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Endicott Rotary Newsletter – JULY 2025

A message from Dottie Kuehl, President



President's Message:

Well, a new Rotary year is upon us, and as your 2025-2026 President, I want you to know I look forward to leading our Club in another fun, engaging, impactful and informative year. Special thanks to Rick Materese for his leadership and service as President during this past busy year. Much appreciation also to the following who are leaving our Board of Directors: Betty Casey, Pamela Portland, and Michael Tanzini. Welcome to our new Board members: David Clemente, Barbara Fiala, Lynn Orlando, and Stephan Wasylo. We truly have a most dedicated Club and I thank each member in advance for your continued support and service.

As we head into the 2025-2026 year, I am proposing the following goals for our Club:

- Increasing membership by 4 to 70 and engaging all members using their unique strengths to build strong relationships.
- Develop plan to promote our Club's activities and projects thereby enhancing our public image visibly and via a strong online presence in this digital age.
- Identify a new service project that specifically addresses a need in our community.
- Increase our annual PolioPlus fund contribution by 5%.

With these goals in mind, please consider serving on the Membership, Public Image, Service, and/or Foundation committees. Your support is welcomed, is much appreciated and will make our Club vibrant and strong.

Please also put your thinking caps on for speakers in the August and September timeframe. We currently do not have a chairperson for either of these months, but if we can come up with some ideas, I am sure we can fill the monthly slots.

Please note our first July weekly luncheon meeting will be July 17. There will be no meeting on July 3 ahead of the July 4 Holiday or July 10 which falls during the Dick's Open. The Open is always a most busy and fun week for all those who have volunteered to work.

Wishing all a safe and enjoyable Independence Day holiday.
Yours in Rotary Service,

Dottie

Duty Roster for July 2025

Programs: Darlene Leonard

Greeter: Bob Conti

Sergeant at Arms: Nancy Knipscher

Duty Roster for August 2025

Programs: By Committee

Greeter: Dave Clementi

Sergeant at Arms: TBA

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

*President – Dottie Kuehl
Past President – Rick Materese
Incoming President – TBA*

*Secretary – Darlene Leonard
Treasurer – Kim Potter
Ass't Treasurer – Sharon Reid*

*Jim Leonard
Jim Testa
Mike Sopchak
Nancy Kiley*

*Dave Clementi
Barbara Fiala
Lynn Orlando
Stephan Wasylo*

JULY SPEAKERS

**7/17 Leigh Kimber – Colliers Engineering & Design – re:
Downtown Revitalization Project for Endicott**

**7/24 Bethany Peake – Executive Director for Mom's
House (updates)**

**7/31 Darlene Leonard – District Coordinator AARP
Driver Safety Program**

July Birthdays!



**7/2 – Sandy Johnson
7/8 – Jerry Motsavage
7/19 – Sue Bachman
7/21 – Cole Hessler**

**7/6 – Jennie Shiel
7/14 – Dave Powell
7/20 – Erin Eckert
7/22 – Dennis Sweeney**

Rotary



Endicott Rotary
Foundation



Endicott Rotary Foundation Board

*Gay Canough, Foundation President
Tom Johnson, Foundation Treasurer
Mario Salati, Foundation Board Member William
Campbell, Foundation Board Member
Pat Nally, Foundation Board Member
Carl Speicher, Foundation Board Member*

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

A year ago the Foundation adopted updated Bylaws. The new bylaws call for us to form a new group of people (at least 11) who would be members of the Foundation. That group would meet once per year to elect Foundation Board of Directors (5) and the Board would elect its own officers, (president, VP, secretary, treasurer).

Please let me know if you are interested in being a Foundation member. We will be having our annual meeting in July to choose the new Board. The Board's main job is to give out grant money to (mostly local) worthy causes and organizations. The Board meets 3 to 4 times a year to consider grant requests.

So far I have 4 people who are interested. Need some more!

If you want to be more involved in the business of the Endicott Rotary Foundation, here's an easy way to do it. Contact me at canough@gmail.com.

A Big Year-End Thank You to Endicott Rotary members. We gave out over \$25K in grants this year.

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

--- Gay

President- Endicott Rotary Foundation, Inc.

PHOTO GALLERY



Dottie Kuehl receiving her pin from Rick



Kim Potter – roast time for Prez Rick



Outgoing president Rick accepting his gavel



**Lateisha Judge – Exec. Director of
Broome County Habitat for Humanity**



**Jennifer Tevelow – The Rape of Europa
Kenneth Lindsay, Monuments Man**



**Jennifer speaking on her father's role in
World War II and the Monuments Men**



**Mark Tevelow speaking on mushroom foraging and an unusual mushroom known
as Lion's Mane. He had examples of many others as well, some of which are edible.**





Keith Harrison, Regional Director for the AARP Tax Aide Program



Ah, July! Tis the crown jewel of the summer season and personal favorite of this editor. I was a summer baby (end of August) and thus, a Virgo. It's an "earth sign," giving us a special awareness and affection for Mother Nature. I love August too, but there is a melancholy air to it that suggests summer is coming to a close. July, on the other hand, says boldly "Summer is here! Enjoy the sun, the heat, the freedom of anticipated vacations – endless lazy days. And do this without guilt because – July! There will be time for the usual stuff in the Fall. And so, I wish a happy carefree July to all – enjoy!"

