

The Toolbox



Barb Wyllie ~ Editor

Please send submissions to: THETOOLBOX7190@GMAIL.COM Deadline: 20th of the month

From the Governor's Desk

Lighting Up Rotary in 7190 !!!

Your district leadership team is very excited to offer our "Public Image" grants to clubs this year – we are offering up to \$200 per club in matching funds for upgrades/enhancements to public image! Get those road signs updated, go get a new club banner that shows the great work you do in the community, upgrade your website, or create YouTube clips.... Each Club President has details – work/grants need to be submitted, approved, and completed by end November – lets Light Up Rotary (NOW)...

Our tremendous night of fun and fellowship – the invitation / registration for our annual "Foundation Event" is included in this months Toolbox. Get your space reserved now for a great night of dinner and entertainment ON the Main Stage at Proctors Theater!!! Invite spouses, family, and friends as this event directly benefits The Rotary Foundation and increases the amount we have available for District Grants (for YOUR projects).

A sincere THANK YOU to all clubs for the very warm welcome and open dialog during the Official Visits. The District is here to SERVE YOU and I thank you for the reception and ideas. Looking forward to visiting with all the clubs that have not yet had their official visits.

Thank you again for all that you do as Rotarians to improve your communities and the world!!

DG David

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New Meeting Place!!!

Until further notice: South Glens Falls Rotary will be meeting at...Humbuggs, Gansevoort Rd So Glens Falls

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Corinth Rotary Club will hold their 2nd annual

Kids Fishing Contest

**Saturday, October 13th
at Alpine Lake Campsite
Heath Road**

There are 3 age categories and 3 groups within each category: Largest fish, Smallest fish and Most Fish Caught

This is a positive event for children from surrounding communities to look forward to and participate in.

Bob's Bait Shop on Route 9N in Corinth provides free bait and prizes for participants. This event has had great participation and excitement from participants that the Corinth Rotary Club decided to hold this event each year.

The Corinth Club aims to inform the public of the role of Rotary both locally and internationally and gain participation in its mission.



Longtime Club Treasurer, Bohan Soifer, measures length of caught fish with participant



Previous Club President, William Davis, awards participant prize to "largest fish" winner in his age category.



Rotterdam Sunrise Rotary is sponsoring a
Cigar and Whiskey Night

**October 12th
6 pm**

**At Briar Creeks 19th Hole Café
Tickets: \$75 each**

Tickets can be obtained by emailing President Sari Medick, Sari@TinyTotsTeaRoom.com

To benefit Rotterdam Youth Soccer League



Mechanicville Rotary presents

Vocational Services Day

**October 14th
11 AM – Noon**

Stillwater Town Hall

Meet special guest Paul Jesep, JD

October is Vocational Service Month, a time to recognize the value of all occupations and professions and promote the value of high ethical standards. Jesep advises organizations on ethics and compliance issues, as well as spiritual wellness for executives and employees. He will discuss spiritual ethics/spiritual wellness for professionals. He is the author of Lost Sense of Self and The Ethics Crisis and founder of Corporate Chaplaincy

<http://www.corporatechaplaincy.biz/>

This is the fourth of the Mechanicville Rotary's monthly series of noteworthy and significant topics open to all at no charge. For more information check out the club's website www.mechanicvillerotary.org or call 373-8574.



**Rotary Leadership Institute
(RLI)**

**Saturday, October 18
Siena College**

**Register Early at rlinea.org!!!
See poster on page 8.**

The Rotary Club of Lansingburgh presents
BOWL-A-THON Fundraiser

Sunday, October 19, 2014

Noon to 2:00pm

Uncle Sam Lanes

600 Fulton Street, Troy / (518) 271-7800

\$15.00 – includes shoe rental, unlimited bowling, raffles, and prizes

Prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd 3rd place teams:
 High score league bowler (adult, child); low score non-league bowler (adult, child)

Twelve lanes will be reserved for the event – 4 to 5 person teams recommended

Check can be made out to Lansingburgh Troy Rotary Club and sent to Lydia Plante, 261 6th Ave Troy, NY 12182.

Preregister your team!! Preregistration is in your favor so your teams can be assigned to lanes next to each other.

Contact person: President – Lydia Plante at 518-496-3940

Proceeds will benefit financial support for various local community organizations such as the Boys' & Girls' Club and other youth programs.

