

# The Toolbox



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## Welcome DG Milan Jackson!

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### From the Governor's Desk

The Rotary year is about to close and another to come. We are all involved in a number of our club activities and we hopefully have made our communities a better place to live. We have had some very interesting events to look back upon this last year; the Valley Cat's game last August - saluting our Rotarians of the Year; UN Day in New York City to join fellow Rotarians around the world; the Polar Plunge in Lake George on 1 Jan 2015 to raise money for Polio; the River Rats Hockey game celebrating our Rotary birthday; Elvis Night with the Mechanicville Club – fun, fun, fun; Trivia Night with the Granville Club (I'm not as smart as I thought I was); and Woodworking and Fine Arts Weekend with the Northville Club, to mention just a few. All of these events did not happen by accident. There was a lot of planning that went into each one to make them successful. We all should thank our fellow members, club officers, district officers, Assistant Governors and DG Dave Hennel for making these events happen and for a wonderful year - a year where we "lite Up Rotary."

Those opportunities to continue this good work in our communities are still there. You can find out about some of them and what is happening around the district by going to the District 7190 web site - <http://www.rotary7190.org/> - scroll down to UpComing Events and there it is – many of the events happening around the district. Then you can go back up to the top of the page, hit Club Tools, then calendar, and you will see even more of what is going on in our "neck of the woods."

Remember, so that other people know what your club is doing, and so that you can get involved with some other projects, get your club activities in the ToolBox - Barb Wyllie, editor, does a great job keeping this up to date. Please compliment her anytime you see her and you can also compliment her by using the site.

It is an honor to serve you, while you are serving our communities – Service Above Self – that's us. Our

new Rotary International President K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran also put it another way – Be A Gift To The World. We already are. Keep it up. Have a great month and a fantastic summer.

DG Milan

## DISTRICT EVENTS AT A GLANCE

- **August 13<sup>th</sup> – Valley Cats 'Rotarian of the Year' Recognition Night**
- **September 17<sup>th</sup> – Gift of Life Golf & Bocce Tournament** *p 2*
- **October 17<sup>th</sup> – Rotary Leadership Institute** at Siena College
- **November 19<sup>th</sup> – Foundation Dinner** at Stratton Air National Guard Base (ANGB)
- **January 1<sup>st</sup> – Polar Plunge** *p 2, 7*

## CLUB EVENTS AT A GLANCE

- **July 12<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> - Summer Concerts** Sponsored by Corinth Rotary *p 1*
- **July 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> - Woodworking & Fine Arts Weekend** Sponsored by Northville Rotary *p 2, 4*
- **July 27<sup>th</sup> - Day at the Races** Sponsored by Racing City Rotary *p 2*
- **Oct 24<sup>th</sup> - Elvis Concert** Sponsored by Mechanicville Rotary *p 2*

The Corinth Rotary Club presents

### Summer Concerts in Pagenstecher Park Sunday afternoons 2-5pm

(Bring a lawn chair and friends to enjoy the music and beautiful scenery.)

**July 12 • Unforgiven** featuring Mike Meneely

**July 26 • Tailspin** featuring Jeff Bovee

**August 23 • Rattlesnake**

Enjoy hot dogs on the grill, along with refreshments and raffle tickets for sale to support the Rotary Club and its projects. You can also purchase your ad for this year's Rotary Calendar.

Friend us on Facebook or, stop in at a meeting: Thursdays at the Village Café, Palmer Ave @ 1pm.

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Northville Rotary presents its annual

A great weekend to visit historic Northville on Great Sacandaga Lake

# Woodworking and Fine Arts Weekend

2015 7th Annual July 17 • Preview Sale • Friday 5-8  
Meet the Artists • All Invited!  
Saturday 9-5 July 18 & July 19 Sunday 10-3

50 Exhibits Indoor & Outdoor  
Gary Stoller  
Wilfred Charbonneau Jr.  
Featured Artists

Town Hall & Park • South Main Street • Northville, NY

A Community Service project of Northville Rotary Northville, NY 12124-0812  
Demonstrations Food • Music • Raffles  
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Additional information can be found on page 4.



Racing City Rotary presents its 3rd Annual  
**Saratoga Race Day at the Races**  
Not a fundraiser, just a day of fun and fellowship.

