



Governor Richard's District News



District Conference It's For Everyone!!

My Dear Fellow Rotarians,

District Conference, May 5-7, 2017 at Canandaigua

This is supposed to be fun! We'd like to encourage especially all Club Presidents, President-Elects, New Rotarians and your families, please register today. Join us so that together we can celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Rotary Foundation, dedicated to doing good in the world. I feel very honored to serve you as the District Governor of District 7170. This is a family friendly destination Conference. So, leave your busy daily life behind even for a day or two; come and make new friends and enjoy longtime friendships.

We'll have many interesting speakers and breakout sessions, including some of my close Japanese friends, whom I've met since I came to New

York State. They have voluntarily offered their help to make presentations:

Christie Cable, Master Hidy Ochiai's student and BU Karate Instructor, will talk about self-defence and respect. She'll have a demonstration with another of Master Ochiai's students.

Tomoko Kanamaru, the principal pianist of the Binghamton Philharmonic, is also one of our guest speakers. She will speak about how Rotary's Ambassadorial Scholarship to the Eastman School of Music changed her life. She will voluntarily play piano for us as well.

Chieko Tada, Makko-Ho Stretching Instructor in NYC for over 45 years. She went back to Japan last year after her retirement and will come back from Japan for us. She will show us simple 4 pattern-movements that help straighten your posture and relax your lower body. As a result of lowering your center of gravity, your standing and walking become more stabilized and that helps prevent falls. You can practice Makko-Ho any time and any place. Literally, Makko-Ho can help you stretch your healthy life longer.

District 7170 RF 100th Anniversary Raffle Sales

Please don't forget to buy your RF Anniversary Raffle Ticket. We really need your help in order to make it successful for the prizes and the Foundation. See details in this newsletter.

Tree Peony Pick-up Dates and Locations

Thanks to your enthusiastic support, I imported 2,100 tree peony seedlings, which just arrived last Friday here in Vestal. I need your help to deliver them:

Pick up dates and Locations are:

For the Attendees of upcoming District Training Assembly: Please pick up your order as well as your Club's on April 1 (Sat) at SUNY Oneonta-Morris Conference Center, 108 Ravine Parkway, Oneonta NY 13820

From 8:30 am until 1 pm

April 8 (Sat) at Dryden High School

118 Freeville Rd., Dryden, NY 13053

From 8:30 am until 1 pm

For Clubs who will not be able to attend either Assembly:

We'd like to ask your neighboring club to take your order back home and then arrange for a time and location for delivery. Or, of course, you or your club official could come to one of the above dates & locations to pick them up.

For Binghamton area clubs, I'll deliver them at your weekly meeting.

All other Clubs, I'll get in touch with your club official and find out if a club member can meet with me during the Training Assembly for pick up.

Good News - More Tree Peonies are available with same price

Tree Peonies are growing and long lasting Gifts. Good for Housewarming Gifts. Mother's Day is around the corner.

Still \$20/root: Choice of Colors: **Pink**, **Red**, **Purple**, White and **Yellow**

You make a check payable to Kampai for \$10/root and mail it to:

Richard Matsushima, Tree Peony Project
3405 Almar Dr.
Vestal, NY 13850
(e-mail: dg7170.2016@gmail.com)

Make another check for \$10/root payable to: The Rotary Foundation and mail to TRF or get in touch with your Club Foundation Chairperson.

Join Leaders. Exchange Ideas. Take Action.

Rotarian of the Month



Royce Webster has been a member of the *Morris Rotary Club* for over four decades, having joined the organization in September of 1976. Through his creative ideas, boundless energy, and generous donations of time and equipment, he is literally a pillar of community involvement. “Community Service” is his strong suit.

Webster led the club as president during the 1980-81 service year but his real value has always been his steady, behind-the-scenes efforts. He’s the first person to roll up his sleeves to guarantee the success of any project. Personal knowledge of the Butternut Valley makes him invaluable when planning the club’s annual distribution of food and fruit at holiday time. Webster knows which families are experiencing hard times and could use a box of food for their holiday dinner. At the same time, he honors the elderly and makes sure each senior citizen is recognized by the club with a basket of fruit at Christmas.

Knowing so many Morris residents also makes Webster one of the club’s most valuable salesmen. He’s the “barker” who can coax old friends into the Rotary food tent at every community event. The club’s recently-completed annual fruit sale fund-raiser was the most successful ever, mainly because Webster endlessly worked the phones to find buyers. He often donates use of his business, equipment and materials for our projects.

