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From the District Governor's Desk...

THE IMPACT OF YESTERDAY'S NEWS HIT ME HARD. AS THE MOTHER OF A TEENAGER, I CAN'T EVEN COMPREHEND THE LOSS THE FAMILIES OF THE SCHEN STUDENTS ARE EXPERIENCING. IT REMINDED ME TO HUG MY DAUGHTER AND BE EVEN MORE THANKFUL FOR HER. IT ALSO REMINDS ME TO NOT TAKE FAMILY FOR GRANTED. WE TEND TO TAKE THOSE CLOSEST TO US FOR GRANTED. WE ASSUME THAT THEY WILL ALWAYS BE THERE - BUT THE RECENT NEWS REMINDS US OF OTHERWISE. ACT ON THAT - MAKE SURE YOU DO SOMETHING FOR THOSE YOU ARE CLOSEST TO THAT REMINDS THEM HOW PROUD YOU ARE OF THEM AND HOW MUCH YOU VALUE HAVING THEM IN YOUR LIFE.

ROTARY'S LONGTIME COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY SERVICE MAKES IT IMPERATIVE FOR ROTARIANS TO ACTIVELY ADDRESS THE CRISIS IN THE FAMILY. CHILDREN ARE THE FUTURE OF THE WORLD. HEALTHY AND HAPPY CHILDREN ARE KEY TO ACHIEVING ROTARY'S GOAL OF BUILDING INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING AND PEACE IN THE WORLD. THERE IS NO BETTER PLACE TO NOURISH A YOUNG MIND THAN IN A FAMILY WHOSE BASIC NEEDS HAVE BEEN MET AND WHO CAN SPEND TIME TOGETHER. REACH OUT TO THE TEENS IN YOUR AREA, START AN INTERACT OR ROTERACT CLUB. CONSIDER SPONSORING A YOUTH EXCHANGE STUDENT TO HELP BOLSTER OUR ROTARY FAMILY.

THIS MONTH, WORK TO BRING TOGETHER MOTHERS, FATHERS, CHILDREN, AUNTS, UNCLES, COUSINS AND GRANDPARENTS WITH MEMBERS OF YOUR ROTARY FAMILY. INVITE THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN ONE OF THE MANY COMMUNITY EVENTS THAT WE PARTICIPATE IN. TAKE THOSE OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE FELLOWSHIP WITH YOUR ROTARY FAMILY WHILE BUILDING OR STRENGTHENING RELATIONSHIPS WITH YOUR FELLOW ROTARIANS.

WINTER MONTHS ARE UPON US, HOLIDAYS ARE DRAWING NEAR... 'TIS THE SEASON FOR GATHERING WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN CELEBRATION OF THIS FESTIVE SEASON. THANKSGIVING HAS PASSED... CHRISTMAS, HANUKKAH, KWANZAA (OR WHICH EVER OTHER DECEMBER HOLIDAY YOU MAY CELEBRATE) AND THE NEW YEAR ARE FAST APPROACHING. I LOOK AROUND AND SEE ALL THE WONDERFUL PROJECTS OUR CLUBS ARE INVOLVED IN, AND I AM SO THANKFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO KNOW EACH OF YOU.

DECEMBER CHALLENGE: INVITE A FAMILY MEMBER TO A ROTARY MEETING OR FUNCTION AND SHARE ROTARY!

ALWAYS YOURS IN SERVICE ~

MELISSA WARD
DISTRICT GOVERNOR 7190

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PEACE THROUGH SERVICE



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DISTRICT EVENTS AT A GLANCE

- **NOW** – GSE Team Leader **NEEDED**
- **December 25th** – **Merry Christmas**
- **May 31st, June 1st & 2nd** – **Multi-District Conference**


CLUB EVENTS AT A GLANCE

- **Now** – **Memory Tree**
Sponsored by Chestertown Rotary
- **Now** – **Christmas Tree Sale**
Sponsored by Ballston Spa Rotary
- **December 2nd** – **Christmas Show**
Sponsored by Latham Rotary
- **December 25th** – **Merry Christmas**

“UNTIL IT’S OVER, OVER THERE”

Christmas Show

With Gary Ferris of WarStory.US



“Until It’s Over, Over There” recreates a World War II home-front radio show in a way reminiscent of Glenn Miller’s “I Sustain the Wings” broadcast or Bob Hope’s show “Command Performances.” The shows include music, letters from soldiers, and period ad spots. In fact, the show was written as though it was the replacement of Capt. Glenn Miller’s show following his deployment to Europe.

Hosted by Rotary Club of Latham, NY

Date: **December 2, 2012**

Menu: **Breakfast Brunch**


Time: **12:00 p.m.**

Place: **Century House, Latham**

Cost: **\$33 per person**

Reserve with any Rotarian or call 518.279.9160

Proceeds benefit Holiday Charitable Programs of Rotary Club of Latham NY



GSE Team Leader NEEDED

Our GSE exchange is with District 4430 in Brazil. We are currently looking for a Rotarian Team Leader. The dates are Saturday, May 11, 2013, returning to Albany, NY on Saturday, June 8, 2013. Unfortunately, our team will not be at our district conference, but the Brazil Team will be here to join us.

