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Barb Wyllie ~ Editor

Please send submissions to: THETOOLBOX7190@GMAIL.COM Deadline: 15th of the month

From the Desk of the DG

This was a month of many firsts! Celebration of Heroes was a sell out event and the first event of its kind. We spent the evening connecting or reconnecting with our local partners in service. PDG Bill Nathan gave a wonderful speech on what our Rotary Club's accomplished in 2011 – 2012 and after being pinned, Melissa spoke about how Rotary's greatest success are through our partnership with other organizations. The evening was full of fun and a lot of energy (and we were on the News Channel 13 News Saturday morning)!

We had our first multi-club District Governor visit with all Area 5 clubs, hosted by the Burnt Hills/Ballston Lake Rotary club. Not only was it a wonderful evening, but a few grant projects were discussed among club members and new collaborations formed between clubs. A TOTAL WIN!

As I write this there are 4 more big multi-club DG visits scheduled. Two for July 25th combining clubs from areas 7, 8 and 9, one for July 30th which includes most area 3 clubs and August 2nd which is for all of area 4. All opportunities for fun, fellowship and collaboration. ~ Never a dull moment

August is a fairly quiet Rotary month for me. I will be spending time with my boyfriend and daughters on vacation in Montreal, visiting colleges with my younger daughter and moving my oldest back to college towards the end of the month. "Big sigh" I never get used to saying goodbye to her. I will also be attending the Ronald McDonald House Fashion Show Fund Raiser at the track on August 23rd (I'm going to see if I can get on the runway this year). The first Board of Director's / Executive Committee meeting for 2012-2013 is August 27th. In addition, I have set up some meetings with various club boards to better understand their vision for the year. Remember -your vision is my vision, this works from the bottom up. The district exists only to support the clubs and to help each of our members achieve a fulfilling Rotary life.

September we kick off the month with another FIRST – the first ever **Rotary Ride**. If you ride a motorcycle, come on down to the Mill on Round Lake on Sunday September 9th at 10:30 for a 140 mile ride through the Adirondacks and Vermont. This promises to be a wonderful fellowship event. The Mill is reserving their outdoor pavilion for us to have snacks / dinner / beverages at 4pm when we return. The ride is free, but food at the mill is \$10 per person. Invite your friends and family to join us on the ride and for snacks following.

Stay tuned for something BIG and LOUD in October for Polio Awareness.

Save the date for our "Spirit of Peace" Foundation Festival on November 8th – there's so much to announce for this ... Olympians, Foundation Chair and RIPE, awards, fun, food – the list is endless. Very exciting!

Are you excited? Want to get involved? Just send me an email at Rotary@NewWard.com and let me know how... – Thank you for all you do for Rotary and the local and global community.

Yours in Service,

District Governor Melissa

<https://www.facebook.com/RotaryDistrict7190>

Scheduled District Governor visits:

- **August 2** – 6:15 pm Country Meadows Fort Ann: **All Area 4 clubs - Fort Anne, Granville, Hudson Falls, Salem**
- **Aug 28 - Scotia**
- **Sept 28** - 5:30pm, Holiday Inn Lake George Dinner Theatre, Lake George: **All Area 1 clubs – Chestertown, Glens Falls, Lake George, North Creek, Northern Lake George**
- **Oct 18 – Northville**

If you don't see your club listed, then please contact Melissa (Rotary@NewWard.com) to set up a visit. If you want to hold a Multi-Club visit, please coordinate with your Presidents/President-Elects and Assistant Governor.

