



THE GONG

Endicott Rotary Newsletter – AUGUST 2025

A message from Dottie Kuehl, President



President's Message:

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August is now upon us and its warmth and sunshine lulls us into a month of fruitful abundance we can share with one another.

A huge Thank You to all who volunteered at the Dick's Open. It was another most successful event for our community and our Club. To recognize those efforts and ALL the volunteer hours you have worked through the past year in all our various service events, please mark your calendar for our Volunteer Appreciation Party scheduled for August 7 at the Elks Club. More specific information will be forthcoming.

Please also consider attending and as needed, providing volunteer support to the 2025 Carousel and Band Organ Rally at Spiedie Fest, August 1-3. Carousels are not complete without lively organ music for its riders. Jim Leonard was instrumental in researching and finding an organ for our

100th anniversary gift to the village of Endicott in 2021. Jim provided his experience to the Endwell Club as well. Bringing two organs back to the region strengthened the carousel circuit in our region. More information may be found on our Facebook page as well as the August 1 CNY newsletter you receive via email.

Our annual Endicott Rotary Club picnic has been scheduled for August 21 at Roundtop Park. It is a beautiful picnic area offering stunning views of the river valley. We will be passing around a sign-up sheet throughout August. Bring a side-dish and enjoy Lupo's chicken on the grill.

And let us not forget the 2025 Italian Gusto Festival on August 29. We are currently considering having a booth at the festival this year to promote our Club and even welcome a new member or two.

As part of beginning a new Rotary year, our Board met on July 16 to select our Board Chair for the year as well as the Standing Committees who will help us with Rotary's action plans of expanding our reach, increasing our impact, enhancing participant engagement, and supporting global initiatives. Jim Leonard will be serving as Board Chair for the 2025-2026 Endicott Rotary Club year. A table depicting the Committee chairs and members has been included in the Rotary Officers and Board Members section of this GONG.

Please make note there will not be a Weekly Meeting held on August 7 or August 21 as we will be sharing our time together at the Volunteer Appreciation Party and our Rotary picnic.

Very simply, Thank You for all you do for our Endicott Rotary Club.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Dottie

ROTARY OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS- July '25 to June '26

***President – Dottie Kuehl
Past President – Rick Materese
Incoming President – TBA
Jim Leonard
Jim Testa
Mike Sopchak
Nancy Kiley***

***Secretary – Darlene Leonard
Treasurer – Kim Potter
Ass't Treasurer – Sharon Reid
Dave Clementi
Barbara Fiala
Lynn Orlando
Stephan Wasylo***



Board Chair – Jim Leonard

1st Vice Chair – Barb Fiala

2nd Vice Chair – Lynn Orlando

Standing Committees: (minimum of 3 Board members required)		
<u>Committee</u>	<u>Role</u>	<u>Name</u>
Membership	Chair Member Member Advisor	Stephan Wasylko Mike Sopchak Lynn Orlando Tom Latini
Nominating	Chair Member Member	Nancy Kiley Stephan Wasylko Barb Fiala
Public Relations	Chair Member Member	Lynn Orlando Jim Testa Dave Clemente
Service Projects	Chair Member Member	Jim Testa Stephan Wasylko Barb Fiala
Youth Programs	Chair Member Member	Dave Clemente Mike Sopchak Nancy Kiley

Duty Roster for August 2025

Programs: By Committee

Greeter: Dave Clementi

Sergeant at Arms: TBA

Duty Roster for September 2025

Programs: Dottie Kuehl or by Committee

Greeter: Gail Smith

Sergeant at Arms: Jessica Corbett



AUGUST SPEAKERS

8/7 - Volunteer Appreciation Party– Vestal Elks Club at 5PM

8/14 – Matt Sheehan, Director , Center for Career & Technical Excellence at BT BOCES

Topic: BOCES programs for career and workforce excellence

8/21 – Annual Endicott Rotary Picnic at Roundtop Park – Sunrise Terrace Pavilion – 5 PM Bring dish to pass.

8/28 – Lisa Piece – Story Teller

AUGUST Birthdays!



8/5 – Sharon Reid

8/15 – Kristin Snyder

8/20 - Sharon Witte

8/26 - Tom Johnson

8/13 – Nancy Knipscher

8/16 – Rochelle-Levine Klieger

8/22 – John Karedes

8/30 – Nancy Kiley

8/31 - Bill Campbell



Welcome to summer's parting hugs. Enjoy!



Endicott Rotary
Foundation



Endicott Rotary Foundation Board

Gay Canough, Foundation President

Tom Johnson, Foundation Treasurer

Mike Sopchak, Foundation Board Member, Rick Materese, Foundation Board Member, Carl Speicher, Foundation Board Member, Betty Casey, Foundation Board Member

***August 2025 – A Message from Gay Canough,
President of the Endicott Rotary Foundation, Inc.***

Thank you to all who stepped up to be Foundation members and elected a new Board of Directors. And thank you to Jim Leonard for getting us organized for the new Rotary year.

The new Foundation Members are

Nancy Kiley, Rick Materese, Mike Sopchak, Nancy Knipscher

Dottie Kuehl, Jim Leonard, Betty Casey, Barb Fiala

Tom Latini, Kim Potter, Darlene Leonard, Dave Baker, and Doug Boyce

The new Foundation Board Members are:

Gay Canough, Mike Sopchak, Rick Materese, Carl Speicher, and Betty Casey

The new Foundation Board is set to meet July 25 to consider some grant requests already in hand. Speaking of grant requests, we are getting more of these every year. When people send us emails and letters requesting support, please send them the Grant Application to fill out. Email canough@gmail.com for the latest version of the Grant Application. It is a fillable PDF file, but printing it out and filling in by hand is also OK.

Based on last year's record income from all YOUR diligent volunteering, we estimate that there is about \$28,000 to give out as grants this year. In addition to that, we are able to add some funds back into our investments to ensure that we will be able to give a substantial amount in future years, even if some of our income sources dry up.

A Big Year-End Thank You to Endicott Rotary members.

All your hard work during the year is what feeds the Foundation's ability to give funds out to our community.

--- Gay

Gay Canough, President- Endicott Rotary Foundation, Inc.

PHOTO GALLERY



Leigh Kimber of Colliers Engineering and Design speaking on the Downtown Revitalization Program for Endicott. The second photo is their logo.



Bethany Peake – Executive Director – Mom’s House, Johnson City

The Rotary team! Our fabulous volunteers ready to serve up *above par* food and drink at the DSGO held in July.. It’s the one time being over par is a good thing!





The World's happiest burger flippers and beverage pourers! Check it out to see if your smiling face is among them!



Hot diggity dog! Still smiling – heat, humidity and all! That's the Rotary spirit!

Many thanks to all those who participated in this great community event.