

# The Toolb



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## FEBRUARY GOVERNOR'S NOTES

BRRRR... IT HAS BEEN COLD AND MOST PEOPLE ARE HIBERNATING INDOORS. LUCKY FOR ME THERE ARE PLENTY OF ROTARY CLUBS AROUND THAT MEET AT GREAT VENUES FOR ME TO SHARE TIME WITH. SOON, I WILL BE SENDING MY OLDEST DAUGHTER OFF TO NEW ZEALAND FOR HER SPRING SEMESTER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CANTERBURY. WHILE IN SAN DIEGO, I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET THE INCOMING DISTRICT GOVERNOR WHO'S CLUB INCLUDES CHRIST'S CHURCH, WHERE SHE WILL BE STAYING. I HAVE TO SAY, I'VE NEVER FELT SO BLESSED TO BE A ROTARIAN, KNOWING THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO SHE HAS ACCESS TO IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY. NOT ONLY DOES OUR ORGANIZATION DO A TON OF GOOD IN THE WORLD, WE DO A TON OF GOOD FOR EACH OTHER. WE ARE TRULY BROTHERS AND SISTERS SHARING A PASSION FOR HELPING OUR FELLOW HUMAN BEINGS OUT.

AS I AM SURE YOU HAVE HEARD BY NOW, WE LOST RI DIRECTOR, TREASURER (THE FIRST FEMALE TREASURER IN ROTARY), BETSY DEMERAY. BETSY HAD BEEN BATTLING CANCER FOR SOMETIME, AND PUT UP A GOOD FIGHT. BETSY IS ONE OF THE BEST WOMEN I'VE EVER MET. THE STRONG AND SILENT TYPE, AND VERY EASY TO UNDERESTIMATE. HOWEVER, ONCE YOU HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET TO KNOW BETSY, BEHIND THAT EXTERIOR EXISTED A STRONG LEADER, ROLE MODEL AND GIVING HEART. I TRULY FEEL LIKE I'VE LOST A MENTOR.

WE ROTARIANS ARE CELEBRATING WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH. WHAT DO COMES TO MIND OF WHEN YOU THINK OF THE PHRASE "WORLD UNDERSTANDING"?

ROTARY HAS A NUMBER OF OPPORTUNITIES TO GAIN A GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF CULTURES BEYOND OUR OWN.

WE WILL BE CELEBRATING PEACE DAY, FEBRUARY 23RD, WHICH IS ALSO ROTARY'S BIRTHDAY WITH A DISTRICT WIDE BASH HOSTED BY THE CLUBS IN AREA 7.

- ROTARY FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE
- ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE
- ROTARY AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLAR PROGRAM
- ROTARY'S PEACE SCHOLAR PROGRAM
- GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE

WORLD UNDERSTANDING, TO ME, EQUATES TO TOLERANCE AND ACCEPTANCE. THIS IS SOMETHING WE MUST PRACTICE AT HOME AS WELL AS ABROAD. REMEMBER TO CELEBRATE OUR DIFFERENCES.

AT THIS YEARS MULTI-DISTRICT CONFERENCE, WE WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT SOME OF ROTARY'S PROGRAMS AS WELL AS LISTEN TO AREA EXPERTS ON THE ECONOMY AND CHANGES OCCURRING WITHIN OUR AREA. CURRENT TOPICS INCLUDE SUSTAINABILITY, MANAGING GROWTH, AND HOW THE ECONOMY IS IMPACTING VOLUNTEERISM IN GENERAL.

I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AND LEARNING WITH YOU MAY 31-JUNE 2 AT TURNING STONE.

