

The Toolbox



Barb Wyllie ~ Editor

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Deadline: 15th of the month

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www.Rotary7190.org

To: District 7190 Rotarians

From The Governor's Chair

Sitting here contemplating this beautiful day, I remembered a line that we used to sing in Scouting. It goes like this: "Here I sit broken hearted waiting for my _____ to come." Whatever it was usually did come and sometimes it was pretty good. This year has come and gone so fast that everything seems like a blur. This has been a great year, a lot has been accomplished and we still have four good weeks to go. It has been my distinct pleasure to have served you and to have worked alongside of you in Rotary. The District has survived another year, and I see it going on strongly for many more, as long as we continue to work together. To coin a phrase we must continue, is to make the District "**BIGGER-BETTER and BOLDER**".

This of course means that the membership must and will increase if we are to survive as a District. I would challenge all of the Clubs to increase your membership 100%. Too much, wait till you hear about the program Bill Corbett has for us. You are going to love it. On the down side we did lose another Club this year due to lack of membership. However the District membership has shown a small turn up and this is a good sign.

Secondly, we as Rotarians must support our Rotary Foundation. For all of the good The Foundation performs in the world, we are morally obligated to support it. There are so many different ways now to contribute to the Foundation that it should not be a problem for anyone. I am proud to say that I will be your new District Foundation Chair next year and certainly will follow in the capable footsteps of Anne Cargile. Anne is going to be a Foundation Coordinator for our Zone 29. Congratulations Anne!

Thirdly, the program "Operation Warm". Warm winter coats for children in our District hopefully will continue. Bill Nathan and I sowed the seeds four years ago and the Mechanicville Club built the garden. This past winter the Club, under the leadership of Harriett Noble, started the program and will continue on this year. Let's see a few more Clubs jump in the garden and help the program grow.

The 2011 RI Convention has come and gone, and it was a success. Thank you Richard Hodge for doing a great job organizing the event for the District! It was a big job organizing the hotel, the dinners, the events and mostly the Fellowship. Thanks again Richard. DGN Melissa Ward excelled in the International PR programs. She moderated one of the programs and was a panelist on another. She did very well and our District shone well by her participation.

I will be making some final visits and helping out at a few Club changeovers in the next few weeks. Let's not forget the District Changeover on the 29th. Information has gone out from the Albany Club and all are invited, if you can come. Let us come together and support Governor Bill during his year.

This will be my last monthly newsletter to you, and I want to thank you for your friendship and your support since we first came together two years ago. I hope you have enjoyed our association together as much as I have. We have been a superb and effective team. Never lose sight of our goals as Rotarians, the world needs us. Stay in touch, I will, and continue:

Building Communities – Bridging Continents
Governor Dan

DISTRICT EVENTS AT A GLANCE

- June 23rd Thu – GoL Golf Tournament
- June 29th Wed – Changeover Dinner

CLUB EVENTS AT A GLANCE

- **Now –Great Escape Special \$19.99**
Sponsored by Mechanicville Rotary
- **June 1st Wed – Posies to End Polio**
Sponsored by Saratoga Springs Rotary
- **June 4th Sat – Car & Craft Show**
Sponsored by Shenendehowa Rotary
- **June 4th Sat – Winery & Brewery Tour**
Sponsored by Glenville Rotary
- **June 7th Tue – Pakistan/Afghanistan DG**
to speak at Niskayuna Rotary (story page 7)
- **June 11th Sat – USS Slater Work Day**
Sponsored by Albany Rotary
- **June 11th Sat – Chicken Barbeque**
Sponsored by Malta Rotary
- **July 15-17th Fri-Sat – Woodworking/Fine Arts Weekend**
Sponsored by Northville Rotary
- **August 9th Tue – Golf Tournament**
Sponsored by Rotterdam Sunrise
- **August 9th Tue – Rotarians-of-the-Year-Recognition Night at the Joe**
Sponsored by Glenville Rotary
- **August 13th Sat – Golf Tournament**
Co-sponsored by Salem Rotary & Salem Chamber of Commerce
- **August 13th Sat – Baseball Trip**
Sponsored by Albany Rotary
- **August 21st Sun – Run for Rotary Scholarship** Sponsored by Niskayuna Rotary

Saratoga Springs Rotary once again presents

Posies to End Polio

Wednesday June 1st

Preordered Roses are to be picked up at Longfellow's Restaurant (unless other arrangements have been made.)

