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Weekly Newsletter

September 17, 2026

Operation Warm Raffle Ticket Sale Raises over \$800



Rotarians were out in force on September 13th in Neahwa Park at the Grand and Glorious Fall Fest to sell raffle tickets for the annual Operation Warm fund drive. According to organizer Dave Rowley, the weather did not clear up until the afternoon so the number of people attending the festival was down by 50% or more. Despite the inclement weather, Rotarians managed to sell \$800 worth of raffle tickets. In total, the club raised \$6,508 to purchase new winter coats and mittens for area school children. At the end of the day, Rotarian Sarah Patterson was selected to draw the winning ticket and in a surprising turn of events, the winning ticket was hers! Sarah, enjoy all of the gift certificates and we hope those scratch offs pay handsomely! Thank you to everyone that helped to sell tickets and made donations. Next steps include working with area schools to identify the number and sizes of coats needed, ordering the coats from Operation Warm, and sorting and distributing the coats before the first snowflakes of winter arrive. Thank you to everyone that helped to sell tickets and made donations. Your efforts and donations will help keep many, many school children warm throughout our Central New York winter.

**CREATE
LASTING
IMPACT**

**Meeting At A Glance
September 17, 2026**

Co-Presidents

Adam Stoutenburg
Cindy Struckle

Invocation

Lynne Sessions

Song Leader

Lynne Sessions

Finemaster

Dave Rowley

Program

Various Club Members:
Getting to Know You

*Top: Rotarians Lakisha Mason and Ed Forman.
Center: Rosalie Higgins, John Maine, Dave Rowley,
Sarah Patterson and the winning ticket, and Ed
Forman. Bottom: The raffle ticket prize.
photos submitted by Cindy Struckle*

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CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

**Sunday
October 11, 2026**

Hartwick College
Binder Gym
1 Hartwick Dr Oneonta NY



Upcoming Events and Programs

September is Basic Education and Literacy Month

- September 17 *Various Club Members: Getting to Know You*
- September 24 *Kaler Carpenter, Executive Director, Family Service Association*
- October 3 **SAVE THE DATE:** Adopt-A-Highway Roadside Cleanup, Coordinator Scott Davis
- October 8 *Pamela Baker Gratton, CNY District President 5 pm, no afternoon meeting, \$15/person*
- October 11 **SAVE THE DATE:** Oneonta Rotary Cornhole Tournament Fundraiser, 12:30 pm, Hartwick College, Coordinator Adam Stoutenburg Same day registration 11-12
- October 15 *Matt Sanford, Hartwick College Pine Lake and Challenge Education*
- October 31 **SAVE THE DATE:** The Halloween Parade, Details TBA

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

CNY District President Official Visit, October 8

Pamela Baker Gratton, CNY District President, will visit Oneonta on October 8. The event, which will include a chance to mingle with members from other clubs, takes place from 5-8 PM at the Elks Club. The cost is \$15/person. Reservations must be made by October 1st. **To RSVP and/or to pay, contact Cindy Struckle.** Payment can also be made at the door. There will not be an afternoon meeting on October 8th. Be sure to make a reservation. This is a great chance to catch up with old friends, make new friends, and learn about the initiatives and priorities for our district in the coming year. cstruckl43@hotmail.com

Open Club Leadership Positions

Volunteers are needed to fill two to three leadership positions in the club. The positions are listed below. If interested, please contact Cindy or Adam.

Cindy Struckle cstruckl43@hotmail.com

Adam Stoutenburg adam.stoutenburg@casella.com

Board Member: The Oneonta Rotary Board of Directors is looking for an individual to fill the term held by Mike Chandler. He has relocated for work and therefore unable to serve on the board. The term is for 2026-27, and 2027-28. The board meets monthly on the first Tuesday at 7pm.