**Monday, July 27, 2015**  
(Rain date Monday, August 3rd)

**Racetrack Grandstand admission /\$5pp**

We will reserve picnic tables early that morning in the "Backyard" area. Gates open to the public at 11am. **Please let us know who will be attending.** Food court and vendors are available or bring your own. Coolers & easy-ups are permitted. No glass allowed. **Friends and family welcome!**

Contact: Tom Curley, President —th49cu@aol.com



**SAVE the Date**

16<sup>th</sup> Annual

**Gift of Life**

**Golf & Bocce Tournament**

**Thursday September 17, 2015**

**Mohawk River Country Club**

Rexford, NY

**Golf - \$125**

**Bocce - \$65**

**Dinner only - \$40**



**Save the Date!**

Mechanicville Rotary presents its 6<sup>th</sup> Annual

**Elvis Concert**

**Saturday, October 24, 2015**

**Stillwater Community Center**



**Save the Date!!!**

**District 7190 Polar Plunge**

**January 1, 2016**

*See page 6 for additional information.*



## A Note from Coach Banda



As I write this note I am in the process of preparing for another trip to Malawi to deliver our third container of school supplies and sports equipment to Malawi Schools. I am pleased to be joined on my mission with our board member Brian Wilcox and his family, who have donated the funds to ship the container. I have been blessed with friends like Brian who have stepped up with their generosity to support my vision of serving the children of Malawi. Our last container was sponsored by my fellow Rotarian Chris Trow, a board member and who is also my host family while I am in the US, his contribution and hospitality has allowed me to realize the dream of moving the mission forward. All this could not have been possible without the first container that set up the start of the vision to come true. The first container was sponsored by the funds from the Jack Brewer Foundation and was initiated by Hon. Mrs. Joyce Banda, former President of Malawi, who serves as a role model for social justice and empowering children, girls and women.

The truth about CHITUKA VILLAGE PROJECT-I am a product of Chituka village, I grew up and went to school in rural Chituka village, with no pipe-running water and electricity and we used to sleep on dirt floors on a mat and sharing a blanket with other siblings. Sharing was and is the way of life in the villages. During my formative years in the 50's our house was the center of attraction for our relatives and therefore as children we always shared meals,

clothing and a place to sleep with other children in the village. Even today in 2015 there is no electricity and pipe-running water in Chituka Village.

My parents, Albert John Mtalika Banda and Jean Wanyuma Manda served as community organizers and leaders in our village and district. They were political activists during the British Colonial period. My father represented our district and region in the first Malawi Parliament after gaining independence from the British. My parents recognized early in their lives the importance of education and did their best to gain basic education during the time when the British did not support education for the Africans. As the third born of five children, two sisters and three brothers, I was fortunate to have a brother and sister I could look up to for inspiration and role model for my education. Traditionally, our culture groomed young men to be the leaders of the village and the household while girls were expected to get married as soon as they reached puberty and play the role of second class citizen or submissive partner to the husband. Sad to say this practice is still practiced today as many girls are forced into early marriages and drop out of school or do not attend school. I remember watching potential suitors in the village try to gain favor with my parents to marry my sisters. Thankfully it did not happen to my sisters as they would not allow their daughters to be less than who they were without education.

Mom and Dad passed away in early 90's and it is during their funerals that my vision of Chituka Village Project came to be. I wanted their legacy to continue as service to the community at large and the country. So, remembering my childhood moments gave me the idea of giving back to the children of the villages in rural Malawi. The Banda Bola Sports Foundation Girls and Boys Scholastic Soccer League is a life changer in the lives of children. It is allowing girls to participate in a sport that boys play and attend school as equals. Its motto is sports for education and empowering the girls.

Faithfully!

Coach Banda

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## District 7190 Schoharie Work Day Follow-up

After a very successful information seminar back in April our members kept it rolling with a great turnout for the District 7190 Schoharie Work Day before the District Conference. All our "Handymen and Women" dove right in and helped on the numerous projects in conjunction with the folks from SALT. We all had a great time and are honored to be able to help.

Thanks to the following members (and spouses) that participated: Catherine & Jay Spaneas, Pete & Joanne Champagne, Donna Dardaris, Harry Armer, Ray Otten, Jason Armer, John & Vickie Cromie, and Doug & Lisa Ford.

Our former Club President and current Assistant Governor, Doug Ford, was honored as this years AG of the Year by District 7190. We can't think of anyone more deserving of the respect and recognition. Doug is one we all look up to as a leader in our club and we are proud to call him one of our own.