Thank you,

Lydia Plante, President Lansingburgh/Troy Rotary
Bluemuen49@yahoo.com



Twin Bridges Rotary presents its' 10th annual

Karaoke Night

October 24th

Hilton Garden Inn

Cost: \$50 at the door

\$40 in advance

Prizes: \$500, \$250, \$100

For additional info check:

<http://www.twinbridgesrotary.com/karaoke-night.html>

Contest entrants are limited to the 1st 15 paid guests that contact info@twinbridgesrotary.com informing them you would like to participate.



Mechanicville Rotary Club presents

LIGHT UP ROTARY!

Benefit Concert

Starring Donny 'ELVIS' Romines

Special Guest Appearance by Patsy Cline

Saturday Evening, October 25th
Stillwater Area Community Center

Reserve Your Table Early

www.mechanicvillerotary.org

matthew.hosek@BSNB.com

See flyer on page 10.



♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥ The Gift of Life 2nd annual ♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥

Zombie Stumble

October 25th 11 am

\$25 Donation

Collins Park in Scotia

All Registrants who bring in a \$50 donation (or more) will receive a

GOL Zombie Stumble 2014 T shirt.

All Students, Children, Interact, Rotoract, EarlyAct, & Rotarians are encouraged to attend.

Registrations can be made at

Sari@TinyTotsTeaRoom.com .

We will be celebrating the departure of the District 7190 Vocational Training Team that is heading to Honduras that day.

Vendors are desired for this event.

For more information, contact Sari Medick, Pres / Rotterdam Sunrise Rotary and Chairperson for the 2014 'Stumble'. (Contact email address above.)

All Proceeds will benefit Gift of Life District 7190 help children with Life Threatening Heart Conditions.



GoL physician Melissa Ehlers w/ fellow GoL board member Jennifer Degenhart.



Capital Region Rotary presents
Safe Scare Haunted House

October 25th
Troy YWCA
 21 1st St Troy, NY

Noon-5pm
\$3 for 1 youth OR \$5 per family
Adults are free w/ purchase of a youth ticket
Featuring: a Haunted Maze, Pumpkin Decorating, and other fun activities!



Rotary Global Grant: Trianon, Haiti

Please respond by 10/31/14.

Host club: Petionville Rotary Club, Haiti
 International partner: Glens Falls Rotary Club

Area of Focus: Water and Hygiene

Situation: Trianon residents live in extreme subsistence poverty and childhood diarrheal disease is endemic and a frequent cause of childhood death. The origin of cholera in Haiti is located in the nearby Artibonite River. Due to the absence of potable water, sanitation, and weak medical infrastructures, the cholera epidemic has been virulent in the area. Very few homes have sanitation and open defecation is routine contributing to the water contamination. Low literacy rates, poor hygiene and sanitation practices, and a general lack of knowledge of water’s relationship to disease and health all exacerbate the situation.

Project summary: Implement a hygiene education and clean drinking water program for 500 families (3000 beneficiaries). Program components include hygiene education training for families, training of community agents in filter maintenance and hygiene promotion, and installation of filters in 500 homes. The project includes monitoring and oversight for one year after implementation.

Budget: \$150,000 US

Cooperating organization: Pure Water for the World, Rutland, VT is a 501-C-3 with a presence in Haiti since 2008. Their mission is to reduce water borne illness through implementation of sustainable potable water solutions. Throughout Haiti, PWW programs have been implemented in over 2000 schools and 4000 homes. They have partnered with many Rotary Clubs, Save the Children, World Vision, Management Sciences for Health, International Rescue Committee, International Child Care, The Salvation Army, the Digicel Foundation and other religious based missions. PWW Haiti staff includes 18 Haitians and the country director, Dr. Noelle Thabault, a retired US Navy officer.

Funding: Every dollar donated has the potential to be be matched two and one half times by Rotary District Foundation and The Rotary

Foundation: \$100 becomes \$350, \$1,000 becomes \$3,500.

Hope: Support of this grant provides H2O (Health, Hope and Opportunity) to families who need a hand up if life.

Pledge: The Glens Falls Rotary Club is coordinating pledges/donations to support this grant.

Name: _____

Title: _____

Rotary Club: _____

Amount: _____

Address: _____

Email for updates: _____

Date: _____



RI United Nations Day November 1st

Due to overwhelming response (and limited spaces by host District) -- the UN Day is now SOLD OUT! We have a great group of Rotarians, Interact, Rotaract, Youth Exchange and RYLA students attending from our District!

If you have a confirmed registration from riunday.org, please provide to DG David (dg2014@hennel.net) to ensure your seat to NYC. Transportation is being finalized and specific details on meeting times/locations will be provided in the next couple weeks. District is covering transportation costs for our youth and Rotarians only have to pay \$35 each!

