



April 13, 2020

What have you done today to make you feel proud?

Around the World with Rotary!

One of Rotary International's signature programs is its **Youth Exchange**, and last Thursday (4/9), the Rotary Club of Utica welcomed back three of its alumni to report on their life today at our meeting via Zoom.

Joining us were **Florian Anzengruber** (2001), from Austria (now residing in Zurich, Switzerland); **Dori Békési**, (2011), from Budapest, Hungary; and **Arnaud Deliege** (2017) from Belgium.

About 28 logged on to Zoom for the meeting. **While years separate the experiences of the three YE alumni, a common thread that ran through all of their stories is the openness and friendliness they experienced during their stay, and the continuing love that each of them feels for their adopted home, host families, friends, and in general, the communities in which they were hosted. The feelings are mutual! Florian, Dori, and Arnaud, we miss you and look forward to your next visit!**

And now, Part Deux! THIS WEEK (Thurs., April 16, noon), we'll welcome SEVEN (7!) YE alums - four former inbound, and three former outbound, to our meeting, via Zoom.

The **Inbound** alums are **Liesbeth Steenhuis** (2015, Netherlands); **Sara Majzik** (2016, Hungary); **Paula Germerhausen** (2017, Germany); and **Felix Rempp** (2020, Germany). The **Outbound** alums are **Juliana Heselton** (2018, Hungary); **Fiona Quintana** (2019, Argentina); and **Erik Smith** (2019, India). **To join us on Thursday noon, please [click here](#) for the meeting link. Invite a friend; SHARE ROTARY!**



Rotary Peace Fellowships Applications Due May 31

Rotary Peace Fellows study at Rotary Peace Centers located in countries other than their own. Through a rigorous program of academic study and practical training, the Rotary Peace Centers develop leaders who become catalysts for peace and conflict resolution in their communities and around the globe. The program relies on Rotarians to help identify potential candidates, with a goal of selecting approximately 50 master's degree fellows and 50 professional development certificate fellows each year.

The Rotary Peace Centers operate in partnership with seven premier institutions of higher learning. These institutions have changed as the program has evolved.

Candidates have until 31 May to submit applications to their district. Districts must [submit endorsed applications](#) to The Rotary Foundation by 1 July. General inquiries regarding the fellowship program may be sent to rotarypeacecenters@rotary.org. **For more information, see the flyer at the end of this newsletter.**

Boilermaker Road Race News



By now, you've probably heard that the Boilermaker Road Race has been postponed to **September 13th, 2020**. Rotary Club of Utica Boilermaker Water Station chair **Mary Joan Foresti** would like all Rotarians interested in staffing the water station, located on Memorial Parkway by the tennis courts, to **email her (mj4st@yahoo.com) as soon as possible with your name, home address, and phone number.** Openings are limited, so contact MJ, ASAP! We had a great time at last year's race.



Your Weekly Rotary Lift: Community Folks Doing Good

Whitesboro Youth Launch Blue & White Bows Fundraiser for "Frontline Workers"

From Facebook: Gabby & Sara Papale have distributed over 150 white & blue bows to their neighbors and community friends. The bows are in honor and celebration of all frontline workers - police, fire, first responders, nurses, doctors, EMTs, clerks, postal workers, delivery people, farmers and all essential workers. They distributed the bows to their entire neighborhood in an effort to brighten the community, and people responded with overwhelming positivity. The next round of bows is being made; the girls are asking people to support their effort by putting up the bows. and it will also be an effort to raise funds for local food pantries. A recommended donation of \$5 is requested. **Candella's Farm** and **Casa Imports** will match the funds raised with donations of food and produce. **Go to the Facebook page "Blue & White Bow Mission" to reserve yours** (pre-orders recommended). Distribution of the bows will take place on Saturday, April 25th from 9 am to 1 pm at Candella's Farm & Greenhouses in Marcy, observing all social distancing; a drive- through will be available.