Royce Webster is a Paul Harris Fellow. Being a strong booster of many Rotary initiatives, the Webster family has hosted several visiting exchange students, even after their own children had moved to their own homes.

CONGRATULATIONS, ROYCE WEBSTER, AS APRIL’S ROTARIAN OF THE MONTH!!!!



Area 8 News

Oneonta Rotary — Christmas time was a busy one for Oneonta. Operation Warm is an annual event which purchases new winter coats for pre-preschoolers and early elementary students in partnership with Head Start and the Oneonta School District. This year's project was done in collaboration with a grant from the district foundation.

The AA Christmas project annually purchases Christmas presents for 16 low income families. Rotarians in an annual competition with the Kiwanis Club rang bells for the Salvation Army to raise money for its programs. In January, the Ross Cordell/Rotary Wrestling Tournament was held with many high school wrestling teams competing in the tournament. March is the RYLA kickoff. April will find Rotarians doing Adopt-a-Highway along I88 and the annual Memorial Walkway will clean up in our local park and is the "President's project"! **RYLA** applicants' kickoff is in March.

Richfield Springs Rotary — The Wreath sales fund raiser was in November. The funds from the wreath sale are used for the Senior Dinner which was held Feb 18, at the Richfield Springs school cafeteria. A turkey dinner with all of the fixings was served. There was no charge to the senior citizens.

Area business owners and Rotarians donated door prizes. High school students volunteer to help with serving. The time students volunteer goes toward their school mandated community service. It's called co-operative efforts!! Every month Rotarians collect food for their local Food Bank and then work one Saturday at it.

Morris Rotary serves two school districts-Morris and Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton. Each Fall they host a "Meet the Teachers" dinner where all the Rotarians meet and greet all the new teachers at each school. It's a great night of sharing and getting to know who their kids work with daily.



Energetic exchange student Gaby Machado (left) and her partner-in-crime Vicki Pegg (wife of Rotarian Patrick) did an outstanding job organizing a local team to enter the 22nd annual Polar Ice Plunge at Goodyear Lake February 18th. When we last saw Gaby at Rotary, it was just the two of them who planned to jump. By the day of the actual plunge, the group had grown to ten (five of them MCS students/teachers) and they had raised over \$2,000 for the charity event. In all, some 230 jumpers collected \$128,400 of the charity. Vicki called it "invigorating"; we haven't gotten Gaby's once-in-a-lifetime reaction. Thanks to Morris Rotarian **Beth Child** for taking the pictures (and, yes, that's son Ben exhibiting his family's "Service Above Self" as he's surrounded by young ladies.



Gaby even made news in The Daily Star. The Bright Side reporter wrote: *A 10-person contingent from Morris jumped as the American-Brazilian team, so named because Morris exchange student Gaby Machado, 18, of Brazil, wanted to try the PBJ. Saying, "In Brazil we have just warm weather," Machado described jumping as "awesome" and said, "It's the best experience of my life."*

Area 8 News cont.

Morris Rotary also has many winter projects that serve over 90 Butternut Valley citizens with food baskets, fruit baskets and clothing during the holidays. They go caroling and visiting members of their communities who reside in the area nursing/resident homes now. They usually have a very successful Chicken BBQ for Superbowl Sunday. The chickens cooking outside do not let you walk past without purchasing. They also send four students to RYLA.

Edmeston Rotary has been busy since the Fall. It all started with their Rotary Community Corps! "**Spookfest**" is a town-wide celebration and lots of fun. Pumpkins are available for painting, there is a Chinese Auction and vendors sell their goods before we lose the fine weather. The **Christmas giveaway** is a major event in which residents are invited to come go through the clothing that has been donated, many receive large food boxes and folks are allowed to choose gifts for their children. They sold over 200 **planter buckets** in their area last year which folks filled with flowers to make the community a blooming picture. Their hopes are that this year everyone will fill the buckets again and continue the tradition. They are looking into how to help their **Food Bank** and are planning on upgrading the Burlington Flats basketball court so local kids can play. The **Edmeston Robotics Team** is a huge success and they just finished competition in Albany.