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Mechanicville Rotary presents
Great Escape Special \$19.99
Coasters for a Cause

These are tickets to the Great Escape & Splashwater Kingdom, a savings of \$25.00.

Valid dates are May 28-30, June 1-5, June 8-12 and June 15-19.

If you love the thrill, the fun and excitement you will get a full day of unlimited rides, spectacular shows and incredible attractions – the best value of the season plus the ability to upgrade to a Season Pass and purchase a Come On Back for a Day ticket at special prices.

Contact any member of the Mechanicville Club for tickets or for more information contact Bob Lohnes at 753-4723 or rlohnesh1@nycap.rr.com or Matthew Hosek at matthew.hosek@bsnb.com

Proceeds from the fundraiser supports the Mechanicville Rotary's Dictionary Project at their four area schools.

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Shenendehowa Rotary presents its 4th Annual
Car & Craft Show

FEATURING THE BATMOBILE

Saturday June 4th

10am – 4pm

at the HealthPlex

1679 Route 9 #1, Clifton Park, NY
 (Rain date Sunday June 5th)

Six classes of cars will be displayed including custom, antique, classic, muscle, street rods and special interest and this year's show will feature the Batmobile.

Crafters, vendors and food will be available from 10am – 4pm.

All proceeds from the event will benefit local children and teen programs in Southern Saratoga County.

Entrants Needed

Car Show entrants may choose from the following classes: custom, antique, classic, muscle, street rods and special interest. Pre-registration until May 24th is \$10 for the first car, \$5 for a second car of the same owner and free for the third car of the same owner. Awards and plaques will be presented for each class.

For more information and registration forms please contact Silvio Rugani at 348-6366 or ruganifamchiro@verizon.net

Glenville Rotary presents its 3^d Annual
Winery & Brewery Tour

Saturday June 4th
 Seats still available
 \$55pp

This is a unique and fun filled day brimming with many delicious and unusual Tastings and Samplings!
Come join the fun!

Contact Barb Wyllie at 370-2214 or bw4rotary@gmail.com soon!

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Glenville Rotary presents
 Special Guest **Shehzad Ahmed**
DG of Pakistan & Afghanistan
 at Niskayuna Rotary's weekly meeting

Tuesday, June 7th
 7:15 am

Blue Ribbon Diner
 1801 State St Schenectady

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Albany Rotary will be holding a workday at the
USS Slater/Destroyer Escort Museum on the Albany Riverfront on Saturday, June 11th

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Malta Sunrise Rotary is sponsoring a
Chicken Barbeque
 Saturday, June 11th
 4-6pm

at St Peter's Lutheran Church Rt 9
 (across from Malta Drive in) Malta
 Tickets: \$10.00

For questions, or to buy in advance: call Bob Bonney 207-7424

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Gift of Life Annual
Golf Tournament

Thursday June 23rd
Noon Shotgun Start

Lunch is provided at 11:30am

**Rolling Hills at Antlers Golf Club
Amsterdam* \$125 per golfer**

Included: 18 holes of golf, cart, hotdogs & hamburgers on the turn, beverages on the course, all culminating with a delicious dinner and loads of prizes and awards

***Brown Coach Transportation** available at **\$15pp** from Latham, Ex 9 N'way, BH-BL, Glenville

For info contact: Tom Burdick: 518/373-7314 or thomas.burdick@axa-advisors.com.

