

The Skantarian Newsletter

Skaneateles Rotary Club, Skaneateles NY, U.S.A.
Rotary District 7150
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Mar 12, 2015

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

[Member Birthdays](#)

John Shannon
March 11

Doug Rutan
March 14

Nick Brewster
March 24

Lee Bennett
March 31

[Join Date](#)

Bill Blessing
March 3, 2011
4 years

Doug Rutan
March 3, 2005
10 years

NOTICES of NOTE - Membership Retention Event, March 26th. See notice below.

THREE MEMBERS INDUCTED - On March 5th we inducted 3 new members into our club.

Mary Popovich, a business owner, former educator, and active community member was proposed by *Amy Tormey*. Mary also works at Seymour Library in Auburn two days a week. Mary is a summer resident of TI Park in the 1000 Islands.

Kathy Crelot, a retired credit union professional and retired Chief Warrant Officer in the Navy/Reserves, was proposed by *Noel Gettman*. Kathy was previously part of the Geneva Rotary Club.

Suzette Grinnals, a retired special education teacher, was proposed by her sister, Roberta Williams, a past president of our club. Their father has been in the Chittenango Rotary Club for 47 years and served as president twice. *Peter Adams* stood as Suzette's sponsor at the induction in place of *Roberta Williams*, who is currently at her home in Greece.

We also had three potential members in attendance at what was a very eventful meeting.

If you have someone you would like to propose for membership, please get the Proposal Form to Amy Tormey before the next board meeting. ... by Amy Tormey



L-R: Amy Tormey, Membership Chair; Suzette Grinnals; Kathy Crelot; Mary Popovich and Chery Silvestrini, Club President.

THIS WEEK: International Women's Day Event. Our guest speaker is Jill. S. Tietjen, P.E., an electrical engineer, author, and "technical expert and authority on trailblazing American women." Jill is the CEO of The National Women's Hall of Fame in

Cheryl Silvestrini

March 14, 2009

6 years

Jim McQuiggan

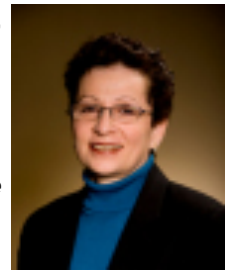
March 29, 2012

3 years

Seneca Falls and co-author of the bestselling book, "Her Story: A Timeline of the Women Who Changed America."

NEXT WEEK: Empire Interpreting Service (EIS) - Therasas Slater.

FUTURE SPEAKERS & EVENTS: See listing below or [CLICK HERE](#)

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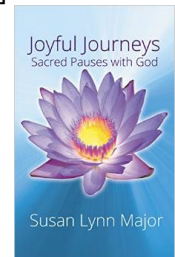
Director 2014-15

LAST WEEK: ... by Bill Conole

New Members - It was a busy eventful meeting with an official induction of 3 new club members, 4 prospective members & 4 guests, [see above].

Medical Equipment for John Dau Clinic - President Cheryl asked Ward to show our members & guests some of the recently arrived medical equipment that our club purchased through a Rotary Grant for Sudan. Guest *Jack Howard* thanked our club for their generosity & gave a brief update on conditions in Sudan. [see below]

Our Speaker - *Susan Major*, a Skaneateles resident Susan Major, opened her presentation by noting that she wrote her book, "Joyful Journeys : Sacred Pauses with God", while going through her own battle against breast cancer. From the excerpts Susan read from her book it is clear that, through her book, she is delivering a message of hope & inspiration to people experiencing personal struggles. Susan expressed gratitude for the way people in the greater Skaneateles community helped her family with meals & childcare & financial assistance. Currently Susan is teaching in CBA. In addition to this, she is helping a young CBA student with his battle against cancer. By her example & with her book Susan wants to give people a sense of hope in their daily lives. Susan said "she wants people to realize that even when we are struggling with major challenges & things look like obstacles, we can still experience joy." Susan closed on a very positive note by telling our club that she has been cancer free for 5 years.



Guests - Rob & Robyn Cooper, Robert Crelot, Jack Howard, Susan Major, MJ May, Marlene Stenuf and John Underhill

Roving Rotarian - Jim Lanning of the Skaneateles Sunrise RC

50/50 Winner - won by Jim Lanning. (swapping tickets? Who would have thunk?) 😊

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT DONATED TO JOHN DAU CLINIC

The medical equipment, purchased through a RF District matching grant, was presented to *Jack Howard*, of the John Dau Foundation, at our meeting last week. The equipment (microscope, centrifuge and oxygen regenerator) is destined for the John Dau Clinic in South Sudan, and are replacements for some of the medical equipment either stolen or destroyed during the civil unrest in the region last year.

Pictured left to right are *Ward Vuillemot*, grant coordinator; *John Howard* and *Cheryl Silvestrini*, club President. ... by Ward



WINTER FUN WITH YE STUDENTS - On Saturday, March 7th, *Peter Adams* took our three exchange students skiing at Song Mountain.

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Peter, a senior ski patroller, organized the day with free rental equipment and a lesson for the students. *Kata* (Finland) skied, while *Marcus* (Brazil) and *Bartek* (Poland) learned to snowboard. They all did really well on the slopes and had a very enjoyable day!

Peter was assisted by *Chuck Lewis*, another ski patroller at Song, his wife Nancy, and Rotarian *Amy Tormey*.

Thank you Peter for giving the students a special memory of winter fun in upstate NY! Thank you also to Peter Harris and Song Mountain for their generosity. ... by *Amy Tormey*



RECOVERING - Dale Zabel had a successful knee replacement last week. We wish him a speedy recovery.