Yours in Rotary, DG Melissa Ward

DISTRICT EVENTS AT A GLANCE

- **Sept 9th** – Rotary Rumble – Motorcycle Ride
- **Sept 13th** – Gift of Life Golf Tournament
- **October 20th** – Rotary Leadership Institute
- **October 25th** – 2013-14 Club Training Series/Orientation
- **November 8th** – Foundation Gala
- **May 31st, June 1st & 2nd** – Multi-District Conference

CLUB EVENTS AT A GLANCE

- **August 14th** – Golf Tournament Sponsored by the Rotterdam Sunrise Rotary
- **August 16th** –Rotarian of the Year Recognition Night Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Glenville
- **September 19th** – ‘Elvis is Back!’ Benefit Concert Sponsored by Mechanicville Rotary
- **September 28th** – Karaoke Night Sponsored by Twin Bridges Rotary
- **September 29th** – Harvest Days Sponsored by Shenedehowa Rotary

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Rotterdam Sunrise presents its
34th Annual

Invitational Memorial Golf Tournament

Tuesday August 14th

Briar Creek Golf Course

Check in 7:30am

Shotgun Start 9am

\$125 per golfer

\$500 per foursome

Lunch at the Turn

Various Contests

Open Bar 2:30-3:30pm

Pig Roast Dinner

Awards Dinner Only \$35

Contact Francesco Pecoraro for details: 365-1003.

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Rotarian of the Year Recognition Night

Thursday August 16th

Tickets \$11.50 each

At a Valley Cats game at HVCC

Contact Barb Wyllie for tickets: 370-2214 or
bw4rotary@gmail.com

District 7190 presents its
1st ever

Rumble for Rotary Sunday September 9th Meeting at 10:00 AM at The Mill in Round Lake Kickstands up at 10:30

Join fellow Rotarians for a leisurely motorcycle ride through the Adirondacks and Vermont. Ride approx 100 miles, ending the day at the Mill in Round Lake for food & fellowship (approx 4pm). Friends and Family welcome.

Contact Francesco M. Pecoraro
frankp@pecorarocompanies.com or Richard Ferro
rferro@prublake.com to save your spot or more information.

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Gift of Life 14th Annual Golf/Bocce Tournament Thursday September 13th Rolling Hills Country Club Fort Johnson, NY

Golf - \$125 / Bocce - \$65

Registration starts at 11:00 am

Tee Off slated for Noon

Bocce starts at 1:00pm

Complimentary light lunch, beverages and food during the day will be provided by Amsterdam Rotary.

Your registration includes a complimentary beverage at the bar and a deluxe dinner buffet following cocktails and appetizers. This event will be hosted by the Amsterdam Rotary Club.

For additional information contact David Rey
Chairman GOL 2012 Golf/Bocce Committee at
518-441-4039.

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ELVIS IS BACK! Benefit Concert

Join the Mechanicville Rotary Club

Wednesday, September 19th

Arts Center on the Hudson

2 So Main St, Mechanicville NY

Starring Donny ‘ELVIS’ Romines

Reserve Your Table Early

www.mechanicvillerotary.org



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SHENENDEHOWA ROTARY SEEKS CRAFTERS AND VENDORS

Shenendehowa Rotary is seeking vendors and crafters for: **Harvest Days @ Riverview Orchards.**

**Saturday September 29th
10am – 6pm**

Riverview Orchards

660 Riverview Road, Rexford, NY

For more information and registration forms please contact Alex Gutelius at agutelius@sals.edu or 518-728-6613

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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Rotary Leadership Institute

Siena College

Loudonville, NY

October 20, 2012

7:30am

**Includes: breakfast, lunch
and Rotary fellowship**

**Registration fee - \$75 *on-line* at
www.rlinea.com/registration.htm**

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Cohoes Rotary Installs New Officers

The Rotary Club of Cohoes held its annual luncheon to install new officers for 2012-2013 on June 27, 2012 at 12:15 p.m. at the Century House, 997 New Loudon Road (Rt. 9), Latham, NY.

The new officers are Robert Van Alstine, President; David Mitola, President Elect; Linda Tremblay, Secretary; Michael Brooks, Treasurer; Marshall Barrett, Sergeant-At-Arms.

