel Corps / Corp Commanding Officer
- ❖ **2/2/12: Donna L. Tessitore** Faculty Student Association of Schenectady County Community College / Executive Director
- ❖ **2/9/12: Melissa Kelly** AAA Northway / Branch Manager
- ❖ **2/16/12: Kevin Facticeau** Recruitment/Retention, Home Instead Senior Care
- ❖ **2/23/12 Kristin Hanifin** : Slingerlands Elementary School.

Saratoga Springs

- ❖ **1/25/12 Amber Boone** Salvation Army / Corporate-Ordinary
- ❖ **1/25/12 Angelo Calbone** Saratoga Hospital / Corporate Ordinary
- ❖ **1/25/12 Jeff Methren** Saratoga Hospital / Corporate Ordinary
- ❖ **2/1/12 Marlo Merithew** Keybank / Corporate Ordinary
- ❖ **2/15/12 James Letts** Saratoga Regional YMCA/ Corporate Ordinary
- ❖ **2/15/12 Lisa Nichols** Saratoga Regional YMCA/ Corporate Ordinary

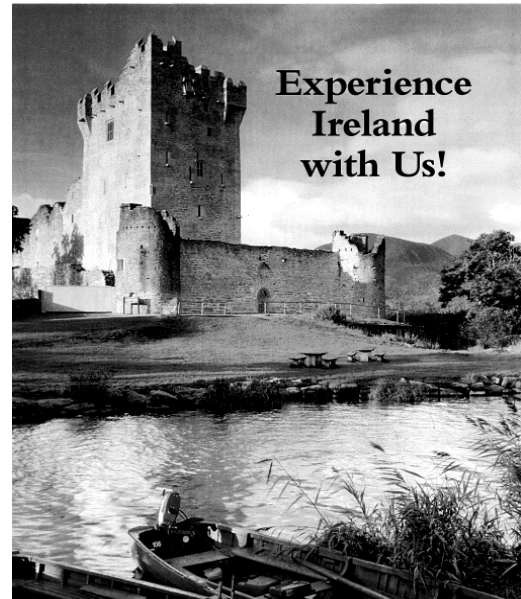
Twin Bridges:

- ❖ **1/19/12: Bernardo G Bigalli** Legacy Title Co / Title Insurance Agent
- ❖ **2/9/12: Lynn M Johnson** Coldwell Bankers Prime / Realtor
- ❖ **2/23/12: Beverly Swimm** Collision Experts / Automotive Repair

ProjectLINK

A link from Rotary.org submitted by Tom Duffy for any Club that hasn't found a WCC project they would participate in here is one helping children.

Search ProjectLINK, a global database of Rotary club projects and current service projects in need of support. Find model projects and browse completed projects that illustrate best practices.<http://www.rotary.org/en/ServiceAnd Fellowship/MakeConnections/ProjectLINK/Pages/ridefault.aspx>. Visit <http://www.rotary.org>.



<p>ENTER TO WIN</p> <p>BUY YOUR TICKET FROM ROTARIAN:</p> <hr/> <p>OR AT LENNON'S IRISH SHOP JAY STREET, SCHENECTADY, N.Y.</p> <p>DRAWING MAY 19, 2012</p>	<p>TRIP FOR TWO TO IRELAND</p> <p>ROUND TRIP FROM BOSTON OCT.21-27, 2012</p> <p>8 Days - 10 Meals ea. Person - Four & Five Star Hotels</p> <p>SEE DUBLIN, KILLARNEY, & MORE!</p> <p>DRAWING MAY 19, 2012-AT DISTRICT CONFERENCE</p> <p>*\$10 DONATION*</p> <p>SPONSORED BY SCHENECTADY EAST ROTARY & LENNON'S IRISH SHOP</p>
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Proud Purple Pinkie Supporters!!!



Hoosic Valley Elementary



Waterford Halfmoon Union Free District Elementary

Students and Staff show their Purple Pinkies attained at Mechanicville Rotary's 4th Annual Purple Pinkies Day.
Related story on page 5

16 Pine Hollow Road
 Slingerlands, NY 12159

NOTICE:

June's Toolbox will be our 100th edition!!!

Plan NOW to make sure your club is included in this special edition!

Send these submissions DIRECTLY to THE TOOLBOX at

TheToolbox7190@gmail.com

Please put "100th Edition" in the subject line.

Thank You,
 Barb Wyllie
 Editor