

The Toolb



Barb Wyllie ~ Editor

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From the Governor's Chair

Welcome to a new Rotary Year!

It's hard to believe that over 2 years of planning and team meetings is finally coming into fruition. I hope that you are as excited as I am. I've had the opportunity to visit with many of you already, and I am looking forward to more fun and fellowship as the year moves forward.

I've been doing a lot of speaking on *Sharing your Rotary Story* at neighboring districts and the International Convention. It is my hope that if you have not yet had a Rotary moment you feel compelled to share with your friends and family, that you have one this year. A Rotary moment does not have to be a HUGE experience, it can be quite small. It's a moment that touches your heart in a way that helps you to remember why you joined Rotary.

I see my job this year as being here to serve you, the members, and your clubs. While we certainly have a lot going on from the "district level" it's meaningless if the membership is not involved. I hope that the programs, events and trainings we've been planning spark excitement and offer you an opportunity to be involved in Rotary in a way that is meaningful to you. Share what you are passionate about, and let's see how we can flame that passion into action. That's why we're here.

Because there is only one of me and about 1300 of you, I will predominantly be using the Website and email to reach out. Keep your eye on the web site for event dates and the most recent information on all of our programs and projects.

First, I'd like to introduce you to your AG's. These are key team players who are there to help me help you. Our mission is to assist you to meet the goals you have set forth for this year.

Area 1 - Warren County Tammy Heckenberg (Lake George)

- Chestertown
- Glens Falls
- Lake George
- North Creek
- Northern Lake George

Area 2 - Fulton/Montgomery Counties

Jeanne So (Amsterdam)

- Amsterdam
- Glove Cities
- Northville

Area 3 - North Saratoga County Stephen Heidorn (Saratoga Springs)

- Corinth
- Racing City
- Saratoga Springs
- South Glens Falls
- Turning Point
- Wilton

Area 4 - Washington County Robert Spratt (Glens Falls)

- Fort Ann
- Granville
- Hudson Falls
- Salem

Area 5 - South Saratoga County Cynthia Amell (Scotia)

- Ballston Spa
- Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake
- Malta Sunrise
- Mechanicville
- Shenendehowa
- Twin Bridges

Area 6 - Schoharie County Thomas Lawrence (Schenectady East)

- Cobleskill
- Middleburgh
- Sharon Springs
- E-club of Northeast USA (pending charter)

Area 7 - Schenectady County Francesco Pecoraro (Rotterdam Sunrise)

- Glenville
- Niskayuna
- Rotterdam Sunrise
- Schenectady
- Schenectady East
- Scotia

Area 8 - Rensselaer/Albany Counties Karen Bristol (Twin Bridges)

- Cohoes
- Lansingburgh
- Latham
- Southern Rensselaer

9 - South Capital Region Victoria Plotsky (Delmar)

- Albany
- Colonie-Guilderland
- Delmar
- Hudson Shores

Invite them to your events, fundraisers and service projects. They are a huge asset to both your clubs and me.

Events:

Everybody loves having a good time, and boy do we have some BIG plans ahead...

First up is the **Celebration of Heroes** on July 13th at 6pm at the Saratoga Hilton. This is our kickoff to the new year and what better way to start then by thanking the organizations we have partnered with throughout the years and inviting them to an evening of fun, food, music with a little contest thrown in. The organizations have a chance to win \$1000, \$500 or \$250 – please visit www.celebrationofheroes.org for all the details and to register (or mail in the registration form found on page 9.)

Spirit of Peace, our Foundation Gala will be November 8th at the Hall of Springs. **Past RI President Wilf Wilkinson (2007-2008) will be our honored guest at this foundation event.** An evening of international delights and celebrating team work, as personified by the Olympics, is planned. In honor of the Olympics' Greek roots, tasteful togas are optional. See Chairman Pepi Nobel's article here in the toolbox and watch for the passing of the torch throughout the district.