Rotary's main objective is service — in the community, in the workplace, and around the globe. The 1.2 million Rotarians who make up more than 34,000 Rotary clubs in nearly every country in the world share a dedication to the ideal of "Service Above Self." Rotary clubs are open to people of all cultures and ethnicities and are not affiliated with any political or religious organizations. The 85 year old

Rotary Club of Cohoes was founded in 1927. "The 2012-13 year will be an exciting one. We have planned numerous service projects and fundraising events," said President Bob Van Alstine.

The Rotary Club of Cohoes awards a \$1000 scholarship annually to a graduating high school senior in the Cohoes community. The Rotary Club values education, dedication to academics, and service to the local community and the world. The scholarship is awarded to the applicant that is judged to display the best combination of the scholarship criteria which includes living by the motto of "Service Above Self," and fostering the ideal of service in their personal, professional, and community life.

In addition to awarding the educational scholarship, the Rotary Club of Cohoes raises funds throughout the year and disperses those funds to organizations within the City of Cohoes including the Cohoes Community Center, the Cohoes Senior Center, the Cohoes Library, and numerous others.

Members of the club participate each year in community service projects such as clean up and beautification projects throughout Cohoes, as well as assisting with serving community meals.

As a member of Rotary International, the Rotary Club of Cohoes participates in the activities of The Rotary Foundation. The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. The Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world. One of the major projects of The Foundation is the eradication of polio worldwide.

To learn more about the Rotary Club of Cohoes go to: <http://www.rotaryclubofcohoes.org/>.



(Lf to right) Robert Van Alstine, President; David Mitola, President Elect; Linda Tremblay, Secretary; Marshall Barrett, Sergeant-At-Arms

Where To Store Your Memories

If you've started to pull together your club's important historical documents and pictures or if you've already done so, now what? Where do you store them?

There are many answers to this question. According to an article by Diane Schoberg in the January 2009 *Rotarian* Magazine, a club can either create its own archive or find out whether another organization in the community such as the local or county Historical Society or the local or county Public Library is interested in adding to its collection. For example, Rotary District 7190's materials are archived in a Special Collection at the New York State Library.

If you decide to keep your own records Schoberg suggests keeping them in a temperature and humidity steady place; cool and dry. Use acid-free paper for scrapbooks and file folders. Scan and reprint old color photos, especially from the 1960's and 70's because they are quite unstable. Reprinting with a modern color process helps prolong the life. And forget using paperclips or staples which can rust and glue and tape yellows so use photo corners instead for those scrapbooks.

Many of our clubs are archiving materials and pictures on their websites using the weekly newsletter and photos. This is a great idea. Digitizing your materials is another way to reduce paper and storage needs. There are several local companies that provide this service. I'm not a big fan of external hard drives but that is another way you might consider as long as someone is responsible for it.

Remember, your Rotary Club is one of the most important organizations in your community. Archiving your history is a great way to educate new Rotarians about the club's past impact on the community but also sets the stage to go forward with new goals and ideas.

Next Toolbox I'll write about the Rotary International's History and Archives Department and the Rotary Global History Fellowship.

Harriet B. Noble
Historian
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A Successful Show Takes a Village, A Town, and a Great Rotary Team!

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The Fourth Annual Woodworking and Fine Arts Show held in Northville July 20-22 was a huge success after a year of planning by our Show Committee led by Bob Anderson. The weekend began with a ribbon cutting and introductions by President Barbara Sperry. Not only were the streets of Northville filled with thousands of folks coming to view and purchase some incredible artwork over the weekend, but so many patronized the merchants in town. Many folks who have never been to Northville were introduced to our lovely Adirondack village on the Great Sacandaga Lake.

Since most of the artist fees go towards advertising and expenses, Rotary's proceeds from the event come from the raffles and the silent auction items donated by the artists. The bike raffle was won by Pam Person, the kayak by Gary Ratajczak and the gas card by John Ferguson. Anna Johnson recorded the high bid on the beautiful hall tree built by our featured artist and Rotarian Jeff Meuwissen. Thanks to all who bought tickets or bid on the silent auction items.