*Happy Birthday,
Dear Rotarians!*



April 11: Devon Hoffman



April 22: PP Dave Jones



April 13: Bob Dellecese



April 22: PP Mike Simpson



April 15: Amy White



April 25: Arnaud Deliege



April 21: Tom Serwatka



April 29: Karen Six



A message from:
Dana Jerrard
District Governor Nominee (2021-22)
RI District 7150



Dear Fellow District 7150 Rotarian,

We have established a District 7150 COVID-19 Response Fund for the purpose of rapidly reimbursing clubs that have initiated COVID-19-related projects in their communities. The District Finance Committee has agreed to seed this fund with known surpluses from the 2020 International Convention and PDG accounts. This, along with several major personal donations from District leaders, gives us a very good start toward our goal of \$10,000 for the fund.

In "traveling" around the District via Zoom, I have found many clubs stepping up to meet the needs of those adversely affected by the pandemic. Food banks, backpack meal programs for students, nursing homes, facemasks, hygiene products..... the needs are real and D7150 Rotarians are finding a way to help.

In addition to these unplanned expenses, many clubs have had to cancel or postpone major fundraisers. This fund is designed to quickly reimburse clubs for their unforeseen expenses related to COVID-19. The more we raise, the more we can help our fellow Rotarians.

Please consider a donation to the COVID-19 Response Fund, and give at the level you feel is appropriate. Click the Donate button below to go the donation page.

Because the District is not registered as a 501(c)(3) with the IRS, these donations are not tax deductible.

Thank you for your consideration. I am convinced that we will emerge from this crisis a more connected and effective Rotary district.

Yours in Rotary service,

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If it's Monday, It's Rotary Movie Night!

Every Monday night (8 pm), District 7150 Rotarians are invited to pop up the corn and join in to a virtual movie party – a Netflix Party – with their fellow Rotarians. This week, Rotarians enjoyed **Disney's**

Christopher Robin. [Click here](#) for details on next week's feature. See you at the movies!

#Take Out the Virus (!)

So proud of our **Greater Utica Chamber of Commerce** and local businesses who have pledged themselves to reimburse their employees for buying takeout meals, and thus helping sustain our great local restaurants in this challenging time of social distancing. And thanks Rotarian **Joann Fornino** of Casa

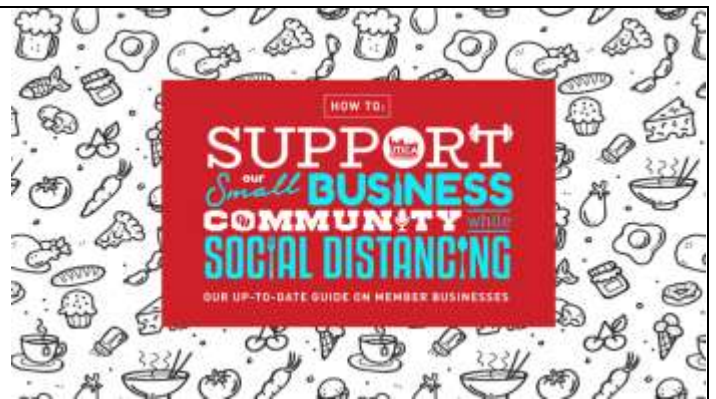
Imports, a founder/funder of this endeavor, for bringing this to our attention! Click [here](#) for more information.



Please look to the Rotary Club of Utica [Facebook page](#) and/or [website](#) for a more complete recap of previous meetings.

FROM THE GREATER UTICA CHAMBER:

With mandated closures and restrictions to slow the spread of COVID-19, a variety of businesses are experiencing a drastic change to their daily business operations. We've been working hard to help our Members during this time. [Click here](#) for more information.



Looking for a Few Good Rotarians:

New to Rotary and looking for an avenue to service? Been with Rotary awhile but want to re-engage? Have we got opportunities for you!

Looking for committee chairs or committee persons for the following: 1) Urban Concerns Committee; 2) Weekly Program Committee; Newsletter. Contact any committee chair, board member, or Joe at JPCaruso12@gmail.com



What's Your thing?

Do what you wanna do! Rotarians are people of diverse interests and talents. Share yours in your own program at a weekly meeting. For more information, contact [Israel](#) or [Travis](#) today!





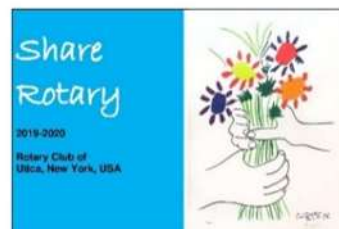
DIY No-Sew Face Mask



[Check out the easy instructions on YouTube, here!](#)

Looking forward to “seeing” you (via Zoom) this THURSDAY (4/16) noon, from the comfort of your own home, for our next Rotary Club of Utica online weekly meeting!