Proceeds to provide life saving cardiac procedures for impoverished children from around the world

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**District 7190
Change Over Dinner**

Wednesday, June 29th

Details on page 8

**Come & Wish DG Dan well, and
Welcome DG Bill!**

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**Northville Rotary Woodworking
and Fine Arts Weekend**

Friday July 15th 6-9
Saturday July 16th 9-5
and Sunday July 17th 10-3

Northville Municipal Building Main Street

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Banners welcoming Rotarians lined the streets of New Orleans.

Rotterdam Sunrise Rotary presents its
33rd Annual

Golf Tournament
Tuesday, August 9th

(This is a dark day at the track)

Located at the Mohawk River Golf Course
on Riverview Rd.

Cost \$125 per golfer

This year's event will include a Continental Breakfast, 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch on the turn, ALL the beverages on the course included with entry, Open Bar for 1 hour before the best golf dinner you'll have anywhere, plus loads of prizes.

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Glenville Rotary presents its

4th Annual

**Rotarians-Of-the-Year
Recognition Night**

Tuesday August 9th

**Honor YOUR Rotarian-of-the-Year at
this memorable annual event.**

**It's also Irish Night and
Two-fer-Tuesday!!!**

Contact Barb Wyllie at bw4rotary@gmail.com
or call her at 518/370-2214 to reserve your tickets.

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Salem Rotary Club & Salem Area Chamber of
Commerce present their

2nd Annual

Golf Tournament

Saturday, August 13, 2011

2 Tee Times: 8am & 1pm

**\$50 per person and includes lunch or dinner
(For Lunch or Dinner Only: \$20)**

Please make checks out to 'SAVE' and mail to
Salem Area Chamber of Commerce (SACC)
PO Box 717 Salem, NY 12865

Proceeds benefit The Salem Area Van Endeavor - a community service providing transportation for Salem Area Senior Citizens, and others without transportation, to grocery shop and to attend other local events at no charge.

Albany Rotary has arranged a
Baseball Bus Trip
 to
Yankee Stadium
Saturday August 13th
Tampa Bay Rays vs Yankees
It's a 4pm game
and will leave Albany around 11am.

The fun package includes: cont. breakfast, games and lots of prizes on the deluxe, a/c video bus, lunch with beverages at the stadium, movie, etc...and, of course game ticket"!!!...all for only \$87/person.
Great day with family bonding and fun with other Rotarian families/friends.
 Call 371-3737 and book early since it surely will sell out.



Rotary Club of Niskayuna presents
Run for Rotary Scholarship
August 21st 9am
Schenectady Central Park
...to begin at the pavilion
 Details and entry form in next column.



Glove Cities Rotary Success

Pat Beck, publisher of the Leader Herald, presented a check for \$3,100 to the Glove Cities Rotary on 3/22 as a result of the Rotary Silent Auction held in conjunction with the newspaper last month. The proceeds will go toward high school scholarships and support of other local organizations. The Rotary club, in turn, donated \$500 to the Leader Herald in support of their Newspapers in Education program that promotes the use of newspapers in local schools as an educational tool.



Editor's Note:

Thank you for sharing your events, recaps, pictures, good deeds, and stories with us by sending them, by the 15th of the month prior to publication, to me at
TheToolbox7190@gmail.com.

Barb Wyllie
 Editor

**Niskayuna Rotary's 2nd Annual
 "Run for Rotary"**

Sunday, August 21th 2011
 Race starts at 9am
 Starting at the Pavilion in Central Park
 \$20 for adults, \$10 for students or children ages 10-16.
 Children under 10 free.
 Free T-shirts to the first 50 participants.
 Proceeds go to benefit the Scholarships for local high school students as well as other rotary projects.
 For questions email Emily Miller at emily.lauren.miller@gmail.com
 Register Day-off or Preregister and enclose payment with the form below:

Name:

Number of People Running:
 Adults Students/ Children 10-16/under 10
 Total:

Payment Type: Cash Check
 T-Shirt Size: Small Medium Large Ex Large

Make Checks payable to
 Niskayuna Rotary Club
 c/o Emily L. Miller
 120 Maplewood Drive
 Glenville, NY 12302



New Orleans coastline

“Posies to End Polio” Fundraiser Spa City to Be Abloom with Red Roses on Wednesday, June 1, 2011

The Saratoga Springs Rotary Club is inviting local residents to join Rotarians in the global effort to eradicate polio with its “Posies to End Polio” campaign. The program offers local residents the opportunity to purchase bouquets of high-quality red roses at \$20 per dozen through a Rotarian or from the Club’s website at www.saratogarotary.com. The roses will be available for pick up on June 1 at Longfellow’s Restaurant from noon until 3:00 pm or will be delivered locally by Rotarians to addresses within the Saratoga Springs School District.

The Saratoga Springs Rotary Club’s “Posies to End Polio” campaign is part of a worldwide Rotary effort to raise funds to match \$355 Million in Challenge Grants from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. While the Saratoga Springs Rotary Club gives the large majority of its annual donations to local non-profit organizations providing services in the Saratoga Springs area, this project is one of its important international humanitarian efforts.

“World health officials tell us that more than 10 million of the world’s children will be paralyzed in the next 40 years if the world fails to eradicate polio,” commented Emily Muller, President of the Saratoga Springs Rotary Club. “Americans don’t think much about polio anymore, given that our children are routinely vaccinated against it. However, the virus is still endemic in four countries—Pakistan, Afghanistan, India, and Nigeria—so it threatens the health of future generations of children worldwide. A relatively small donation from local citizens can help Rotary and its world health partners, including Bill Gates, to achieve success in eliminating polio from the planet.”

Rotary will spend the Gates Foundation Challenge Grant in direct support of immunization activities carried out by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, which is spearheaded by Rotary International and its partners, the World Health Organization, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and UNICEF. Rotary will distribute the funds through grants to WHO and UNICEF.

Polio eradication has been Rotary’s top priority since 1985, with more than \$1.2 billion contributed to the effort. Gates praised Rotary for providing the volunteers, advocates, and donors who have helped bring about a 99 percent decline in the number of polio cases. “The world would not be where it is without Rotary, and it won’t get where it needs to go without Rotary,” he said. More information about Rotary International’s fight against polio is available at www.rotary.org. Click on the “Service and Fellowship” tab, and then the link just beneath it for Polio.

Complete details on the Saratoga Springs Rotary Club’s polio projects, including order forms for the June 1, 2011 delivery of a dozen red roses at \$20, are available at www.saratogarotary.com or by calling Rotarian Dennis Wilson at 584-8725.

Rotary’s Woodworking and Fine Arts Weekend

Northville Rotary’s Third Annual Woodworking and Fine Arts Weekend July 15-17 on the shores of the Great Sacandaga Lake will again feature a variety of accomplished artists. Admission is free beginning with a wine and cheese “Meet the Artists Pre-Sale Event” on Friday July 15th from 6:00 to 9:00PM at the Howard Bradt Municipal Building on Main Street in Northville. The show, complete with demonstrations, will take place Saturday, July 16th from 9:00-5:00 and Sunday, July 18th from 10:00-3:00. Food provided by the Sport Island Pub will be available for purchase.

Come meet award-winning artists JC Parker, Michael Ringer, Connie Dodge, Kathryn Bartscht, Marion Kratky and Ellen Babin. Woodworkers Mike Kratky, Al Caruso, George Olson, Jeff Meuwissen, John and Karla Hoyt, Joesph and Sharon Benesh, as well as Lynn and Marty Knapp will be displaying their beautiful hand crafted wood pieces. In the Adirondack tradition, Peter Schoonmaker will show his Adirondack Chairs and Arnold vanLaer his birch bark frames. Photographers Judy Olson, Jeannette Sheehy, and Marleia Mains as well as floral artists Patricia Caruso and Cindy and Chuck Decker will add their talents to the items offered for sale.