~ MELISSA WARD  
2012-2013 DISTRICT GOVERNOR  
ROTARY DISTRICT 7190

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**PEACE THROUGH SERVICE**

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## DISTRICT EVENTS AT A GLANCE

- February 14th – **Happy Valentine's Day!!!**
- February 23<sup>rd</sup> – **RI Birthday**
- April 6th – **District Assembly**
- May 31<sup>st</sup>, June 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> – **Multi-District Conference**
- June 23<sup>rd</sup>-26th – **RI Convention**

## CLUB EVENTS AT A GLANCE

- February 2nd – **Ziti Dinner** Sponsored by Glenville Rotary
- February 14<sup>th</sup> – **Valentine's Day Dance** Sponsored by Cohoes Rotary
- February 21st – **Bartending for a Cause** Sponsored by Twin Bridges Rotary
- March 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> – **Variety Show** Sponsored by Amsterdam Rotary
- March 16<sup>th</sup> – **St Patrick's Day Party** Sponsored by Northville Rotary
- April 7th – **Pancake Breakfast** Sponsored by Schenectady East Rotary
- April 19th – **Albany Rotary's 100 Birthday!**
- July 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> – **Woodworking & Fine Arts Weekend** Sponsored by Northville Rotary

Glenville Rotary  
presents its annual

### Ziti Dinner

Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Glenville Senior Center  
Worden Rd Glenville, NY

**\$8.00 at the door**  
**\$7.00 in advance**

**4-7:30 pm**

**Dine in or Take out!**

*Entertainment, Prizes & More!!!*

For tickets contact any Glenville Rotarian.  
Contact Krystal Clarke for additional info:  
[krystal.dpt@gmail.com](mailto:krystal.dpt@gmail.com).



## Cohoes Rotary Club presents its Valentine's Day Dinner Dance

February 14, 2013

6-10:00pm

**\$49.95 per person** (Includes tax and service.)

*Full Cash Bar Available*

**The Century House, Latham, NY**

Rt. 9, Latham, NY

(½ mile North of exit 7 of the I-87 Northway)

518-785-0931 [www.TheCenturyHouse.com](http://www.TheCenturyHouse.com)

Hors d'oeuvres, Chocolate fountain, D.J. Jeffery Scott, Dancing, A long stem Red Rose for the ladies, Champagne toast, Photo Booth and Romance!

### Jitterbug and Waltz Dance lesson and Demonstration by Geraldine & Clarence Loppe

Menu:

Century House Salad-mixed field greens with sundried cherry vinaigrette,  
Grilled Salmon Fillet in lemon dill buerre, or Sirloin Steak with a cabernet demi-glace,  
Signature Chocolate Mousse Dessert!

Proceeds go to support the community of Cohoes through the Community Century, Senior Center, Library, Music Hall, Schools, etc.

Tickets can be purchased from a Rotarian or at the Century House.

Contact [Valentine@RotaryClubofCohoes.org](mailto:Valentine@RotaryClubofCohoes.org) with any questions.

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Northville Rotary  
presents its

### St. Patrick's Day Party Saturday, March 16th

**Sport Island Pub**

\$20 includes tax and gratuity

Any questions please contact Sue Owens at  
[sowens26@nycap.rr.com](mailto:sowens26@nycap.rr.com).

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Amsterdam Rotary presents its

**Variety Show**

**March 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>**

This year's show is the

**Hot Rockin' Country Variety Show!**

This is an ever popular event enjoyed by so many patrons throughout the community, and promises to be a great show!

This year all net proceeds will benefit the Inman Senior Center and the Rotary Scholarship Fund. These are outstanding beneficiaries that span the ages and great needs in our community.

**Advance tickets are \$10.00**

**\$6.00 for students**

**and \$12.00 at the show**

**The show starts 7pm**

**at the Amsterdam High School**

Bert DeRose Auditorium

Saratoga Avenue Amsterdam.

Tickets can be purchased from any Amsterdam Rotarian.

For more information or tickets contact Jerri Cortese at 841-7162 or email [cortesej@smha.org](mailto:cortesej@smha.org) or Brent Phetteplace at 441-5473.

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Schenectady East Rotary

presents its *Annual*

**Pancake Breakfast**

**Sunday April 7, 2013**

**Adults \$6.00**

**Children 5-12 \$4.00**

**8:00 am - 12:30 pm**

**ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIAN**

1748 State Street, Schenectady

To Benefit:

Schenectady Inner City Ministry Food Pantry

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Northville Rotary

presents its *5<sup>th</sup> Annual*

**Woodworking and Fine Arts Weekend**

**Bradt Building, Northville**

**Friday July 19<sup>th</sup> 5:30-8:30pm**

**Saturday July 20<sup>th</sup> 9-5pm**

**Sunday July 21<sup>st</sup> 10-3**

**Admission is free**

Any questions please contact Sue Owens at

[sowens26@nycap.rr.com](mailto:sowens26@nycap.rr.com).

