

# Greenville Greeter

## Club President Dianne Lewis Receives Paul Harris Award

Club Vice President, Katharine Vera, presented Dianne with her award at the January 11 meeting. Dianne earned her Paul Harris Fellowship through her recurring donations to the Rotary



Foundation's Annual Fund-SHARE. Several members of our club have set up automatic monthly donations. This helps our club meet our EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year) goals. Funds donated to the Rotary Foundation come back to our local area in the form of District Grants. This year, our club received a District Grant for our Peace Boat scholarship program. To set up your own recurring Rotary Foundation donation, go to [MyRotary.org](https://my.rotary.org) and select donate. The link is <https://my.rotary.org/en/donate>. Congratulations, Dianne!

## Literacy Volunteers Meet

Diane W. shared this photo of the first training for those who have volunteered to teach reading to adults in our area. We sponsored this project in 2023. The Volunteer Literacy Project provides training, curriculum, and support for groups and individuals who want to teach reading to teens and adults. Once trained, volunteers are matched with a student. Every week the student and the volunteers meet on an online platform for a 90-minute lesson. We are proud to have helped this valuable project get started in Greene County!



## Upcoming Dates

All Club Meetings are at 6 p.m.  
at Nellie's in East Durham

Dinner served after meeting, around 6:30-7 p.m.

### January 2023

#### Vocational Service Month

1/11 - Club Meeting

1/18 - Club Business Meeting. Prospective summer exchange students visit.

1/23 Board meeting at Coldwell Banker PP

1/25 - Club Meeting

### February 2023

#### Peace Building and Conflict Prevention Month

2/1 - Club Business Meeting

Board meeting at 5:30 p.m.

2/2 - 2/4 Club Hosts YEX students

2/8 - Club Meeting - Tanzania Travel presentation

2/15 - Club Business Meeting

2/17 - Car Maintenance for Girls Event

2/22 - Club Meeting

2/29 - Club Meeting, deadline for Peace Boat applications

### March 2023

#### Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month

3/7 - Club Business Meeting

Board Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

3/14 - Club Meeting

3/21 - Club Meeting

3/23 - Mardi Gras Party

3/28 - Club Business Meeting

### April 2023

#### Maternal and Child Health Month

### May 2023

#### Youth Service Month

5/18 - Rotary Day of Service



Planning has begun for the next Rotary Day of Service, to be held on Saturday, May 18, 2024. Cecile, Maggie, Barbara and Karen N. have formed a committee. If you would like to help, let one of us know. We are thinking of focusing on mental health and/or addiction.

### Our Little Local Library is up at GNH Lumber.

The libraries were made at last year's District Service Symposium, with Dianne and Cecile helping. Lesley Smith painted and decorated the library with decoupage.



On December 13, a little elf helped deliver hats and gloves to Ellis Elementary on behalf of the Greenville Rotary Club! The hats and gloves were donated to the nurse's office for children without warm winter gear.

Over 200 items were placed in our food collection boxes in December, with the collection area at TOPS expanding to 7 boxes! January is paper goods month - Eileen will be at meetings to collect donations. The food pantry is now serving over 70 families every two weeks.





## Greenville Rotary to Host Winter Weekend for Rotary District 7210 Youth Exchange Students

On February 2-4, we will be hosting a fun winter weekend for the 5 inbound exchange students from around the world who are living and studying in the Hudson Valley this year. The students will be staying at Rotarian Elizabeth Gioja's Pine Ridge Farm and will head to Windham Mountain Club for skiing and snowboarding. If you would like to help out and have not yet volunteered, please contact Dianne.



Winter view of Pine Ridge Farm.



## Empowering Girls Auto Maintenance Event

We have been encouraged by Rotary International to create opportunities for empowering girls. Jerry Smith, the husband of our club secretary, Lesley Smith, teaches automotive skills at BOCES. Our club decided this is a great area to help girls with their confidence and practical knowledge. Therefore, on Saturday, February 17, we are inviting 15 girls under the age of 18 to Don's Auto in Norton Hill to learn the basics of car maintenance. Spread the word! Interested girls can register at the National Bank of Coxsackie. Thanks to Jerry Smith, Don Fetty, and Stephanie Horlacher for teaching at the event!



## Peace Boat Scholarship Application Deadline Extended to February 29, 2024

One young Greenville area scholar, age 18-30, will have the opportunity this summer to sail with the Peace Boat, interacting and learning peace-building skills with other scholars from around the world in partnership with the United Nations to promote and strengthen youth engagement through the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals Action Campaign

The Peace Boat visits 200 countries per year as it travels around the globe promoting and teaching peace and sustainability. The next youth scholarship program will be traveling in July, 2024. The destination of the July scholarship will be either the Arctic or Latin America. A passport is required. This service project is funded by the Greenville Rotary Club and Rotary District 7210, through a district grants. District grant funding is based on donation to the Rotary Foundation through the Every Rotarian Every Year challenge. The club will be seeking donations and applying for additional grants to pay for the scholarship.