If you, or a member of your club are interested, please send an email to Ellen Schafer at eschaefer2@nycap.rr.com and fill out this form http://www.rotary.org/ridocuments/en_pdf/260en.pdf.

The Chestertown Rotary Club’s 2nd Annual Memory Tree

I encourage your participation in this year’s effort to recognize those people, past and present, who have made a positive impact on your life. It is an opportunity to remember them, share their name to those around you and at the same time to bring comfort to needy individuals living in the Chestertown Area.

Our initial effort last year, helped us provide funding to the local food pantries, assist in supplying fuel to those in need during the heating season as well as provide other necessary support to members of the local community.

Take a moment to remember those folks this year by lighting a light on the Chestertown Rotary Club Memory Tree and use their name to help others as they helped you.

If you have any questions or would like additional copies of the application please contact me at john2145@aol.com.

Thank you for your help in this effort.
John Hagmann

Immediate Past President
Chestertown Rotary Club

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Annual Christmas Tree Sale Ballston Spa Rotary Club

For more than 40 years the Ballston Spa Rotary Club’s main fundraiser has been selling quality Christmas trees. As has been the tradition, tree sales will once again begin this year on the day after Thanksgiving in the Curtis Lumber parking lot on Route 67 in Ballston Spa. Trees are sold daily from 10am until 8pm.

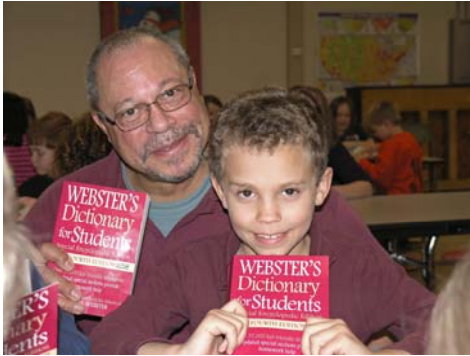
Dark green, long lasting, and fragrant all trees are the very desirable Balsam Fir. The attractively shaped trees range in height from 6 ½ feet to 8 ½ feet and are priced at \$40 or \$45 each. There are also a limited number of taller trees, which are priced higher.

This year the Ballston Spa Rotary Club will also be collecting non-perishable food items and new or gently used coats for the needy.

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Shenendehowa Rotary Celebrates 10th Anniversary of Dictionary Project

Clifton Park - 2012 marks the tenth year that the Shenendehowa Rotary Club has participated in the Dictionary Project. Since 2002, the Rotary Club of Shenendehowa has distributed over 8,000 dictionaries to third grade students in the Shenendehowa School District.



Shenendehowa Rotary President Ed Brown and his grandson Zachary Brown at Chango Elementary

As part of its commitment to improve literacy, Shenendehowa Rotary adopted the Dictionary Project as an ongoing service project. Each fall, members of the Shenendehowa Rotary visit area classrooms to hand out the dictionaries and talk to the children about using their new dictionary. Shenendehowa Rotary President Ed Brown said “I look forward each year to the Dictionary Project. The children are so excited to receive their new dictionary and immediately begin looking up words”.

The goal of the Dictionary Project is to assist all students in becoming good writers, active readers, creative thinkers and resourceful learners by providing them with their own personal dictionary. The Dictionary Project was founded in 1995 in South Carolina by Mary French and since that time over 18 million children have received dictionaries in the United States.

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.



Thank you!

It takes creativity, hard work and cooperation to plan, organize and implement an international festival especially one with so many levels of participation. To all who gave so much time, energy and passion we salute you and appreciate all you do for The Rotary Foundation.

Thanks to our Rotary Torch Relay Dream Team: Organizer Bill Corbett (Albany) Runners Chris Terzian (Albany), John Goralski (Mechanicville), Alexandra Gutelius and Eric Hamilton (Shenendehowa) and Mike Craft (Lake George).

Thanks go out to the many people who helped make the Spirit of Peace Festival a success:

- David and Jessica Hannel..... Graphics
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-Photographer
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- Ed Brown.....A/V
- Mike Popolizio.....Printing
- Pigsaw Productions.....Rotary Relay Video-taping
- Linc Cathers..... The Torch
- Kevin Sykes and the Hall of Springs staff

A Festival Fanfare for Olympians Curt Schreiner, Amy Peterson Peck and Kristen Talbot. You made our evening a true Celebration!

Spirit of Peace Festival Committee

Melissa Ward, DG	Nick George
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Dan Stec, PDG	Jan Strachan
Bill Nathan, PDG	Stephen Williams
Sandy McAlonie	Sue Owens
Arlene Schmidt	Frank Massy, Registrar
Harriet Noble, PDG	Matt Hosek
Chair	

A tip of the hat to those that donated Silent Auction items: Susan Austin, Albany Marriott, Trout House, Nathan Office Supply, Harriet Noble, Ballston Spa National Bank, Rotary Clubs of Shenendehowa, Mechanicville, Northville, No. Lake George.