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**Hello Fellow Rotarians:**

This is the first in a series of communications regarding the upcoming Rotary International Convention to be held in Lisbon, Portugal from June 23 to 26, 2013. Many of you have registered already. If you have not yet registered, you should do so now while the cost is still discounted (\$315. until March 15 then the price will go up another \$50. to \$365). The site to register at is: [www.riconvention.org](http://www.riconvention.org)

Our Zone is offering a dinner cruise as they have done in past years. The cost is \$70. per person but you will need to register and be placed in the 1st opening plenary session in order to take advantage of this great fellowship event. I will be forwarding more information to those of you that respond that you are interested, or you can go to the Zone website at <http://www.zones28-29.org/> and look under the information for Lisbon area.

I am attending and hope to see many of you there. I will be flying United Airlines out of Albany on June 20 around dinnertime and arriving in Lisbon on the morning of the 21st. The flight costs range from \$1,300. and up.

I am recommending you reserve your hotel in the next few days though as the rooms are going fast (there are plenty of rooms still available). If you would like to stay in the same hotel that some of our District 7190 people are using we are at the: VIP Grand Lisboa Hotel and Spa. Rooms are at 220 Euro (today's conversion shows that 1 US Dollar equals .76 Euro)

For the latest information you can use the following links: [www.riconvention.org](http://www.riconvention.org) (latest program information, airline discounts) I have also attached the Travel Reference Guide for your convenience. More information is available through the Rotary International site under the "Convention" area at <http://rotaryinternational.org> Passports ARE required but VISAs are not for travel to Portugal.

Susan Austin

District 7190

District Governor 2013-14

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## Interact, RYLA & Youth Exchange News District Student Assembly

Interact, RYLA and Youth Exchange Students are invited to attend the District 7190 Student Assembly on February 18, 2013 from 9:00 AM until 3:30 PM at Spare Time, 1668 Route 9, Clifton Park, NY 12065. This is a chance to meet other like minded Students from all over the area. You will have the opportunity to learn more about Rotary, discuss how to better run your club, and foster new friendships with Students from other clubs. Additionally you will have a chance to show the district who's got the best bowlers, yes Bowlers. The day will cost \$5.00 per person. We ask that you come in 5 person teams, however we will put together teams that day.

Each team will bowl 3 games and the total point winner will be announced at the end of the day. With your admission you get three games, bowling shoe rental, lunch, and snacks. Registration will be at Spare Time the morning of the Assembly I hope every club and every group is represented at the Assembly.

### Presidential Citation

Last year we had three Interact clubs in District 7190 that received Rotary International Presidential Citation. To earn this distinction for your Interact by downloading a nomination form from the Rotary International website. Complete the form and ask your sponsoring Rotary club president for a signature. Then send it on to District Governor Melissa Ward, melissa@newward.com, or 280 Thimbleberry Road, Ballston Spa, NY 12020. Presentations were made at the District Conference last year.

### Interact Day at the Great Escape

Reward your Interact Club Members for a job well done this past year. Purchase them an early pass to the Great Escape. June 15 Interact Day at the Great Escape: we will enjoy all the rides and the Splashwater Kingdom with a break for lunch and a short District Interact business meeting. The Southern Saratoga Interact has Coasters for a Cause tickets for use by Interact members only for \$20 (plus tax). For friends, family, and others the cost is \$25 (plus tax). There is an additional cost for lunch. Contact District Interact Chair Eric Hamilton at 518-371-7548 for details on Coasters for a Cause.

Thank you for all you do to change and save lives within the family of Rotary, within your community, within the District and throughout the world. Interact are our leaders today.

Sincerely,

Eric J. Hamilton District 7190 Interact

## Multi-District Conference May 31-June 2, 2013 Turning Stone Resort and Casino

### What is a House of Friendship?

The House of Friendship is the cornerstone of any convention. It's where you meet other Rotarians and learn more about projects that are important to individual clubs. By participating in the House of Friendship, you give your fellow Rotarians the opportunity to learn more about your project.