Please spread the word to young people you know! The application is available on our website and by emailing [peaceboatapplications@gmail.com](mailto:peaceboatapplications@gmail.com). The application deadline is February 29.

## Interact Holiday Hooligans

Greenville Interact brought holiday fun to their school with their Holiday Hooligans Spirit Week! This week of fun and good works included a daily trivia contest (complete with prizes), fun dress up/down days, food drives, toy collections and more!



## Save the Date for Mardi Gras Fun!



Maggie, Amy, and Karen N. Are working on a fund raising dance with a Mardi Gras theme, on Saturday, March 23. They are hoping to hold it at the American Legion Post. Save the date!

## Club Meeting Minutes and Updates

Lesley Smith, Club Secretary

Dianne Lewis, President

1/11/24 - We had 10 members 9 for dinner

Congratulations to Dianne Lewis for receiving her Paul Harris Award; it was presented by Katherine Vera at tonight's meeting

Eileen - donations have calmed down from the holidays, back to "normal amounts"; they do not need paper bags; have received 115 paper items so far this month. They have someone who separates everything into portions per family so large packages of items are fine. Families get every thing they need for 2 weeks including milk and egg cards. We did discuss making next month cleaning supply month.

A big thank you to GNH for taking down the trees - John's team had time and there was a time crunch since Friday was Tim Fitzgerald's last day with the town. All the trees were picked up Dianne suggested we do something for John's employees but he said they were well taken care of. Sorry Denise Mink that I didn't get the message to you but it was great to hear from you and we appreciate you showing up!

Next week Todd will be bringing 2 students who are interested in applying for the summer exchange program to present to the membership.

Interact- We received an email from Carrie Hernandez (District Interact Chair) She sent the first edition of the Interact Minute. They are working on bringing back Interact days. They are asking if clubs would be willing to be event sponsors, they are in early planning stages, not yet asking for a commitment, levels are \$100, \$250

## Holiday Basket of Joy Raffle

Thank you to all who purchased tickets and donated, and especially to Robin and Dave Frechette, who organized the raffle. This was a lot of work but a fantastic fundraiser. We earned enough to be able to fund a lot of our community projects. A big thanks to all our local businesses who support us year round!

Greenville Truck and Auto  
The Westerner  
Stewarts Shops  
Dunkin Donuts  
Moosehead Cedar Log Homes  
Prana Massage  
Town Line Motor Sports  
GNH Lumber  
National Bank of Coxsackie  
Tractor Supply  
Flowers and Stuff of Greenville  
Country Square Wine & Liquor  
Coldwell Banker Prime Properties - Greenville  
TOPS Supermarket  
Bank of Greene County  
Eclips Hair Studio  
Kelly's Pharmacy  
Greene County Power Equipment  
Town Line Equipment  
Dogs of Greenville  
The Tasting Lab  
Lou's Automotive  
Island Green Golf Course  
Christine's Flair for Hair  
Sunny Hill Golf Course  
Vince Anna's Restaurant  
Crazy Grandma's Kitchen  
Catskill Valley Chiropractic/Wellness Center  
Backyard Sheds and Gazebos  
Thunderhart Golf Course  
Jan's Country Cuts



Robin and Dave Frechette selling raffle tickets at TOPS

and \$500. We discussed that we would be interested, we do not currently have a good relationship with our interact club. No one attended the Christmas event. We will be inviting Carrie and others to attend a future meeting.

Empowering Girls Event - Sat 2/17 10 am to 12 pm - Don Fetty, Stephanie Horlacher & Jerry Smith; Deb Smith will do the Flyers, sign up will be at NBC and open to the first 15 to sign up. Jerry will talk to Don about a curriculum.

The board will be holding a special meeting Tue 1/23 6 pm at the conference room at Coldwell Banker to review the by-laws.

Greenville Yearbook - we received a request to do an add in this years yearbook and agreed to do a 1/4 page for \$25.00.

We had a discussion about the Peace Boat. Diane W talked to Barbara Walter about a grant from the Bank of Greene County. There was an article in the paper about it being a scholarship. Dianne L. will talk to Diane W. about giving the membership an update.

Exchange Weekend 2/2-4 - Dianne handed out an itinerary draft. It was reviewed and notes and updates were made. Members volunteered. Lesley will follow up with Liz. Liz is hoping to attend next week's meeting and we will continue to finalize the plans.

## General Meeting 1/4/24

### Attending 14

Eileen - Food Pantry - There were 8 extra boxes at TOPS full of donations!! The food pantry is suppling 74 families at this time. Families receive frozen, fresh, canned good, paper supplies everything but dish soap. January is Paper Goods month; tissues, paper towels & toilet paper. You can bring items to the meetings.