President/Co-President: The club is looking for a President or Co-Presidents for the 2027-28 year. A member must have served a year on the Board of Directors to serve in this role. In the past several years two people have shared the job of president and have found success sharing the duties and responsibilities.

Club Volunteer Opportunities

Adopt-A-Highway Roadside Clean-Up

Our fall Adopt-a-Highway project on October 3rd is less than one month away. If you are available to participate, the project will only take approximately an hour and a half of your time and we could certainly use your support. Safety gear is provided. Long pants and closed-toed shoes are highly recommended. Fun and laughter guaranteed. Contact Scott Davis if you can help. sdavis11@stny.rr.com

Recap: September 10, 2026

Speaker: Lana Rouff, Lana Rouff, Chair, CNY District Global Grants Committee, Initiatives and Accomplishments



Lana Rouff is the chair of the CNY District Global Grants Committee which is made up of 17 members including our own Rosalie Higgins. According to the Rotary CNY District website the Global Grants Committee “encourages members of our district to identify the many needs that could possibly be addressed through the grant process here and in countries around the world.” In introducing Lana, Rosalie reviewed Rotary International’s seven areas of focus: basic education and literacy, community economic development, supporting the environment, peace building and conflict resolution, disease prevention and treatment, (including Polio Plus), water sanitation and hygiene (WASH), and maternal and child health.

According to Lana, donations to the Rotary Foundation Annual Fund are distributed to local and global projects through a unique system called SHARE. Contributions are invested for three full years before they are spent. The interest earned from these investments helps pay

for the Foundation’s administrative and operating expenses, ensuring that every donated dollar goes directly to service after three years.

At the end of every Rotary year, the funds raised from a specific districts are divided equally into two primary pools (after a small portion is managed for specific needs): the World Fund and District Designated Funds (DDF). The World Fund is managed directly by the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to fund large-scale global initiatives. It supports worldwide programs like PolioPlus, Rotary Peace Centers, Programs of Scale, and matches for Global Grants. The remaining half is returned to the local districts as DDF for use in projects of their choosing.

Districts have flexibility in how they spend their DDF allocation either as district grants (local-short-term) or global grants. District Grants (Local/Short-Term): can be used to fund a single block grant for local community service or international short-term projects chosen by local clubs. Global Grants (Large International) can be pooled for large, sustainable international projects under Rotary’s areas of focus. The World Fund matches DDF put toward Global Grants (typically at 80% to 100% depending on the specific funding model guidelines). : Districts may also choose to donate portions of their DDF directly to PolioPlus, Rotary Peace Centers, or transfer funds to another district.

Lana concluded by sharing a number of accomplishments made possible by these grants. A few of these include:

- Life Saving Narcan Grant, Otsego County, total grant \$53,530, to put Narcan dispensers/kits throughout Delhi, Franklin, Johnson City, and Oneonta. Our own Rosalie Higgins was one of the leads on this successful project.
- Maternity Ward Equipment Uganda, \$8,000, Baldwinsville Rotary
- Cuddle of Hope, India, intensive care for children, \$5,000
- Gift of Life Heart Surgery, Egypt, 70 children, \$9,000
- Moon Catchers, Kapala, Menstrual kits for girls to help them stay in school (ongoing project)
- Wheelchairs for 300 children in Uganda
- Teenage Empowerment Project, Kenya, providing occupational training for teen mothers
- Water Project, Costa Rica \$7,500

To learn more visit <https://cnyrotary.org/Search/district%20global%20grants%20committee> or contact Rosalie Higgins.

~ Lynne Sessions

Above Co-President Adam Stoutenburg, Lana Rouff, and Rosalie Higgins. photo submitted by Cindy Struckle.

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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 12:30PM

Pre-Registration Encouraged, Walk Ins Welcome

For More Information or to Register:

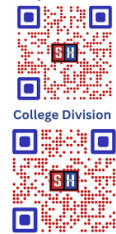
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Backyard Division



Social Division



College Division



Competitive Division



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