Imagine stepping into a room and seeing a Shelter Box set up? Doesn't that help people understand how vital they are?

Touch, feel, look at a Water Filter system that has been used in scores of places throughout the planet. This is an up close and personal opportunity to learn more or even get involved with projects that have real impact.

Involved in Coats for Kids? Show us! Purple Pinkies? Bring it! Create a tri-fold of what matters to you. Bring photos, flyers and generate interest or just teach others about what you know.

Does your club have a project that is near and dear to your heart? Would you like to increase the exposure of that project, perhaps, get other clubs involved and expand it? Set up a booth at the House of Friendship and share your passion with fellow Rotarians.

Booths are free to Rotary Clubs. You can share the things that are most important to you, thereby making the House of Friendship what you want it to be.

The House of Friendship will also have vendors, where you can buy Rotary themed clothing and other items. We are considering opening up the House of Friendship to other Vendors as well, those that have something of value to share with Rotary members or have a means of benefiting your club in some way.

The House of Friendship is also a place to play, gather and enjoy fellowship. What can you build with a table full of legos? Have a card game, get some snacks and enjoy each others company.

To put it simply - The House of Friendship is about Friendship.

Want to share or learn more? Register for the Multi-District Convention here:  
<http://7190events.com/multi-district-conference-may-31-june-2/>

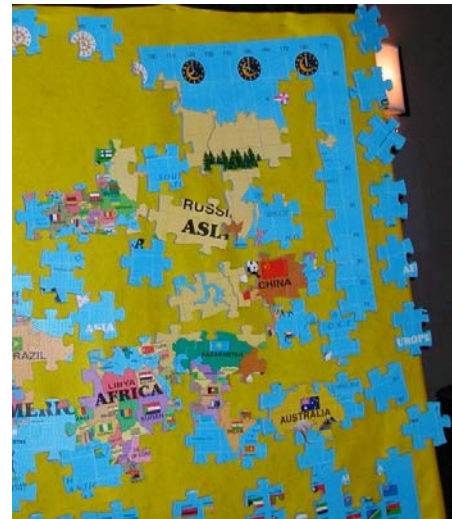
~ DG Melissa

## Why is PETS (President Elect Training Series) Important?

During PETS incoming president learn about the nuts and bolts of running a Rotary Club. More importantly, the incoming presidents learn how to be effective leaders.

Through a series of workshops and seminars, the future club leaders have the opportunity to interact with exiting leaders, and better yet, each other. It's important for clubs to understand that they do not have to do everything alone. By building friendships with other leaders, clubs increase their effectiveness and impact on the community at large.

Team exercises help members get to know each other and how they can best work together.



During Dinner at last years PETS, everyone in the room was given a puzzle piece - we ALL had to figure out how it went together.



Want to learn more? Check out the videos of what past attendees had to say by clicking here <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Empire-Multi-District-PETS/343194832390634>

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### *A Sunny Reminder from your Editor:*