Coat Drive - Was successful, We had more than last year; Cecile presented the laundromat with Certificate of Appreciation

TREES NEED TO COME DOWN THIS SAT!  
We need volunteers at the park starting between 8 am to 9 am to remove decorations and lights and cut down and stack the trees before the upcoming storm. Most will be picked up but about 25 are not spoken for.

Summer Exchange Students - We have two female students that want to apply for the summer

exchange program they will be at the 1/18 meeting with Todd to make their presentation. Lucas was not accepted by the review board, however they told him to work on certain areas and reapply next year. We will not have an outgoing student this year.

Day of Service - May 18th - Several ideas were discussed and a committee was selected; Cecile ( Chair) Maggie, Barbara & Karen N . They will meet a present a project to the club on our Feb 29th meeting.

Empowering Girls - working on getting a Sat morning in Jan or Feb scheduled. Dianne has two girls and Jerry Smith ready to participate. John reaching out to a local shop and Deb will help with flyers. Program will be for girls 18 and under

Youth Exchange weekend - Feb 2-4 at Liz's - in good shape. Friday night Pizza party, Sat at Windham, dinner out. Sunday morning brunch. Lesley overnight chaperone.

Cecile - If there is any publicity advertising she need the copy 6 weeks in advance due to deadlines of the local papers. There is a Zoom meeting regarding membership she is unable to attend. Dianne offered to attend. She also gave us information on news of a new program called an impact club. We discussed briefly advertising for the Peace Boat but need further information.

Our exchange student, Elizabeth, is settling in well at Dianne's.

Lesley is working on a schedule that will be attached to each week's minutes; if anyone would like to invite a presenter please reach out to her to schedule. Also, if you are bringing a guest please let her know in the text and their dinner choice. She spoke to Bernadette at Nellie's and now along with the 3 dinner choice you can request you can have a choice of salad with grilled chicken or Burger and fries - however, it will still be a \$25 fee for dinner.

Maggie asked about ways we have recruited new members in the past - mostly it was word of mouth. Robin did ask those who donated to the raffle basket if they would be interested in joining, when she wrote them a thank you note.

We received a Thank you note from the Food Pantry.



**Notes from Dianne - 1/5/24**

Happy New Year to all! We had a very nice holiday party on December 21, with 17 members attending. We made \$295 dollars with the basket auction. Thank you to all who attended!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the greenery and basket auction fundraisers over the holiday season.

I hope everyone received and read Lesley's minutes she sent out this morning covering everything that was discussed at last night's business meeting. Please let Lesley know if you did not receive them.

Moving forward, the Greenville Rotary Board will be meeting on January 23 to review and/or revise our bylaws. One of the revisions being considered is to make an attendance requirement of one meeting per month. I would like feedback from all of our members on this revision. Please email me at [diannelewis148@gmail.com](mailto:diannelewis148@gmail.com), with your feedback. If I do not receive an email from you I will contact you by phone before January 23 to ask for feedback.

**12/10/23**

The last few weeks have been very busy for our club! We have been busy with fundraisers, the tree lighting and having our weekly meetings. I will try to update everything in more detail here.

The Tree lighting preparation and implementing went well largely due to Deb Smith's expertise in planning and GNH's crew putting up the trees. Big thanks to them and all Rotarians who helped.

Karen Neville let us use her shop to make kissing balls and mailbox wreaths to sell at the GCS craft fair. We sold all of the 43 kissing balls Karen Neville, Amy, Maggie and Sue Cunningham, Cecile, Robin and Dave helped make them. We sold 10 of the 34 mailbox wreaths as of last week, and the rest are for sale at GNH and Flowers and stuff. Overall we raised almost \$1500 in greenery sales.

The holiday basket: Dave and Robin put together from donations from local businesses is going gangbusters! Dave and Robin are selling tickets at TOPS this morning if anyone wants a ticket. This promises to be a great fundraiser as well! Drawing will be at this week's Rotary meeting.

The coats for the coat drive have been collected and are being cleaned at the laundromat. We collected five large garbage bags full of coats. They will be distributed this Wednesday at the town barn during the Food Pantry open hours. Angela, Amy, Diane, Maggie and myself will be there to help distribute the coats. Please let any family you know who might be in need to take advantage of the coat drive from 8am-12:00pm on Wednesday.

The deadline for signing up for our Greenville Rotary Holiday get together is this Thursday December 14. The event is December 21 at Nellies with a special buffet menu with carving station and dessert table! The cost is \$40 per person. Families and significant others welcome. Please let Lesley know when you respond to this week's meeting attendance. There will be a "basket auction" at the party. Anyone who would like to put together a basket, (just an item... it doesn't need to be a basket) is welcome to do so, but it is certainly not required!