An event of this magnitude requires the help of so many people. A special thank you to all our sponsors: The Bike Works in Johnstown for the Cannondale bike, Food and Fuel in Mayfield for the kayak and \$200 gas card, NBTBank for their monetary donation, the Sport Island Pub for the food, and Stewarts for water, soda and ice. Thanks also go to the Sacandaga Valley Arts Network for their donation and a great Saturday night concert by the Intermountain Trio, as well as the Sacandaga Task Force for Senior Living for the chicken barbecue to coincide with our show. No less important was the help from the Town for the use of the park and Bradt Building, the Village for all the help with banners and port-a-potties, C & H Products for the use of their land for parking, and the Northville Fire Department for the cones and barriers for traffic in general. In addition, **we appreciated the support of other Rotary clubs in the area and Rotary District 7190 including a visit from our new District Governor Melissa Ward.**

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Free Container of Books for The Gambia



Fatou, Dave Hitchcock

TOP OF HER WISH LIST: BOOKS

During Bill Nathan's 2012 D7190 District Conference, we were visited by Rotarian Fatou Bin Jobe from The Gambia, pictured here with Dave Hitchcock (Glenville) and Rita Badami (Niskayuna). While she was here, we asked her for her wish list. At the top of her list was books.

WISH GRANTED

This may be hard to believe, but with one phone call to a Rotary Club in Maryland, a 20-foot container of books, about \$80,000 worth, will be leaving for The Gambia. Total cost to us. Zero! How is this possible? The Rotary Club of Parole does all the work. They collect the books. Warehouse the books. Sort the books. And ship the books. And they do their own fundraising. Of course, donations are gladly accepted.

FATOU'S BIO

Fatou is the head of Marina International School located in Banjul, the country's capital. Marina International School is The Gambia's premier international school. Fatou is also the founder of A Better Chance (ABC) Learning Center, which opened in April of 1998 in Banjul. ABC Learning Center is an after-school remedial program that focuses on helping middle and high school students with reading and writing skills.

Youtube Reference:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QNaCzJB_EHw

JUST ONE STORY

Fatou shared the following story while being interviewed: Anna & Bebe were two sisters who had lost their motivation and decided to drop out of school entirely. Their mother brought them to Fatou's A Better Chance ABC center. Step 1 was to build their

confidence. Step 2 was to teach them how to use reference materials. **Today: Anna is a marketing manager for Reliance Bank. Bebe just got sworn in as a lawyer in The Gambia.**

**WANT A FREE CONTAINER OF BOOKS?
CONTACT:
BOOKS FOR INTERNATIONAL GOODWILL**
(A Rotary sponsored charity)

Rotarian & Professor Steve Frantzich
Telephone: 410-293-6865 Cell:443-336-2617
frantzic@usna.edu
www.bigbooks.org
www.parole-rotary.org

Submitted by: Lon Penna hm: (518) 399-4522

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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.

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



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New Meeting Place

As of July 12, Rotterdam Sunrise Rotary will be meeting at 7:15 AM at Tops Diner. The Diner is located at the five corners on Route 7 in Rotterdam. The Club will not be meeting on July 5th or 26th.

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ShelterBox Deployment Brief

Dear Friend,

Did you know that on average, ShelterBox responds to a disaster every two weeks? In fact, at this very moment, we have teams activity working in Uganda, South Sudan and Russia. Our teams are often on the ground within hours after a disaster—beginning our response and quickly ensuring ShelterBoxes and other aid are available to meet the needs of disaster survivors.

The disasters to which we respond aren't always covered in the news, but for the families involved, they were life-altering events. That's why we've prepared this brief—to keep you informed—on an ongoing basis. Your support truly matters. We're able to respond immediately only because of the generosity of our donors who make financial contributions before disaster strikes. Thank you for your continued support. I hope you find your new deployment briefs invaluable.

Sincerely,

Emily Sperling President, ShelterBoxUSA

UGANDA

Disaster: Landslides + Conflict

Status: Response Team in country

Aid: 224 ShelterBoxes arrived in Bududa district

A **ShelterBox Response Team (SRT)** is currently in Uganda, where 4,000 people have been affected by landslides in the villages of Bunakasala and Bunamulembwa.