In Rotary Service,
Joe Caruso
President, 2019-2020
Rotary Club of Utica, NY USA



Please forward this email/newsletter to friends and colleagues whom you would like to SHARE ROTARY!

Dear District 7150 Rotarians,

This week's message comes to us from DG Dave Bensley in District 7170 (the Binghamton area):

Art Buchwald, American humorist, once said: "Human beings thrive on action. Stagnation does not wear well with us. We are said to have our origins as hunter-gathers. We run and we chase. We are problem solvers. We must be continuously tested and we continuously test ourselves. And it will not end until our lives end because it is life itself."

We are People of Action. Rotarians do not like to sit around and do nothing. The past few weeks have probably been the hardest weeks most Rotarians have had to live through. We have had to practice social distancing, we've had to stay at home, we've cancelled meeting and we've cancelled training sessions. Rotarians live on social togetherness not distancing.

We have figured out how to make do under the circumstances. In some cases, we have found a way to practice "Service Above Self" in new and innovative ways. Here are some examples of things that are happening in District 7170: Zoom meetings; online social gatherings; donate funds to buy lunches for local grocery store workers, school workers, first responders and emergency medical staff; update club and district websites; offer help getting smaller clubs online; volunteering at local food pantries; participate in Red Cross blood drives; donate to local food banks; shop for elderly neighbors and friends; hold virtual parties for exchange students; connect with older members to be sure they are OK; donate masks, gloves, safety glasses and goggles to hospitals; donate materials to make face masks; donate to restaurants so they can feed medical personnel at reduced price; donate to grocery stores to help with cost of feeding children; order and deliver fruits and vegetables for seniors so they don't have to go to stores; donate to zoos to help feed the animals; deliver prescriptions to elderly; volunteer for Meals on Wheels; provide canned and packaged food to food banks; donate to other charitable organizations; write cards and letters to nursing home residents; writing "Thank You" cards to medical personnel; sew face masks; support school backpack programs; connect with other organizations and governments to find out what is needed; donate to local pharmacies to help with prescription costs.

*As you can see, clubs in District 7170 have not "Gone Dark". We are creating many new ways to help our communities, our country and the world. We cannot stand to do nothing. **WE ARE PEOPLE OF ACTION.***

Thanks to DG Dave for sharing and maybe some projects from our neighboring district will inspire you as well!

Breaking news - Rotary Movie Monday will feature Disney's "Christopher Robin." Bring some tissues and be prepared to have your heart warmed!

Rotary Connects The World!

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Each year, Rotary awards up to 130 fully funded fellowships for dedicated leaders from around the world to study at one of our peace centers.

Through academic training, practice, and global networking opportunities, the Rotary Peace Centers program develops the capacity of peace and development professionals or practitioners to become experienced and effective catalysts for peace. The fellowships cover tuition and fees, room and board, round-trip transportation, and all internship and field-study expenses.

Since the program began in 2002, the Rotary Peace Centers have trained more than 1,300 fellows who now work in more than 115 countries. Many serve as leaders in governments, NGOs, the military, education, law enforcement, and international organizations like the United Nations and the World Bank.

Our fellowships

The Rotary Peace Fellowship is designed for leaders with work experience in peace and development. Our fellows are committed to community and international service and the pursuit of peace. Each year, [The Rotary Foundation](#) awards up to 50 fellowships for master's degrees and 80 for certificate studies at premier universities.

Choose the program that's right for you:

Master's degree programs

Accepted candidates study peace and development issues with research-informed teaching and a diverse student body. The programs last 15 to 24 months and include a two- to three-month field study, which participants design themselves.

Professional development certificate program

During the one-year program, experienced peace and development professionals with diverse backgrounds gain practical skills to promote peace within their communities and across the globe. Fellows complete field studies, and they also design and carry out a social change initiative.