We will end the year with a **Celebration of Peace** with our **Multi-District Conference** at Turning Stone Resort and Casino on May 31, June 1 & 2, 2013. Thus far there are 2 districts, we are waiting to hear from a third (which would make it a multi-zone conference as well).

Programs:

Our **GSE** team exchange is with Brazil this year, District 4430. The incoming team is expected in Spring of 2013 and our Team will be in Brazil around the same time. Our hope is that both teams will be able to join both District Conferences. GSE Chair Ellen Schafer of Schenendahowa is working her magic with her counterpart in Brazil to make this an amazing adventure for participants. We will be accepting applications for Team Leader in the very near future.

Ambassadorial Scholars – The oldest and most well known program in Rotary will be head up by Chair CG Frink from the Albany Club. The program sponsors several types of scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students as well as for qualified professionals pursuing vocational studies. While abroad, scholars serve as goodwill ambassadors to the host country and give presentations about their homelands to Rotary clubs and other groups.

New Generations Chair Dan Graves, from the Wilton Club, has put together an active and enthusiastic team to head up our Youth Programs this year. There is a lot happening, and there are plans to get all the program attendees to participate in programs together several times throughout the year.

Youth Exchange – this program has been revamped and expanded to multiple committee members being lead by Suzanna Bernd of the Glens Falls Club. The application process for 2013-2014 students will begin soon. This is by far the most exciting and life enhancing program that Rotary has to offer. High School students have the rare opportunity to spend a school year abroad and increase their understanding of the world at large. Conversely there are many local families who have hosted students and became so close, they maintain those relationships for years. To me, it's programs like this that are the cornerstone of the Rotary experience.

RYLA – Nick George (Hudson Falls) is currently seeking applications for RYLA students. RYLA participants are High School Juniors who wish to further their skills in leadership and citizenship, through personal growth. Here's what one RYLA graduate had to share about the program " "***The unique format of monthly meetings allows us to apply the things we have learned and also share progress on our individual activities. Unlike many seminars we use the skills we learn in games and team building exercises that enhance and reinforce our learning.***" – B. Thomas". If your club has not sponsored a RYLA student yet, you are missing out on something big. This is a rewarding program that you definitely want to be involved with.

Interact being lead by Eric Hamilton (Schenendahowa Club) once again. This vibrant High School program is expanding into other school districts. We've had a great deal of activity over this past year, and it's only getting better. If your club is interested in sponsoring an Interact Club (co-sponsoring is a great option too) let Eric know.

Roteract has exploded into the spotlight this year with an active and enthusiastic group at Schenectady County Community College. We are looking at some fun-filled joint events, so keep your eye on these fabulous folks.

Our **Early Act** program is an active program at Mother Teresa's academy in Clifton Park. If you are interested in sponsoring an Early Act program in your area, let Dan Graves know.

Trainings:

RLI – Rotary Leadership Institute is scheduled for October 20th at Sienna College. Attending RLI will give you insights on how Rotary works, and how we can help make it better. It is a very informative program that I highly recommend. I plan on attending the graduate program this year (one should never stop learning).

PETS – headed up by Nick George and his amazing training team, this program is designed to give incoming Presidents both more Rotary knowledge as well as build upon their leadership skills. It has come a long way in the last few years, so even if you are going to be president for the 3rd time, it is well worth attending.

Future Visions: As you may have heard, the Foundation and grant process is under going an overhaul next year (2013-2014). To be in the know, clubs are invited to participate in Future Visions trainings. Grant applications in 2013 and forward will only be accepted by clubs who have attending the trainings and have the proper team in place. Tammy Heckenberg from Lake George is heading up the transition and will be Foundation Chair under Sue Austin next year.

No article on Rotary would be complete without talking about the Rotary Foundation (TRF). The foundation is the tool by which we make *magic*. Whether you have a project in your own backyard or a passion to make a difference across the globe, TRF is the means to use to get it done. By supporting the foundation you support the great work we do. By utilizing Rotary Grants, you have the ability to increase your impact on the local and international community. Have an idea? Bring it on! Grants Chair Bill Corbet of the Albany Club is waiting to help you help the world.