Thanks to everyone for a great response!!!

DG David

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Dear Rotarian:

Please join us on the main stage at Proctors Theater in Schenectady as we present "Broadway Lights Up Rotary" for dinner and entertainment to celebrate the Annual District 7190 Rotary Foundation event on Friday, November 14, 2014.

This year, as in the past, we offer you the opportunity to make our world a healthier, safer and happier place to live. To help "Light Up Rotary" in 2014 we ask that you consider making your Sustaining Membership contribution of \$100 (or more) to the Annual Program Fund, which is fully deductible and is credited directly to your personal Rotary Foundation account. Your name will be listed in the Program and in the December Toolbox

as a member of the "Broadway Lights Up Rotary" Honorary Committee. In addition, as a member of the Honorary Committee you will enjoy a special VIP tour of the beautiful Proctors Theater when you attend the event!

The name of any Rotarian who has already made a \$100 (or more) contribution to the Annual Program Fund of the Rotary Foundation since July 1, 2014, or has a Rotary Direct account designated to the Annual Program Fund in that amount (or more) will also appear in the Program and the December Toolbox.

Please take a moment and complete the form below and return it by October 1, 2014 along with your check for \$100 (or more) and we will do the rest. You may also donate directly via the rotary.org website as we will verify online donors and add you to our "Honorary Committee".

Yours in Rotary Service,
David A. Hennel, District Governor 2014-2015
Rotary International District 7190

Please fill out form below and mail to David Rey, District 7190 Annual Giving Chair, 310 Juniper Drive, Schenectady, NY 12306

OR donate directly via www.rotary.org/myrotary (please remember to designate the "Annual Program Fund")

Name _____
Rotary Club of _____
Your Foundation Account No. _____
(found above your name on your Rotarian magazine label)
Address _____

Daytime Phone Number _____
Email _____

Amount of contribution designated to the Annual Fund \$ _____ Check # _____
Checks should be made payable to "The Rotary Foundation" (remember also to register/submit to your employer if they offer "matching gifts").

See invitation / flyer on page 9.

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Rotterdam Sunrise Rotary presents

Breakfast with Santa

This is a FREE Event to the community!

**December 13th
8 am**

At the **Rotterdam Boys and Girls Club**

*Donations collected will benefit the Rotterdam
Boys and Girls Club.*

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Dear Rotary Leader,

I am happy to announce that we successfully met our fundraising goal for Rotary Year 2013-14. While it is important to celebrate our success, we recognize that we still need to raise funds and awareness for polio eradication.

World Polio Day: 24 October 2014

World Polio Day is quickly approaching on October 24th. This is a chance for Rotarians, clubs, and districts across the world to come together to fight polio. There are many ways you could mark the day. Dedicate your club meeting to focus on Rotary's work to end polio that week. Community fundraisers on/around World Polio Day are great a way to raise awareness of our cause in the general public. You could take the opportunity to remind government officials to support the global commitment to a polio free world- Rotary's top priority. On World Polio Day, wear your End Polio Now pin and encourage your friends and family to do the same.

This year, an End Polio Now: Make History Today Livestream event, including a **global update on the current status of polio eradication**, will take place on World Polio Day- 24 October 2014—at 18:30pm CDT and will be streamed live at endpolionow.org. I encourage your club/district to have a viewing party of the event, or incorporate it into your existing World Polio Day plans. The archived video will be available following the live program. Additional event details may be found at endpolionow.org.

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Resources available

To help you with your planning for World Polio Day events, a toolkit is being developed and will be posted on endpolionow.org by 25 August. A message will be sent to all of you letting you know when it is available.

I encourage you to spread the word about your World Polio Day activities. Please visit <http://www.endpolio.org/storytelling> to submit your stories and photos.

We promised the children of the world that we would eradicate polio, and Rotarians keep their word. We are **this close**, and getting closer every day. Thanks to you, we will **End Polio Now**.

Sincerely,

John F. Germ

Chair, International PolioPlus Committee

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District Conference 2015

Serve – Celebrate -- Explore

Save the Dates:

**Friday, May 15th through
Sunday, May 17th, 2015**

This year our conference will include three activity-packed days in the scenic Schoharie Valley. Friday will include a variety of Service projects in an area still recovering from severe flooding of three years ago, followed by Middleburg Village eats, sweets and treats. In addition to annual conference business, Saturday's activities will be at SUNY Cobleskill and include an afternoon of fun and informative workshops and training, followed by fellowship at Governor Hannel's Reception, and a delicious dinner in Thanks and Celebration for all we have accomplished this year. Sunday's activities will begin in Sharon Springs and include memorial services to honor Rotarians who have passed, Brunch at the American Hotel, visit to Beekman 1805 and Exploration of the great activities the Schoharie Valley has to offer including golf, hiking, zip-lining, caverns and more.