Cooperstown Rotary — Rotarians enjoyed a wonderful enthusiastic **concert** by all the kindergartners that came to sing at their meeting in December. An Election Day **Pancake Day** was a big success and not to miss next year... all day breakfast!! Their huge event, **Spring Fling**, is scheduled for May 20 and 21 in Cooperstown. It's a village-wide celebration with vendors of all kinds, music, games and just plain fun. Mark your calendars.

Milford Rotary — Rotarians have been busy selling a **Community Calendar** that has everyone's birthdays, in memoriam dates and anniversaries on it. It's a major effort selling and then delivering them. We had our annual **Santa Parade** in December with about 100 people greeting Santa, singing carols, decorating cookies and enjoying goodies and talking to each other. **Poinsettias** were delivered while visiting many of the folks who are alone in the Milford area during the holidays. **Adopt-a-Highway** is done 4 times a year and the 2 mile stretch of Route 28 is clean! Spring **flower sales** are next...

Vera Sosnowski

Assistant Governor

Area 8



Applications for District Grants

Just a reminder that applications for 2017-18 District Grants are now being accepted for community and international projects. Up to \$2500 can be awarded for projects in your community and up to \$5,000 for an international project. The applications are due no later than May 31st and can be found on the district website: Rotarydistrict7170.org – on the right side of the home page.

In order to qualify for a grant your club must have a \$50 per capita combined giving to the TRF Annual Fund and Polioplus as of June 30, 2017. This is \$15 higher than last year.! And at least one individual from your club must attend **one** of the upcoming grants management seminars - April 1st in Oneonta and April 8th in Dryden prior to submitting the proposal. Registration for these seminars will be posted at a later date on the website.

Incomplete applications will not be accepted – nor will any application submitted by a club whose previous year's project report is due. Please refer to the Terms and Conditions for further requirements on the application.

Send your applications to LanaRouff@gmail.com and if you have any questions, please contact Lana Rouff, Grants Chair at LanaRouff@gmail.com.

Grant Committee:

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District Grants



Scholarship Report

Dear Rotary,

An interesting component of the second year of my graduate program is a capstone project intended to provide students the opportunity to work as a team with a client organization on a policy related project. My team partnered with Findeter, a regional development bank in Bogota, Colombia to work on a project assessing whether their newly developed Intermediate Cities Index successfully measured sustainable urban development.

Approximately 54% of the global population lives in cities and this number is expected to increase to about 70% according to UN estimates. This rapid urbanization is more apparent in intermediate cities (cities containing population between 100,000 to 2 million). Rapid and unplanned urban growth has negative impacts such as concentrated poverty, strain on access to basic services, and environmental consequences. There is an urgent need to promote sustainable urban development and implement policies that address some of the negative consequences that result from rapid urbanization. Therefore, Findeter's newly developed Intermediate Cities Index is one of many indices developed by international organizations and private companies to monitor urban growth and produce evidence-based policies specifically for that purpose.

Our project began in October when we met as a team to discuss the objective of the project and outlined the specific activities we would undertake to successfully complete this work. Our work had several major components: 1) a comparative analysis of other indices measuring urban development compared with the Findeter's index 2) quantitative analysis whether the index was a robust metric and policy tool and 3) recommendations.

What I enjoyed most about working on this project was the teamwork. It was a rather interesting and challenging exercise to incorporate diverse perspectives in carrying out our work. We had a very supportive team and we held workshops to teach other new skills and methodologies, we held working sessions to write chapters of the report, and we came together to hold meetings with our client throughout the year.

This past week we travelled to Colombia to present our project to Findeter and engage in a panel discussion with organizations like UN Habitat and Colombian city foundations working on producing indices. We presented our findings and discussed how the Intermediate Cities Index could be improved to contribute to the country's policy-making agenda in regard to ensuring sustainable urban growth and development. It was a special experience to work on a project and be able to travel to the country to engage with the client and see first-hand urban development in the country. More importantly, I am grateful for my team and this experience. It taught me the beauty of working together.