As you can see there is a lot going on this upcoming year. I hope that one of the above items begs you to get involved or at least makes your curious enough to take a closer look. We, as a district, succeed only when the individual clubs succeed. I am

looking forward to working with you to assist you in your club's success and personal fulfillment.

Melissa Ward, Twin Bridges Rotary Club.

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The District Governor visits are scheduled as follows:

- **July 12** – 12:00 pm Stockade Inn:
Schenectady Club
- **July 16** - 6:15 pm Ballston Town Hall
Burnt Hills: **All Area 5 clubs - Ballston Spa, Burnt Hills/Ballston Lake, Malta Sunrise, Mechanicville, Shenendehowa, Twin Bridges**
- **July 19** - Sharon Springs
- **July 25** - 7:15 am Hibernian Hall,
Schenectady: **Schenectady East, Colonie-Guilderland, Niskayuna, Rotterdam Sunrise**
- **July 25** - 7:15am Mc Lane's Restaurant:
Rotterdam Sunrise
- 12:15pm Century House Latham:
Albany, Cohoes, Latham
- **July 31** – 6pm, Saratoga Brew Pub:
Wilton, Turning Stone
- **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 (Melissa@rotary7190.org) 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

- July 13th – Celebration of Heroes
- 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

- July 20th, 21st, 22nd – Woodworking & Fine Arts Show Sponsored by Northville 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

District Event: Celebration of Heroes Friday July 13th Saratoga Hilton

What better way to start the new Rotary year than with a Thank You! Join us on July 13, 2012 at the Hilton in Saratoga Springs to thank the organizations we have partnered with throughout our history. Join us for music, dinner, dancing and celebrating all that we do for our local and international community. Complete the registration form below or register online at <http://celebrationofheroes.org>.

Or use the registration form on page 8.

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Northville Rotary presents its Fourth Annual

Woodworking & Fine Arts Show

Friday July 20th 6-9pm
Sat July 21st 9-6pm
Sun July 22nd 10-3pm
at the Bradt Building
on Main Street in Northville

There will be over 40 artists including woodworkers, painters, jewelers, photographers, weavers, sculptors, potters, and many more. Admission is free. Food will be available for purchase. For more information go to our website NorthvilleRotary.com

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

At the Joe Bruno Stadium at HVCC

Tickets: \$11.50 each

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

More info to follow

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

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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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Glenville Rotary's Installation

On Tuesday, June 26th, Glenville Rotary celebrated the changing of the guard with an Installation Dinner at the Water's Edge Lighthouse Restaurant in Glenville.

President Barb Wyllie was thanked for her year of service, and Paul Borisenko was sworn in as president.

Garry Packer was awarded Glenville's prestigious Rotarian of the Year Award.

Rick Siciliano received a Paul Harris Award. (Kristen & David Cameron each received a Paul Harris Award at the following club meeting.)

Two Normandy veterans were recognized for their military service capping President Barb's focus this year on the Appreciation & Recognition of our Veterans & Troops.



From left: Normandy Veterans Joe Ross & Fred Muscanella w/ their wives, and Rotarians Alan Holet, President Barb, and Frank Quinn.

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Amsterdam Rotary's Longevity

Amsterdam Rotary has three long standing members, each with over 40 years of continuous service in their club!

Phillip T. Cortese MD, Retired Physician
 Paul Harris Fellow

Peter Capabianco, Healthcare Administration
 Paul Harris Fellow

James Martin Jr., Insurance
 Paul Harris Fellow

Rotary and the Olympics: Keepers of the Flame

Citius, altius, fortius - Swifter, higher, stronger. The Olympic motto embodies the pursuit of excellence with no thought of reward. Like Rotary, helping others is as rewarding as the thrill of the finish line. Rotarians and Olympians are torchbearers of international goodwill and understanding.*

The Rotary- Olympic legacy goes back many years. In fact, the postage stamp commemorating Rotary's 50th anniversary in 1955 features the Rotary Wheel and the Olympic torch superimposed over the world. Many Rotarians have been Olympians and many Olympians have become Rotarians. Thousands of Rotarians volunteer at the Olympics, both summer and winter games.