The 224 ShelterBoxes are bringing the surviving families not just shelter, warmth and dignity, but also a new sense of community and hope. ShelterBox is working with the Uganda Red Cross Society (URCS), which has agreed to act as consignee for the aid and will provide volunteers to help set up the tents when they arrive.

In response to continuing conflict in southwest Uganda, the SRT that has been in the African country responding to the Bududa landslide with the URCS is currently en route to the Kisoro district. They will assess the need for shelter and other lifesaving equipment for the fleeing Congolese refugee families.

Fighting between government troops and M23 rebel forces in North Kivu in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) has forced thousands of families to flee their homes into Uganda. Many crossed the border through Kisoro and traveled more than 12 miles to the Nyakabande transit center, bringing the number of refugees to over 16,000. From there, many are being relocated 230 miles away to Rwamwanja Refugee Settlement in Kamwenge district, which currently has 13,600 refugees.

SOUTH SUDAN

Disaster: Conflict

Status: Team in country

Aid: 1,152 relief tents en route to Juba

Communities have been torn apart in South Sudan following border tensions with its neighboring country, the Republic of Sudan. Families that had been living together for decades north of the border before South Sudan gained independence a year ago, have fled their homes over the conflict. Refugee camps are filling up and many are still homeless with nowhere to go.

A two-person ShelterBox Response Team, UK-based Tom Dingwall and Tom Lay, is currently in the African country. The team is discussing a tent distribution plan with the United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR) and Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development (ACTED) for displaced families.

With ShelterBox disaster relief tents en route to South Sudan's capital Juba, the team has also been meeting with other key stakeholders for its operations including UNMISS, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the UK embassy.

RUSSIA

Disaster: Flash Flooding

Status: Response Team in county

Aid: 150 ShelterBoxes +50 tents en route to Krasnodar

Torrential rains caused flash floods to sweep across southern Russia, forcing many families to leave their homes and take refuge in trees or on rooftops. Many people were caught unaware of waters pouring into their homes in the middle of the night, resulting in the worst floods the country has ever seen. Thousands of homes in the area have been shown completely submerged. Further reports say that at least 171 people have lost their lives, many being asleep at the time of the disaster.

ShelterBox is working with community and government agencies to help facilitate the rebuilding of communities affected by the devastating floodwaters, enabling families to live in dignity as they rebuild their lives.

At least 150 ShelterBoxes have been earmarked for families whose homes are badly damaged and uninhabitable, ensuring them security of their property and enabling them to commence repair work and start rebuilding their lives.

There are plans for 50 tents to be distributed to volunteers who are engaged in a project to initially clear debris from a river and subsequently work on flood prevention measures. By donating these tents, ShelterBox is allowing volunteers to stay on the ground longer rather than travel back and forth, enabling the work to be completed more quickly.

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Polio National Immunization Days

Have you ever wondered how to go about participating in a National Immunization Day (NID)?

POLIO UPDATE: The latest statistics are available at <http://www.polioeradication.org>

EXPERIENCED RESOURCE: An extremely useful resource is: PDG Ann Lee Hussey Chair, Polio Survivors Rotarian Action Group Cell 603-767-6134 Annlee001@yahoo.com, <http://rotarypoliosurvivors.wordpress.com>. Ann Lee, a Polio Survivor, has been on dozens of Polio Immunization Days



Ann Lee Photo by Helen Penna

MEETING OTHERS WHO ARE GOING:

Regina Rodriguez-Martin at Regina.Rodriguez-Martin@rotary.org is the main point of contact for Rotarians interested in traveling on NIDs. As RI doesn't coordinate any of these trips centrally, Regina works to connect those inquiring with those Rotarians who are already planning visits. Helen Penna, at Helen_Penna@yahoo.com, or 518-858-1333, can put you in contact with several Rotarians from New England who are planning to attend NIDs in Pakistan.