Some of our folks also helped out the Ballston Spa Business & Professionals Association with their Adopt-A-Plot project by helping to plant a rather large plot at a very BUSY intersection in Ballston Spa. Danger was averted and the project was completed by Pete Champagne, Paul Perrault, John Cromie, & Matt Hosek. Thanks, Guys, for using your "Green Thumbs". Looks Great. ~ Ray

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## Help District 7190 Gift of Life

By placing a clothing drop box in your parking lot District 7190 Gift of Life works with Rotary Clubs and other organizations to save the lives of children worldwide diagnosed with congenital heart defects. By working together with American Clothing of Glens Falls, NY your donations aid in contributions to District 7190 Gift of Life programs. American Clothing Company gives a hundred dollars to anyone who places a bin. Contact :Richard Hodge 260-7236



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## Seventh Annual Rotary Woodworking and Fine Arts Weekend July 17-19 in Northville, NY

Opening ceremonies for Rotary's seventh annual Woodworking and Fine Arts Weekend will begin at 5:00 on Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup>. Sixty artists will be participating this year displaying their unique creations. There will be painters, glass fusers, weavers, photographers, woodworkers, floral designers, potters, jewelers, as well as a basket weaver and chain saw carver. Come greet our featured artists Wifred Charbonneau, Jr. of Clifton Park and Gary Stoller of Mecoo. You will have an opportunity to meet all the artists and purchase artwork until 8:00. The show will continue on Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 until 5:00 and Sunday 10:00 until 3:00. Many pieces of the artists' work will go to the highest bidder at our silent auction. There will be woodturning demonstrations by Rotarian Mike Kratky throughout the weekend. Raffles including a chance to win a Shellback Dinghy sailboat constructed by members of our club and the community that will benefit our local Boy Scout Troop will be sold.

Proceeds from this event have been used to support projects both locally, regionally and internationally. Rotary provided money for a concession stand and backstop for the Northville-Edinburg Little League, annual scholarship awards to graduating Northville Central School seniors, Northville Central School PTO projects, and support of the Northville Winterfest and National Trail Day celebrations. We have donated turkeys to needy families at Thanksgiving and holiday gifts to children through Fulmont Community Action Agency's Food Pantry and Rotary Wreath Project. Regionally Northville Rotary has supported Make-A-Wish of Northeast New York, and internationally as we support ShelterBox USA and Gift of Life along with the Rotary Foundation and Polio Plus.

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## Rotarian Magazine Annual Photo Contest - Local Winner

Delmar Rotarian Jim Ebersold's daughter, Elissa, was the first participant in the district in the New Generations Exchange Program last fall when she did an internship in Denmark. (Delmar also had two young women come from Denmark to our area.)

When Elissa was in Denmark she took the photo below and submitted to the Rotarian Magazine annual photo contest which was judged this year by the New York Times Magazine photo editor. She took the third place and is in the current issue.

Jim Ebersold



### THIRD PLACE

**Photographer:** Elissa Ebersold, New Generations Service Exchange participant through the Rotary Club of Delmar, N.Y.

**Location:** Vejle, Denmark

**Ryan:** This picture is all about quiet and stillness. By composing the image with the red boat just below the horizon line, Ebersold reinforces the way the silvery lake and sky blend into each other, creating a harmonious and meditative image.

Credit: Rotary International Magazine *June issue*

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## Gift of Life Children

Below are photos of a few of the children Gift of Life District 7190 has helped during its recent vocational training trip (VTT) in Santo Domingo.



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### Want to TRIPLE your Foundation contributions??

Interested in having a \$100 donation turn into \$300?? Here's how... Our District Foundation committee is still offering matching points for Rotarians that have not yet earned the "Paul Harris Fellow" designation.

Member (non PHF) donates \$100 cash (one time – or monthly via Rotary Direct)

Club matches member donation with another \$100 cash

District will match the member donation with 100 recognition points

Result = \$300 credit toward PHF

If you work for a company that matches donations to 501c3 organizations you could add another \$100 to the total.

Now is the time to submit your end of year donations toward The Rotary Foundation. Donations to the Annual SHARE fund will determine future amounts for District Grants ! Please donate today!!! See the [rotary7190.org](http://rotary7190.org) website (or contact PDG Pepi Noble) for more details on our "matching" points program!

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District 7190 Family Polio  
Plunge January 1, 2016

# **Support the Insanity JOIN THE FUN**

SAVE THE DATE  
JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2016  
LAKE GEORGE, NEW YORK

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## Welcome to the Rotary Team 2015-2016



RI President  
"Ravi" K. R. Ravindran



RI Director Jennifer  
(Zone 28 / 29)



District Governor Milan

AND MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL - YOU