If you are interested in pottery, Andrew Minnery will provide demonstrations and you can see the pottery of local artists Michael Intrabartola and Michele Drozd. Jewelry created by artist Mary Rembach as well as quilts from Martha Beauchamp and award winning batik from Carol Law Conklin will dazzle you. Mary Beth Gardener and Sharon-Roberts-Karl will impress you with their painted tile and glass. In addition, viewing the creativity of Terese Trapper with her “Divas” and Wilfred Charbonneau, Jr’s antler sculpture will be well worth the trip to Northville!

The proceeds from this event will help support the food pantry at the Northville Center of Fulmont Community Action Agency, the Little League, Emergency Squad, as well as our scholarship fund and global projects sponsored by Rotary International. We also intend to promote Northville as a destination for tourists and give the many talented woodworkers and artists in our areas an opportunity to display their creations. Put the show on your calendar. For more information go to the Northville Rotary website: www.northvillerotary.com.



Rotary's International Convention held recently in New Orleans was an amazing experience. As a first time attendee, I found it lived up to its hype and then some.

It was everything *ROTARY* compacted into a very unique venue. The plenary sessions were energizing and inspiring. The workshops were informative and insightful. The House of Friendship was exactly that: inviting and friendly.

We came away with new friends and worldwide contacts, with new ideas and techniques to implement, and with new methods to reenergize the old.

As a town, New Orleans offered a cornucopia of new foods to try, a rich source of local history, fabulous music, unusual characters to experience, and let's not forget its amazing sense of spontaneity. Yes, New Orleans was the perfect setting for a first timer to the Rotary International Convention scene.

Thank You Rotary International for a job very well done!

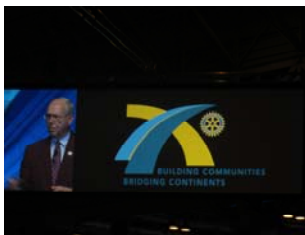
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Paddleboat



Bill Gates



RI Pres Klingensmith



RI Pres-Elect Banerjee



Photo by Lon Penna



Photo by Frank Wyllie

Memorial Day Observation

On Monday, May 30th the Rotary Club of Glenville presented their annual Memorial Day Observation at the Schenectady County Veterans Memorial Park. The event was organized by David Hitchcock and emceed by President-Elect Barbara Wyllie.

The event featured four speakers including two Glenville Rotarians: Past President Frank Quinn, a retired Army Colonel, and Chris Koetzle, Glenville Town Supervisor. Ed Culhane, a Glenville Rotary Director, read an inspirational patriotic poem that he authored. The event also featured a flyover by a vintage P-6 airplane, the ceremonial laying of wreathes, and participation by local veteran, civic, and youth groups including the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Scotia-Glenville High School students.

It was a beautiful day and well received by those in attendance. Dave wants to thank Club President Beth Gregory and Past President Dave Hennel for their tremendous help in making the event a success, and all the other Rotarians who showed their support.



Sandy McAlonie, Rotary District 7190 Grants Manager, is shown presenting a \$699 check to Salem Rotarians Rose Ann Savage, Al Cormier, Dottie Schneider, and Herb Perkins. The check was the result of a successful District Simplified Grant submitted by the Salem Rotary Club to help fund the Salem Area Van Endeavor. The pictured Salem Rotarians are members of the SAVE management committee. The van serves the local senior citizens three times a week, supplying transportation to grocery and department stores in the area, and in addition, in the summer to entertainment such as band concerts and farmers markets.

Pakistan & Afghanistan DG visiting D7190 in thanks for all our joint service projects from WATER BUFFALO to SEWING MACHINES

District Governor Shehzad Ahmed is scheduled to speak at Niskayuna Rotary's breakfast meeting at the Blue Ribbon Diner, 1801 State Street, this Tuesday, June 7 at 7:15 a.m. Shehzad is in the USA to attend the International Convention and D7870's conference in Mystic CT. Shehzad has extended his stay to visit the Capital Region to meet with and thank the many D7190 Rotarians who have contributed to the matching grants in Pakistan.