At last Thursday meeting the Rotarians present responded to a request from the elementary school for hats and knit gloves. We collected enough money in about thirty seconds of members throwing money to the middle of the table to purchase 48 pairs of gloves and 36 hats!! Thanks to Maggie Cunningham for getting the best "bang for our buck" and for delivering them to the elementary school this week. If need be we will collect more in the coming months, but this should last them a while :-)

And speaking of Maggie, she accepted my invitation to be a member of the Rotary club board and attended her first board meeting last Thursday. Anyone with concerns or questions they want brought to the board can now do that through Maggie as well.

This Thursday we will have a potential outbound student present at our meeting. This is part of the process for a student to be considered for the program. We also need to confirm our sponsorship if we agree that he is a good candidate for the program.

We also discussed possible ideas for the Day of Service for this year, which occurs in May. If anyone has an idea they would like to share please let me know.

The holidays are a great time to reflect on our motto of Service above self!!

## RI Theme for 2024-25 The Magic of Rotary

President-elect Stephanie Urchick revealed the 2024-2025 presidential theme, The Magic of Rotary. She said: "We are not going to end polio or bring peace to the world by waving a wand. It's up to you. You create the magic with every project completed, every dollar donated, and every new member."



## Membership Minute: Classifications

We are always trying to interest people who have a heart for service to join our Rotary Club and give community involvement through Rotary a try. We have had membership outreach at events and recruited through social media and service projects. But one of the most tried-and-true ways to recruit new Rotarians is by personal invitation.

Back in the day, Rotary clubs were limited in the number of members they could have from each profession or business. This was called classifications. While this requirement has gone the way of all-male Rotary clubs, classifications are still a useful way to identify potential Rotary members.

Past District 7210 Governor, Larry Palant, would always urge clubs to invite the local funeral director to join Rotary, in a "joking - not joking" way, because the funeral director knows everyone in town.

Do you know anyone from A.J. Cunningham Funeral Homes? Would YOU invite them to a club meeting to learn what Rotary is all about? What other classifications are we lacking in our club? We don't have any doctors, lawyers, investment advisors, or accountants. What about construction companies, landscapers, or state and county employees?

We don't have members from some of the larger businesses in our area. Do you know anyone who works for Hannay Reels, Glaxo-Smith-Kline, or one of the companies in the Cocksackie industrial parks?

Put your thinking caps on and invite someone to our meeting! You can also suggest names and contact information to Cecile and our membership committee for us to reach out to potential members.

Let's Grow Rotary!



**DISTRICT 7210, 12.28.23**  
**ROTARY MINUTE**

**DECEMBER THEME:**  
DISEASE PREVENTION & TREATMENT Month

**MEMBERSHIP**  
How are we getting out & recruiting new members? SHARE. INVITE. JOIN THE TEAM. Rotary's success is on our ability to bring likeminded folks to help us make a difference. Give them the ROTARY VIP Experience- get them involved.

**PRE-PETS** (for President Elects & 2-term Presidents)  
Save the Dates: Jan. 22nd (Kingston)  
Jan. 23rd (Woodberry Commons)  
Virtual--> Feb. 6, Feb. 20, March 5, March 19

**STORYTELLING CONTEST**  
Do you have time for a little fellowship and fun over the winter months? We are holding a Storytelling Contest to take place in the months of January and February, with a final competition on March 8.

**LEARNING CENTER LIVE**  
DISTRICT 7210 LEADERSHIP TRAINING  
Learning Center Live! March 2, 2024  
In person Rotary knowledge for everyone!  
More information to come!

**Seas the Day** June 11-15  
DISTRICT 7210 Conference  
YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS OUT!  
IT'S GOING TO BE SO MUCH FUN!  
BOOK ON DISTRICT WEBSITE

**2024 SAVANNAH** Happy Holidays

**PRE-PETS:** See Above  
Storytelling: Region 1 & 2 (Jan. 18)  
Storytelling: Region 3, 4 & 7 (Feb. 1)  
24-'25 District Team Training: Feb. 3 (invites to come)  
Storytelling: Region 5 & 6 (Feb. 8)  
Storytelling: Region 8 & 9 (Feb. 15)  
Membership Meet-Ups: Feb. 26- March 1st  
Learning Center Live: March 2nd  
Storytelling Final: March 7th  
PETS: March 21-23rd  
District Learning Assembly: April 27th  
District Grants are Due: May 15th  
Day of Service: May 18th  
District Conference: June 11-15th  
New Rotary Year Start Date: July 1st  
RYLA: July 7-11th

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
100% Foundation Giving Club  
This banner is awarded to clubs that achieve an average of \$100 in per capita giving and 100% participation, with every dues-paying member contributing at least \$25 to any or all of the following during the Rotary year: Annual Fund, PolioPlus Fund, approved global grants, or Endowment Fund.

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