Plus, Helen is planning to volunteer for an NID this Rotary year and she would love for you to join her. Helen took the next photo of Polio drops being administered. Some of you may recognize PDG Shehzad Ahmed who is looking on. Shehzad is from the Rotary Club of Lahore Garrison, Glenville Rotary's sister club. If you ever decide to visit Pakistan, Shehzad will very likely be your host, or will arrange for your host. Shehzad can be reached at rotary@promark.com.



Another Rotarian from our District 7190 who has participated in an NID is Anne Cargile, at annec@nycap.rr.com, or 518-275-7796.

NID COUNTRIES & DATES: The immunization dates are set by the governments, and WHO tracks these dates online at:

http://apps.who.int/immunization_monitoring/en/globalsummary/siacalendar/padvancedsia.cfm. The list of countries and dates is available as follows:

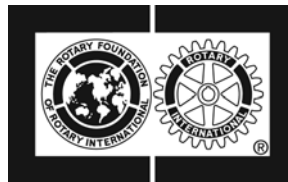
1. Visit web site <http://www.polioeradication.org>
2. Select the INFECTED COUNTRIES tab. This will bring you to a World Health Organization web site.
3. Select the "Interactive Calendar" link under the heading "National Immunization Day calendar"
4. This will open the following options page. Select POLIO from the disease list. The calendar excerpt that follows was created by selecting World, by not selecting a country, by selecting July 2012 to start the calendar, rolling year to end the calendar and "All" for the Supplementary Immunization Activities.

KEY:

- **NID** stands for "National Immunization Day"
- **SNID** stands for a smaller scale "Supplementary National Immunization Day"
- **??** means the date is tentative

SHARING YOUR STORY: A Rotary International contact who can help to provide resources to help you and your group share your Rotary polio eradication story (including sample press release, background, etc.) is Petina Dixon-Jenkins, at Petina.DixonJenkins@rotary.org.

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Dear Rotarian:

On November 8, 2012 Rotary [District](#)7190 will hold its Rotary Foundation Festival and Paul Harris Recognition, ***Spirit of Peace***, at the historic Hall of Springs in Saratoga Springs, New York. The evening will be one of international entertainment, food and fellowship.

Rotary and the Olympics have been called the “two greatest do-it-yourself movements in the world because of their global reach and volunteering spirit.” Building on this long history, the evening celebrates local Olympians and our joint mission of peace and understanding. Watch for more information in The Toolbox and on Rotary7190.org.

This year we offer [Rotarians](#) the opportunity to support our event as a member of the Honorary Committee. To be listed in the Program and The Toolbox as a [Peacekeeper](#) your donation of \$100 or more must be received no later than October 20, 2012.

Special Notes: You may also mail your donation directly to The Rotary Foundation, 14280 Collection Center Dr, Chicago IL 60693 using the proper Donation Form. If you are on the Sustaining Member TRF-Direct automatic deduction plan you will automatically be listed as an Honorary Committee Member.

Remember whatever you send will be fully tax deductible and credited to your Foundation account.

Sincerely,
Anne M. Cargile, PDG

Annual Giving Chair _____

Please send check payable to The Rotary Foundation to Anne Cargile, Foundation Annual Giving Chair, 8 Burning Bush Blvd, Ballston Lake, NY 12019

Name _____ Rotary Club _____

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Rotary International District 7190 presents...

“Spirit of Peace”

Foundation Festival and
Paul Harris Recognition

Welcome Rotary Foundation Chairman
Wilfrid J. Wilkinson,
Rotary International President, 2007-08

Thursday, November 8, 2012 6:30 PM

The Hall of Springs
Saratoga Springs, NY



Exciting International Entertainment

Foods of Many Nations
Meet Our Olympian Friends

Room-block limited number of rooms
Contact Hilton Garden Inn (518) 587-1500

Reserve by October 7th
Code RD7190

Designed by Jessica Hennel

Northville's 4th Annual Woodworking and Fine Art Show



Pictured above: DG Melissa and Northville Rotarians

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