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Weekly Newsletter

September 3, 2026

Rotarian Voices

The Roundhouse is wrapping up August's series on why members chose to join Rotary. If you would like to share your story about joining Rotary, email Lynne at lsessions411@gmail.com



**Adam
Stoutenburg,
Co-President
2026-2027**

My former English teacher Helene Seldin was a member for many years and recruited me back in 2010 to be a member. She would come to Hannaford and sell me pancake tickets every year while I worked in the bakery in the early 2000s and then finally one day I said I want to be a member as well so I became a member. I had to stop when I worked for Coca-Cola and then became a member again once I started working for Casella Waste. I love being a part of the Community and am so happy that I ended up at Rotary because this is such a great way to give back. I have met so many great people in this club and am extremely grateful for the friendships I have built.

Above: Adam makes Service Above Self a family affair while ringing the bell for the Salvation Army's Annual Kettle Bell Drive.

**CREATE
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**Meeting At A Glance
September 3, 2026**

Co-Presidents
Adam Stoutenburg
Cindy Struckle

Invocation
Sherman Whitney

Song Leader
Vicki Rickard

Finemaster
Scott Davis

Program
George Wells
Tri-Town Theatre Sidney, NY

Did You Know?

September is Basic Education and Literacy Month. Education and literacy are one of Rotary International's core seven areas of focus. The global goal initiative aims to reduce global illiteracy which affects more than 775 million adults worldwide. Rotary clubs work to strengthen community capacity for education, reduce gender disparities in schooling, and boost adult literacy rates. One step you can take to help right now is to volunteer to care for our three Little Libraries for a month. You can also donate books suitable for K-5 to the libraries. Contact Kathy Leahy at the weekly meeting or email info@oneontarotary.org

Upcoming Events and Programs

September is Basic Education and Literacy Month

September 3	<i>George Wells, Tri-Town Theatre, Sidney, NY</i>
September 8	Oneonta Rotary Club Board of Director's Meeting, 7 PM
September 10	<i>Rosalie Higgins, Rotarian, Global Rotary Initiatives</i>
September 13	Oneonta Rotary Operation Warm Raffle Fundraiser, Grand and Glorious Fall Fair, Neahwa Park, Details TBA, Coordinator Dave Rowley
September 17	<i>Matt Sanford, Hartwick College Pine Lake and Challenge Education</i>
September 24	<i>Kaler Carpenter, Executive Director, Family Service Association</i>
October 3	SAVE THE DATE: Adopt-A-Highway Roadside Cleanup, Details TBA, Coordinator Scott Davis
October 8	<i>Pamela Baker Gratton, CNY District President 5 pm, no afternoon meeting, Details TBA</i>
October 11	SAVE THE DATE: Oneonta Rotary Cornhole Tournament Fundraiser, 12:30 pm, Hartwick College, Coordinator Adam Stoutenburg

Please send calendar corrections, additions, and changes to info@oneontarotary.org
Send suggestions for speakers to Adam Stoutenburg at adam.stoutenburg@casella.com

Announcements

Operation Warm Underway: Raffle ticket sales have begun to raise funds for Operation Warm-an annual Oneonta Rotary project to provide brand new warm coats to children in need. The winner of the raffle receives numerous scratch off tickets and restaurant gift certificates. The drawing takes place in Neahwa Park at the Grand and Glorious Fall Fair on Saturday, September 13. To help sell tickets, contact Dave Rowley at the meeting or at drowley61@gmail.com.

Volunteers Needed for Little Free Libraries Volunteers are needed to sign up for a month to care for our three Little Free Libraries located at each of Oneonta's elementary schools. You will visit each library several times a month, replenish the books and check for damage. Books are provided. To volunteer, contact Coordinator Kathy Leahy at the Thursday meeting or at 607-988-2713. (April and May have been scheduled.)

Pancake Breakfast to Support Rotary Youth Exchange: If you would like to be part of the planning committee for the Pancake Breakfast and or, have information to share about the event, contact Jamie Reynolds at jamiereynolds1019@gmail.com

Community Volunteer Opportunity

A three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., bearing all 58,281 names, together with its Mobile Education Center, will visit Oneonta, NY at Neahwa Park September 24-27th. The Wall is open to the public 24 hours/day no charge. 200 volunteers are needed to staff the exhibit around the clock. To volunteer, visit CNYremembers.com or contact Dave Rowley at drowley61@gmail.com

Recap: August 27, 2026

Speaker: Andy Odell, President, Board of Directors, Wieting Theater



- Was Rotary Exchange student in 1985 to Spain
- Houghton College graduate majoring in Music
- Has been music teacher in Worcester since 1994 and active in community affairs and shows
- The Wieting Theater was built in 1910
- The east wing was added 1922 with seating for 250
- Multiuse theater with first run movies Memorial Day to Labor Day and Theater shows
- Only multiuse theater building in Otsego County. Part of a multicounty circuit of shows
- Performers sign walls with show names and dates and earliest found from 1928
- Available for use for private parties but closed January to March
- Plan updates with LED lighting and new stage curtains

~ Dr. Bob Davidson

Above: Andy Odell with Co-Presidents Adam Stoutenburg and Cindy Struckle

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CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

Sunday
October 11, 2026

Hartwick College
Binder Gym
1 Hartwick Dr Oneonta NY

Bring Your Own Partner
Double Elimination

Backyard Division (no league or tournament players)

College Division (must be a college student)
\$40/Team - 50% Payout

Bring Your Own Partner
Rounders, Then Double Elimination

Social Division \$40/team, 50% Payout

Competitive Division \$60/team, 70% Payout

Registration 11AM-12PM, Bags Fly at 12:30 PM

Pre-Registration Encouraged, Walk Ins Welcome

SAVE THE DATE

Oneonta Rotary Club
Cornhole Tournament
October 11, 2026

TO REGISTER:

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