With Shehzad's guidance, D7190 Rotarians have spearheaded:

- 600 sewing machines used to start more than a dozen new vocational schools for girls.
- School supplies.
- Drinking Water & Lavatories in the school yards.
- An ambulance (1 in 15 women die in childbirth).
- Medical supplies, four 40-foot containers.
- Water Buffalo and Goats, whose proceeds serve the entire village.

But Rotary's greatest gift turns out not to be the sewing machines or the school supplies. Instead the greatest gift turns out to be the spreading of the Rotary spirit. Three new Rotary clubs have sprung up around D7190's projects in Pakistan, and several new Rotary Community Corps. They too meet once a week and ask themselves how they can make their communities better places to live, and how they can help eradicate polio, and respond to the flood victims, and work towards world peace.

This past March, Helen & Lon Penna of Glenville Rotary attended Shehzad's Peace & Goodwill Conference in Pakistan. Once again, they found the Pakistanis to be amazingly generous and hospitable. For example, when the Pakistani Rotarians learned that Glenville Rotary was planning to ship school supplies from Scotia Depot to Malawi Africa at a cost of \$17,500, the Rotary Clubs in Northern Pakistan and Afghanistan pledged the \$12,000 (including TRF's match) to complete the fundraising!

Together, we are "*Building Communities -- Bridging Continents*"

District Governor Shehzad Ahmed received his B.S. and M.S. in Industrial Engineering from Iowa State University, USA. After returning to Pakistan, he founded PROMARK, a management consulting company.

He is the recipient of The Rotary Foundation District Service Award. R.I. District 5390 (Montana) awarded him a commemorative shield through Past R.I. President Richard King for being the "Outstanding International Host District's Grants Subcommittee Chair for 2004-05" at Centennial Convention at Chicago. R.I. District 5890 (Houston) awarded him a Paul Harris Fellow in recognition of his services. Mayor Helene Schneider from the City of Santa Barbara, USA presented him with a proclamation in January 2010 in recognition of his community services. He has addressed Rotary Clubs in Canada, India, Thailand, UAE, UK and USA on their invitation. He and his wife (Dr. Maimoona Ali) are Rotary Major Donors Level 2, Rotary Foundation Benefactors and Bequest Society Members and one of the founding members of The Paul Harris Society.

District Governor Shehzad Ahmed's web site is www.rotarydistrict3272.org.



Shehzad Ahmed, Rotary District Governor of Northern Pakistan & Afghanistan to visit Niskayuna Rotary.



Rotary District Governor Shehzad Ahmed from Pakistan, celebrating with Glenville Rotarians Helen & Lon Penna after school uniforms and shoes were distributed.

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Albany Rotary Club
presents the:

Rotary District 7190
Changeover Dinner

**(and Albany Rotary Changing
of the Guard)**

June 29, 2011

Holiday Inn Express
400 Old Loudon Road
(Diagonal to Latham Ford- the old
Lennox Outlet store)
Latham, NY

5:30 – 6:30 PM Hors d’oeuvres and cash
bar
6:30 Dinner and Program
****Advance Registration Required****
Prepay Cost: \$25 per person, Send check to
C. DiPaola
Payment at door: \$35 per person (you must
still pre-register)
Please complete the registration form
below and mail it with your check by



June 15, 2011 to:

Charlotte DiPaola
P.O. Box 10, Niverville, NY 12130
Attendee Name(s):

Member (If Applicable) Rotary Club of:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

716 Clifton Park Center Road
Clifton Park, NY 12065

Thanks DG Dan, for an exemplary year!!!



RI Convention New Orleans 2011

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DG Dan Stec leaving the closing plenary session