By Harriet Noble

ShelterBox Update

Even though Hurricane Sandy no longer dominates the news, ShelterBox Response Teams (first responders) are still hard at work supporting those who lost so much in this epic disaster. ShelterBox is deploying aid in the Northeast of the U.S. in addition to having teams in Haiti and Cuba. ShelterBox has distributed more than a thousand blankets in the Far Rockaways and Long Island as well as parts of northern NJ. Our second team worked with Rotary District 7500 to deliver aid along the eastern seaboard of NJ. Thankfully, tented shelter was not needed since sufficient temporary housing and shelters were available. The ShelterBox team met with officials to see what was missing from aid that they were receiving from charities around the nation and it was determined that more blankets, hygiene kits, hats mittens and scarves and other items were still needed. In total, 6,000 people will receive assistance from ShelterBox in the Northeast U.S.

As a Rotary Project Partner, part of ShelterBox's immediate response to Super Storm Sandy was to reach out to the most-impacted districts to check on Rotarians and learn what their communities were experiencing in the wake of the disaster. With the "service above self" ethos very much in their hearts Rotarians have joined forces with ShelterBox to provide shelter, warmth and dignity to vulnerable families in the Northeast United States.

One of the first calls ShelterBox USA leadership placed following Sandy was to District Governor Joan Vas of District 7500. She along with Rotarians from District 7640 were later able to provide ShelterBox with information on impacted communities and anticipated needs.

Joan describes her experiences here: *"For many years, District 7500 has always responded generously to disasters around the world in the form of donations to ShelterBox. I am very pleased to see that in our time of need, ShelterBox responded immediately. To make a call to ShelterBox on Tuesday and to have a team on the ground on Thursday with a significant order*

placed by Friday is amazing. On behalf of all of the Rotarians in the affected regions of Eastern New Jersey of Districts 7500 and 7640, we cannot thank ShelterBox enough!" --District Governor Joan Vas 2012-2013

Many thanks to the Rotary clubs and districts who make contributions to ShelterBox to ensure we have the supplies and trained volunteers needed to immediately respond to the needs of families impacted by disaster. In addition to our efforts in the U.S., ShelterBox is actively distributing aid to Syrian refugees in Iraq, flooding survivors in Uganda and Nigeria, families made homeless by an earthquake in Guatemala and those impacted by Hurricane Sandy in Haiti. To learn more ShelterBox's current activity around the world, please visit: <http://www.shelterboxusa.org/deployments.php>.

As a Rotary Project Partner, we are proud to partner with Rotarians in the field and here at home in America to provide shelter, warmth and dignity to those in their greatest hour of need.

Thank you,

Alan Monroe

ShelterBox USA

Volunteer & Youth Program Manager

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Malta Sunrise Rotary

Malta Sunrise partnering with the town of Malta, the Mbma, HVCC, and Jezreel, International so far to quickly and effectively get needed aid to affected areas in the NYC area due to Hurricane Sandy. Donations and items are now being collected at the Malta Town Hall. We invite other clubs to help also.

If you are interested in participating please contact Larry Levine: 518-522-5283 or llevinepe@gmail.com

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Spirit of Peace Foundation Festival



HOST THE RAIL & WATER TOUR

District 7190 is on the planned route of the fundraising and educational “Rotary Rail & Water Tour 2013.” What is the Tour about? It is about sharing with Rotarians across the USA stories of Rotary’s programs to provide clean water in developing countries and how these efforts deliver sustainable solutions for thousands of people. The goal of the 45-day tour (scheduled for March-April 2013) is to visit 15 Rotary clubs in 15 states and develop partnerships to implement Rotary water projects around the globe.



Central to creating successful, sustainable water projects is the development of talented young professionals to help design and manage these water systems for communities and Rotary clubs around the world. The Rail & Water Tour is an integral part of that educational process. Embarking upon this year’s tour will be 28-year-old Martina Frycova, a Rotaract immediate past president from Pilsen in the Czech Republic (District 2240).

Martina has been in Florida the past year working to develop new water projects for a school and clinic in Afghanistan. She will share her experiences and talk about how your club and district can become a partner in what will be an annual projects briefing tour, bringing in visitors and water projects from around the world.



Martina will cross the entire USA by train from Florida to California and back again, passing through 65 separate Rotary districts and more than 300 AMTRAK stations. She’s looking for 15 special clubs along this expansive journey to serve as hosts for her visits and presentations. So, if your club wants to become part of this innovative water partnership and can send a host Rotarian to a nearby AMTRAK station, then we invite you to send an email to Rail@RotaryWater.org and visit www.RailAndWater.org.

This program is guaranteed to be an incredibly creative American and global Rotary service adventure. All aboard!

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Teens and children are welcome at the rate of \$140 (children under the age of 5 are free)

Please contact Turning Stone directly to make your room reservations 800.771.7711 Ask for Rotary conference rates.

You can register online at www.7190Events.com (Programs & Agenda will be posted soon)

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