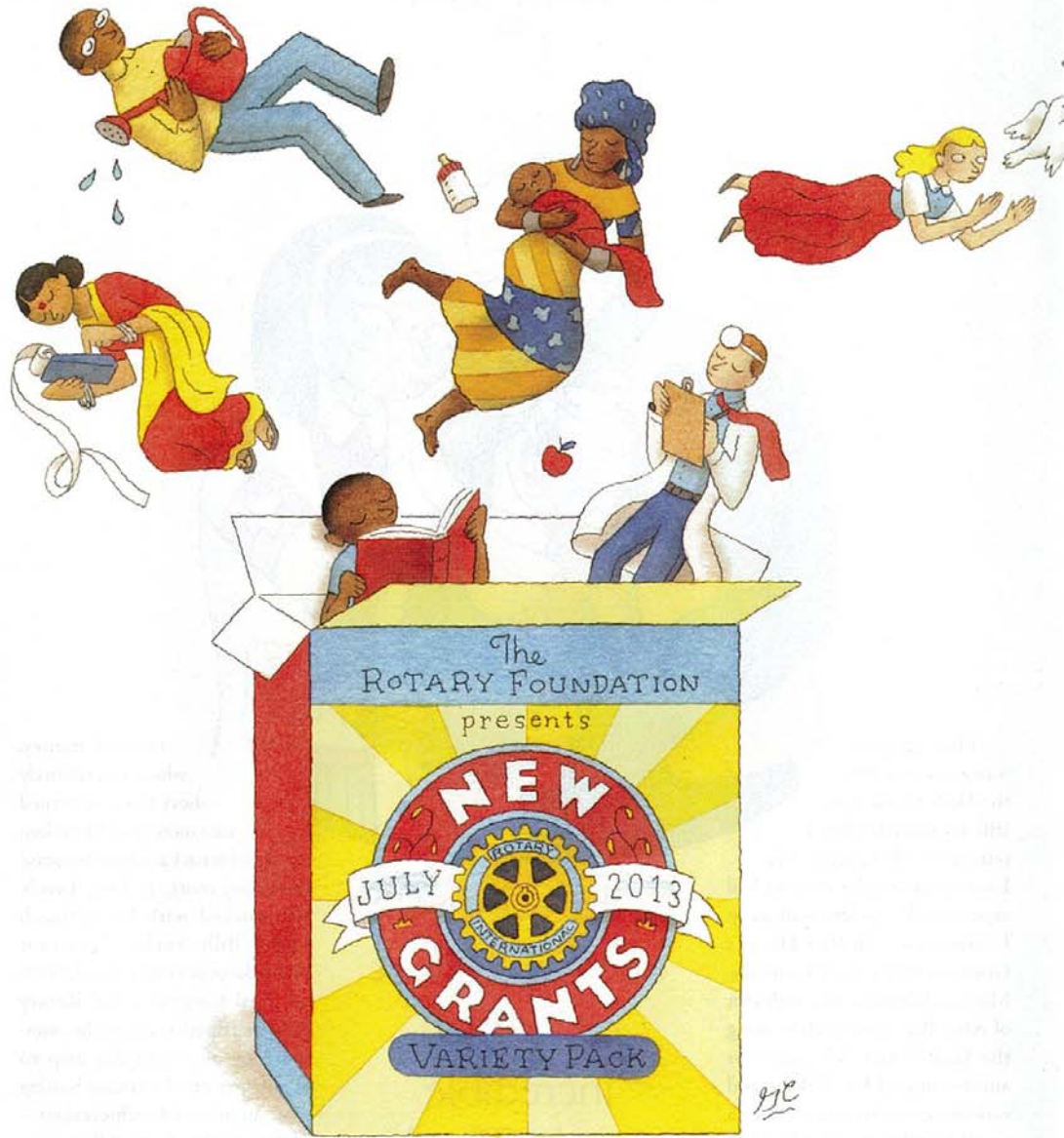
As of February 1<sup>st</sup>, there are only 48 days 'til spring!

*To help you get to that point...*  
...remember the days are getting longer and before you know it you'll be out mowing the lawn and weeding the garden desperately trying to keep up.

Now, curling up with a cup of something warm and staying put doesn't sound so bad, does it?

*Everything is relative.* ☺

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## Introducing Rotary's new grant model

Future Vision has all the tools you need to change the world. The new grants will equip clubs to deliver lasting assistance to communities around the globe, with a focus on the most critical issues: water and sanitation, peace and conflict prevention/resolution, maternal and child health, disease prevention and treatment, basic education and literacy, and economic and community development.

*Available to clubs everywhere 1 July 2013*

*[www.rotary.org/futurevision](http://www.rotary.org/futurevision)*

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Ballston Spa, NY 12020

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MAY 31- JUNE 2

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The Conference opens Friday with an optional Golf outing from 11 am to 4 pm at Turning Stone's Premier Golf Course: \$115.

The Conference will begin with dinner Friday night and concludes after Breakfast on Sunday. Conference price includes: Dinner Friday, Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Saturday and Sunday Breakfast

Single registrations: \$175 until to February 1st, \$200 by May 1st and \$225 thereafter.

Buy two and SAVE : \$325 until February 1st, \$375 by May 1st and \$425 thereafter.

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](http://www.7190Events.com) (Programs & Agenda will be posted soon)

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