Frank King, Calgary Rotarian and chief executive of the 1988 Olympic Games calls Rotary and the Olympics "two great do-it-yourself movements in the world" because of their global reach and volunteering spirit.*

On November 8th, the District 7190 Rotary Foundation event, *Spirit of Peace*, will celebrate this unique history with an international festival of entertainment, foods, and an opportunity to meet local Olympians. Stay tuned for more information

Although it may be too late to volunteer at the summer games in London, if you are interested in volunteering at the 2013 Karzan Summer Universiade games or the 2014 Sochi Winter Olympics in Russia, check out <https://www.makeureal.kazan2013.com/>. This volunteer training forum will be facilitated by the Rotaract Moscow-East Club.

* info from an article in *The Rotarian* magazine.

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Former Member Rejoins...

Rotterdam Sunrise Rotary is pleased to welcome back a former member of the club. Steven Tommasone is a former Town of Rotterdam Supervisor and was an active member of the club. Steve is now a Financial Consultant for Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

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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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Amsterdam Rotary's Installation and Awards Event

On Wednesday June 20th, 2012 the Amsterdam Rotary Club held its annual Installation and Awards banquet at the Raindancer Restaurant in Perth. We honored our outgoing President Dennis Wilson, and the gavel and was turned over to incoming Presidents Lesley Lanzi and Jerri Cortese.

The Citizen of the Year for 2012 was Mr. Robert Fetterly of Amsterdam. Robert has been a role model citizen in Montgomery County with numerous contributions. Bob has served on the Board of Directors for the Montgomery County Heart Association, President of the Irish American Club, Montgomery County Industrial Development Agency Chairman, Amsterdam Waterfront Foundation Board, Amsterdam School Board, Liberty Enterprises Board of Directors, Amsterdam Urban Renewal, Amsterdam Family YMCA, and the President of the Amsterdam PTA. Bob has also coached numerous basketball, softball, and assisted on several sports booster clubs. Bob has been married for 40 years to his high school sweetheart Darlene Fetterly. Congratulations again to Bob and well deserved!

The student of the Year went to Alexa Mancini of Fonda. Alexa is a 2012 graduate of Fonda Fultonville Central School. Alexa has a GPA of 96, and is seventh in her graduating class. She has been active in volleyball, the drama club, and the National Honor Society. She will be attending Boston University in the fall and studying communications. She is the daughter of John and Donna Mancini of Fonda.

The Sok Nam Ko Rotarian of the Year went to Brent Phetteplace of Hagaman. Brent has been active in the club since 1997 and currently serves on the clubs board of directors. Brent has helped in the club's annual fundraisers, the Adopt A Highway projects, and has helped in the club's public relations. Brent has served on the Amsterdam Memorial Hospital Enterprise Board, and the Memorial Hospital Board of directors. He is a current trustee at St. Mary's Hospital, and he serves on the Town of Amsterdam Board of Assessment Review. He has been active in Cub Scout Pack 101 of Amsterdam. He is married to Deborah Slezak esq and has three children, Sam, Kate, and Luke.



Elaine Ko Tallmadge presenting Brent Phetteplace with the Sok Nam Ko Rotarian of the year Award



Outgoing President Dennis Wilson being presented his award by incoming Presidents Lesley Lanzi and Jerri Cortese



Memories Are Made of This

Although Dean Martin was singing about romantic memories and this article is about institutional memories there are a few lines that apply to both: "stir carefully through the days, see how the flavor stays, these are the dreams you'll savor."

But how is your club saving these Rotary memories so you and others can enjoy them later? Are they in shoeboxes, file folders, piled in someone's garage or, as someone mentioned to me, in the trunk of the president's car?