Reservations are available at the Best Western Inn Cobleskill at just \$89.99 per night. Be sure to mention you are with Rotary to get this rate. For reservations phone [518-234-4321](tel:518-234-4321).

Kate Toombs, Conference Chair
katetoombs@gmail.com

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♥♥♥♥♥ Gift of Life ♥♥♥♥♥

The Southern Rensselaer County Rotary Club's very special guest on September 4 was young Danny Sarmiento from Honduras, who recently underwent successful cardiac surgery at Albany Medical Center. The Southern Rensselaer County Rotary Club helped underwrite his venture with a special \$11,000 grant to the Gift of Life organization.



SRC President Bill Dowd presented Danny with his very own Vermont Teddy Bear, attired in red PJs and accompanied by a its own puppy. Our GOL child didn't let go of it the rest of the evening.

SRC presented GOL board members in attendance with another special contribution of \$1,100 in contributions made in honor of the recent retirement of club member Dr. Jim Leyhane, a longtime GOL supporter. That brings SRC contributions in this calendar year to GOL to \$12,100.

Club President Bill Dowd told Danny and his mother, Maria Sarmiento, that one of the major events our club has each year is the Rotary Run. Now that Danny will be able healthy enough to run, he said, we wanted him to have one of the special T-shirts we had for this year's event. But, that wasn't all.

He also told Danny and his mother, through their interpreter, that "We have 50 states in the United States. One that is right next to ours is called Vermont. It has many special things there, and one of them is its bears. We trapped one just for you."

With that, he removed a personalized Vermont Teddy Bear from its box and presented it to Danny, whose eyes lit up. The bear, dressed in red PJs emblazoned with "Danny," was accompanied by its own little puppy. Danny clung to the two toys for the rest of the evening.

Maria Sarmiento, with the help of her interpreter, emphatically thanked our club's members, the Gift of Life and GOL board member Ellen Strait who provided lodging for their outpouring of generosity. Danny will be heading back to Honduras before the end of September and he is expected, after two more weeks of recuperation at home, to be able to live a life full of the activities common for kids his age.

By Bill Dowd
President Southern Rensselaer Rotary

♥♥♥ See related photo on last page (p 11).

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EDITOR'S NOTE:

If you know Rotarians who are not receiving this newsletter have them contact their club's secretary to have their email address added to ClubRunner.

In order to ensure your article is included in the next Toolbox published, please: Send it to thetoolbox7190@gmail.com by the 20th of the month (prior to publication) as a WORD DOCUMENT. (You may also send it as a poster on the chance there is room to include it.) Thank you. I look forward to hearing from you.



Also, DG David requests that Rotarians please print copies of each month's Toolbox and place one on each table at their meetings. Thank you!

Barb Wyllie, Toolbox Editor

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REGISTER YOUR CLUB'S PRESIDENT-ELECT AND FUTURE LEADERS

TO ATTEND THE ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Our members will be better Rotarians, our clubs will be stronger!

When: Saturday, Oct. 18, 2014

Who Should Attend:

- Club President-Elect (this is the first phase of PETS, President-Elect Training Series). If they've attended prior years they should go to the next level
- Club Vice-President (get them started on the road to successful leadership)
- Club Chairmen – Membership, Foundation, Fundraising, Community Projects, etc.
- Newer members & anyone who will be a good, supportive club member

Time: Sign-in and full breakfast at 7:30am
Classes 8:00am - 3:30pm, lunch included

Where: Siena College, Loudonville, NY 12211

What: Parts I, II, III

Graduate Course: "Ethics in Rotary, Application of Ethical Standards Using Case Studies"

Cost: \$75.00pp

Register at www.rlinea.org and scroll down to Loudonville, NY.

Registration and payment must be completed by Monday, October 6.

Learn and share ideas about "best practices" for our clubs –
in the company of Rotarians from around the District

CATCH THE PASSION OF ROTARY!