MEMBERSHIP RETENTION EVENT AT ROSALIE'S - March 26th - Members only event to discuss and explore membership retention ideas and strategies ... and ... have fun. Cost is \$25. A signup sheet is available at the preceding meetings, or you can RSVP with Amy Tormey at: tormeyesl@verizon.net or 559-1549.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETING SUMMARY

NOTES of Mar 05, 2015

Your BOD directors met last week on Mar 5th with the following items discussed and motions passed.



- **District Matching Grant** - A resolution was passed to submit a joint SRC/SRRC 2015-16 District MG to support the September Honor Flight with \$6,000. (\$2,000 from SRC, \$1,000 from SRRC with \$3,000 matching District RF funds).
- **Community Center Basketball Court Equipment** - A resolution was passed to fund the equipping of a basketball court with a pledge of \$8,000 over a three year period.
- **2014-15 District Grant** - Medical supplies for So. Sudan clinic is nearing completion with the equipment to be transferred to the John Dau Foundation within the next week.
- **Easter Egg Hunt** - A contribution was approved for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt.
- **After the Ball** - A contribution to the After the Ball graduation party was approved.
- **Women's Day Dinner & Celebration** - Final plans & reservations were reviewed. Tis sold out with 88 people signed up. It promises to be a great success.
- **Skantarian Readership** - Less than 50% of our

Foundation
[Robin Jowaisas](#)

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membership are opening the Skantarian Newsletters emailed to them. Should we be concerned? If so, how might we increase the readership?

- **Attendance** - issues were discussed as a summary report shows only a limited number of members participating in weekly support of the club.



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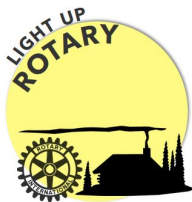
NEWSLETTER - Contribute articles and insights for your weekly **Skantarian** Newsletter. Share your thoughts, committee reports and other information with your fellow Rotarians. Content is

the key to newsletter success! Send to Ward at:

wardtv37@mac.com or Doug at: drutan@houghes.net

Auburn Rotary Club 100th Anniversary - **100th**

The Auburn Rotary Club is to celebrate its 100th Anniversary on **Sunday, April 12th**. Cocktails 3:00 pm, Dinner 4:00 pm at the Springside Inn, Auburn. \$35 per person - cash bar. **RSVP by April 1st** - Alan Dungey @ 283-3949 or Paul Barrus @ 237-7859. **Of note** - Auburn RC sponsored the Skaneateles RC in 1927, so that this a special occasion for Skantarians as well.



DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2015 - April 24 - 26, The Welch Allyn Lodge, Skaneateles NY. and its in our home town. Let's get out there and demonstrate the hospitality of Skaneateles.

You can pick and choose on the meals and event when you register. The conference committee needs your registration sooner than later, so they

can make the appropriate plans. For information and/or to register, go to the [D7150 Website](#) or click on the accompanying LIGHT UP ROTARY graphic.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "A woman is like a tea bag - you never know how strong she is until she gets in hot water." *Eleanor Roosevelt*

MEETING SETUP

ASSIGNMENTS

Set-up 50/50

Ticket Sales

Pledge

Invocation

Mar 12

Dave Piper

Skip Plank

Doug Powell

Cathy Powell

Mar 19

Karen Price

Dan Roche

Bill Rosbrook

Lori Ruhlman

Be courteous & please get a replacement if you won't be available for your assignment!

Regional Rotary Happenings

- **100th Anniversary Dinner** for Auburn RC, Sunday, April 12th - 3 pm at Springside Inn - \$35 per person
- **Fathers Day Pancake Breakfast** - Skaneateles RC, Fathers Day, Sunday, June 21st

D7150 and RI 2014-15 Future Events

- **Mar 13 - 14** - President-Elect Training Seminar, Double Tree Hotel, E.Syracuse
- **April 11** - District Assembly at VVS Middle School
- **April 24-26** - [District Conference](#), The Lodge at Welch Allyn
- **Jun 6 - 9** - RI Convention, San Paula, Brazil - [CLICK here for more information](#)
- **Jun 25** - D7150 Changing of the Guard

Link to District

Calendar: <http://portal.clubrunner.ca/50143/Events/Calendar>



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RI EXCHANGE STUDENTS (2014-15): **Our Inbound Students & Host Families**

- Katariina (Kata) Huru - *Finland*; Janie & Vitally Darovskikh
- Marcus Moraes - *Brazil*; Jessica & Tom Wingfield
- Bartek Narwasinski - *Poland*; Kim & Charlie Driscoll

Our Outbound Students: Calvin Bohrer - *Hungary*; Jamie Roney - *Denmark*; Jake Viscomi - *Japan* & Ryan Terhune – *India*

Click on: <http://skaneatelesrotary.com/SitePage/youth-exchange> to view pictures of current and past students.

SHORT TERM EXCHANGE PROGRAM (STEP)

Julia Hearn- *Italy*, host sister Guila; Adam Oliver- *France*, host brother Antonin and Allison Purdy- *Austria*, host sister Katharina

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Home page at: <http://www.rotary7150.org>

MAKE UPS: Remember to report your “make ups” to Skip Plank ASAP. You can email him at fplank@verizon.net It is important to report the work you are doing and the time you are putting in.

Speakers

Mar 12, 2015

[Jill Tietjen](#)

International Day Membership Event - Jill Tietjin, speaker

Mar 13, 2015

[President Elect Training \(PETS\)](#)

Mar 13-14 Doubletree Hotel

Mar 19, 2015

[Therasas Slater](#)

Empire Interpreting Service (EIS)

Mar 26, 2015

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Membership Retention

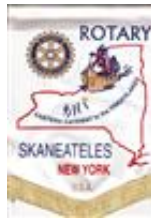
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[Gard Lorey](#)

Honduras Experience

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We meet Thursdays at 6:30 PM

The Sherwood Inn

26 W. Genesee St

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