Application timeline

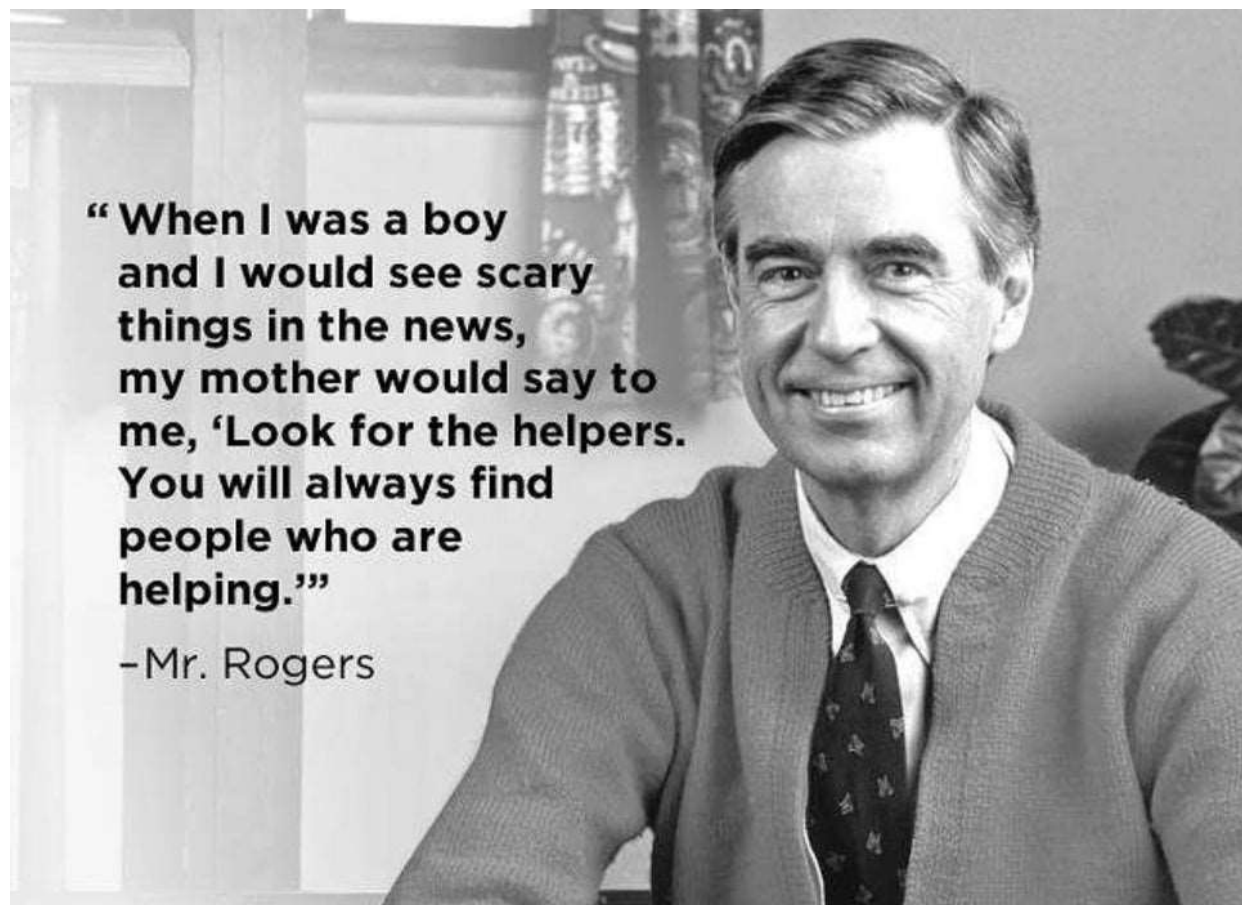
We are now accepting applications for the 2021-22 Rotary Peace Fellowship program.

Candidates have until 31 May to submit applications to their district. Districts must submit endorsed applications to The Rotary Foundation by 1 July. Learn more about the [endorsement process](#).

Our approach

We see peace not as an abstract concept but as a living, dynamic expression of human development. Peacebuilding is a cornerstone of our mission as a humanitarian service organization, and it is one of our six areas of focus — the channels of activity through which our members make their mark on the world. Our programs, grants and fellowships focus on creating environments where peace can be built and maintained. Rotary believes that if concerned citizens work together to create peace locally, lasting change can happen globally.

For more information and to apply, [visit this link](#).



“When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, ‘Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.’”

-Mr. Rogers