Questions? Contact PDG Bill Nathan, bbnathan@nycap.rr.com



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*Please send this portion of the invitation with your check to
 Registrar, Deirdre Pangburn, 161 Swaggertown Road, Scotia, New York 12302
 or email deepangburn@yahoo.com or phone 399-8726 by November 5, 2014.*

Name _____ Address _____ Telephone _____

I will be attending. My check for _____ reservations is enclosed in the amount of \$ _____.

Indicate meal choice: Sliced Bistro Beef Chicken Milanese Crispy Eggplant Parm

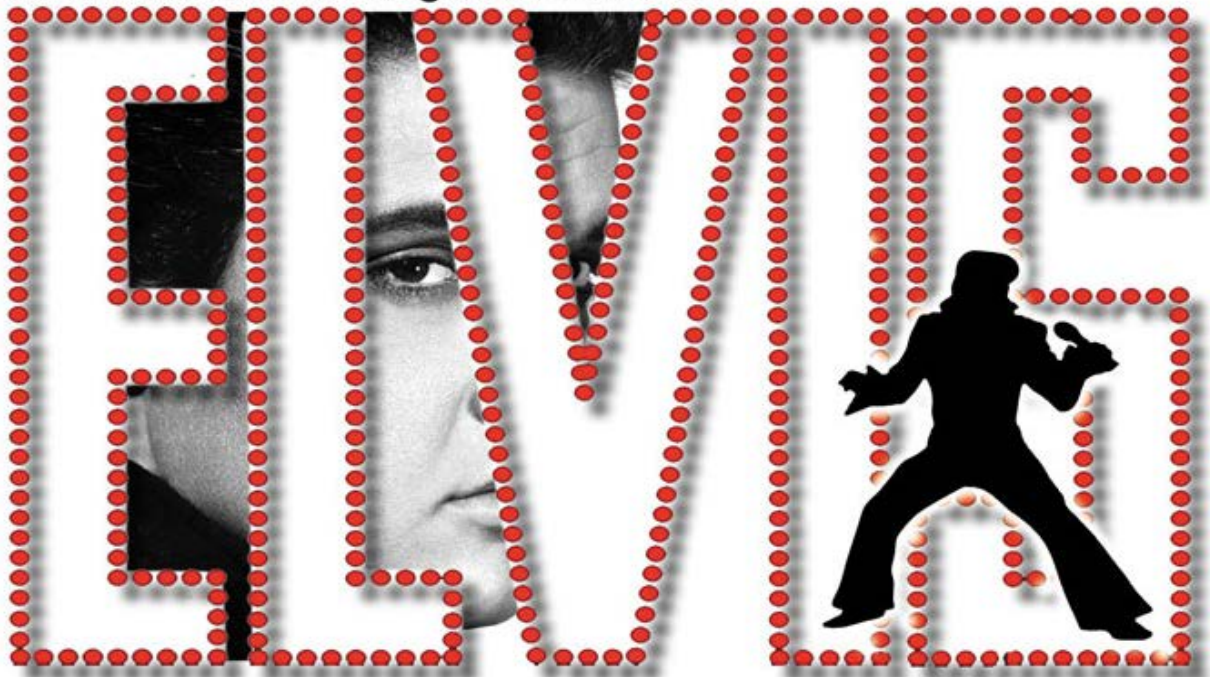
Donations of \$100.00 or more to the Rotary International Foundation include a guided tour of Proctors Theater.

I am interested in the tour. Please indicate number going on tour _____. It is handicap accessible.

I am unable to attend. A donation in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed.
(Please refer to separate letter inviting Rotarians to be part of the Foundation Event "Honorary Committee")

Please make checks payable to "Rotary District 7190"

Mechanicville Rotary Club Presents:



ELVIS IS BACK!

**Starring
Donny
"Elvis"
Romines**

— 5TH ANNUAL BENEFIT CONCERT —

**Special
Appearance
by Patsy Cline
Impressionist
Courtney Shayne**

Saturday, October 25th 2014

6pm Doors Open • 7pm Show

Tickets \$10

**www.mechanicvillerotary.org
or email: matthew.hosek@BSNB.com**

**Cash Bar & Light Fare Provided by the SACC
— Reserve Your Table Early —**

**Stillwater Area Community Center
19 Palmer Street, Stillwater NY**



18 and Older Event

Proceeds from Mechanicville Rotary fundraisers benefit children and youth in our local community and the eradication of polio worldwide.

109 Acorn Drive
Glenville, NY 12302

♥♥♥♥♥ Gift of Life ♥♥♥♥♥



Danny poses with some SRC members, GOL board members, his mom, his interpreter and a pair of his new fuzzy friends.

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