Is it time to start archiving your records and significant documents? Records held in an archive tell the story of your organization's work and the people involved and give insight into what's going on in a community.

In an article in the January 2009 *Rotarian* magazine, author Diana Schoberg suggests several ways to get started: keep any records related to your club's chartering, meeting minutes, newsletters, photos, legal, financial and administrative documents like your 990 and club bylaws.

It may take a group of people to sort all your documents but it can be a fun-filled and interesting time - at a club assembly or a coffee get-together at someone's home.

I just reviewed some of my club's history from 1947 and discovered that the trees we planted in the community park were dedicated to the young men from Mechanicville killed during WWII. Now we can try to find the bronze plaques with the names of those soldiers.

I'm new to this Historian position but willing to share what I've discovered with your club. Just give me a call or email me.

Next Toolbox I'll write about WHERE to store your memories.

Harriet B. Noble
Historian D7190

Memorial Day Observation

By David Hitchcock

On Monday, May 28th the Glenville club put in their annual Memorial Day Observation at the Schenectady County Veterans Memorial Park. The event was organized by David Hitchcock and emceed by President Barbara Wyllie. The event featured two speakers one of which is Glenville Rotarian. The speakers were, Captain Trip Powell, Commander, Northern NY, Naval Militia and Rotarian Chris Koetzle, Glenville Town Supervisor. Another Glenville Rotarian, Director Ed Culhane read an inspirational patriotic poem. The event also featured a flyover by a vintage North American P28 airplane, a wreath laying ceremony, and participation by local veterans groups, civic groups, and youth groups including the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Scotia-Glenville High School students. It was a beautiful day and well received by everyone in attendance. Dave wants to thank Club President Barb Wyllie, and Past Presidents Beth Gregory and Dave Hennel for their tremendous help in making the event a success, and all Rotarians who showed their support.



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Photo by Alan Holet

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 accumulation is an issue. Thank you.

Coach Kalekeni Banda Changes Lives in Malawi

Catch new Glenville Rotarian Keni Banda's interview on Cable TV on the Wednesday, July 24th broadcast from Proctor's Theater in Schenectady, NY.

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/ServiceAndFellowship/MakeConnections/ProjectLINK/Pages/ridefault.aspx>. Visit <http://www.rotary.org>.

Do you know the difference between the...

District Assembly and District Conference?

The **District Assembly** consists of training the sessions for Presidents-Elect and their team of officers & club members.

The **District Conference** is the celebration of the year that's coming to an end.

by PDG Bill Nathan

Message from your Editor

Greetings Rotarians in District 7190!

It is an honor to continue serving as the Editor of the Toolbox for District 7190.

Please continue to send in the news, events, and commentary of your club's happenings to me at thetoolbox7190@gmail.com. I love to share your good news and great ideas.

Yours in Rotary service,

Barb Wyllie, Editor

Vice President, Gift of Life 7190

Immediate Past President, Glenville Rotary

Celebration of Heroes Registration:

Make checks payable to Rotary District 7190

Friday July 13, 2012 6 pm – 10pm
Saratoga Hilton on Broadway in Saratoga Springs

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone # & Email: _____

Club: _____

\$45 per person: _____ Number of attendees: _____ Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Please complete and mail to:

Celebration of Heroes
c/o Melissa Ward
280 Thimbleberry Road
Ballston Spa, NY 12020

Any questions please email Melissa@Rotary7190.org
Cocktail Attire is suggested

You can also register online at: www.celebrationofheroes.org

Program Sponsor: This event is open to the public.

Advertise your business to over 300 local business owners and not for profit organizations for \$250.

You will receive a business card size ad in the event program and 2 tickets to the event

I have enclosed my business card and a check for \$250 payable to **Rotary District 7190** for program sponsorship. The names of the 2 attendees is above.

Welcome DG Melissa Ward 2012-13



District 7190

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