Kind regards,

Lusiné Mehrabyan

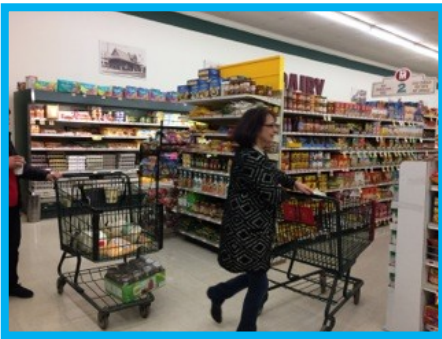


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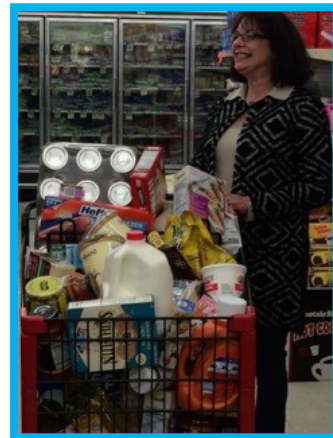


Rotary Club of Unadilla members Zoe and Rik van der Meulen, and Christie Conner unloading school supplies that were donated by the Groton Club's Izzy's Closet Project, for use in the Unatego School District.

Sherburne Rotary Shopping Spree



Cathy Schell won first prize and managed to get \$568 in groceries.



Six major outcomes from this project:

Almost all Club members working together on a common goal

Publicity for our Club in the Sherburne News and visibility while sitting at the table at Big M on Fridays and Saturdays.

Proceeds more than funded the amount required to make our Club eligible to apply for a District Grant this year

Funding our Clubs Polio Plus/Half of our members meeting their obligation to the Foundation for the current year

Possible membership increase

Fun

Rotary Salutes cont,

The **Rotary Club of Sidney** held its Fourth Annual Pins for Polio Bowling event on Friday, February 10 at East Main Lanes raising \$4,000. The 4 year total for this event has raised \$14,385.75 with all monies going to help eradicate polio.



Rotarians and guests bowling are left to right , front row,(kneeling) Anna Ritchey, Larry Halbert and Gil Malerk. Second row, left to right, Rosemary Fisher, Edna Lugwig. Marie Cole and Judy Baisle. Back row, left to right, Keith May, Tim Cutting, Ray Baker, Joan Hale and Bob Basile.

The Rotary Club of Sidney Honors



The members of the Lydia C. Mertz Sidney Chapter of the National Honor Society. A banquet for honor society students, families , Rotarians and guests was held on Wednesday evening, March 28 at the Sidney High School Cafeteria. Guest speaker was District Governor Richard Matsushima who urged the students to say “YES” and you will have many wonderful experiences, help you to grow, keep dreaming and not giving up dream until you succeed and you will find success. Front row, left to right, Cora Monaghan, Cheyenne Barclay-Fiasco, Molly Youngs, Megan Tweedie, Rotary District Governor Richard Matsushima , Taylor Barnes, Emily Cooley, Marianne Schott and Piper Umbra. Back row, left to right, Sidney Rotary President Ray Baker, Supt. of Sidney Central School Dr. William Christensen, Guidance Counselor Sandra Egli, Anna Egli, Riley MacPherson, Ariyahna Bernard, Carolee Pierce, Alex Hoskins, Kyle Smith, Mackensie Gravelin, Guidance Counselor Jody Gravelin, Honor Society Advisor Julia Althiser and High School Principal Eben Bullock.

The Whitney Point Rotary Club Presents

Taste of Spring

WINE & CRAFT BEER TASTING

Saturday April 22nd 2017

4-6 PM

Ford Hill Country Club
4734 RTE 26, WHITNEY POINT

Live Music * Food

Advance Tickets: \$25 / 2 for \$40

tickets available at wvrotary.com

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District 7170 RF 100th Anniversary Raffle

Proceeds to Benefit the Rotary Foundation

Drawing: Sat., May 6, 2017 at District Conference. Drawing starts at 5 pm. No need to be present to win. Only 200 Tickets Sold. First Ticket Drawn Wins First Prize. 6 Cash Prizes: Total \$9000

1st Prize \$7000

2nd Prize \$1000

3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th Prizes \$250

20 Door Prizes: Total: \$3000

\$100 Kampai Gift Card each 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th 19th, 20th, 21th, 22th, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th

Seller of 1st Prize:

10 \$100 Kampai Gift Cards

\$100 Donation

Make checks Payable to: District 7170

Send to: RF Anniversary Raffle

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Seller of 1st Prize: 10 \$100 Kampai Gift Cards

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Send it to: RF Anniversary Raffle

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Looking for Sponsors for Receptions at District Conference

We are looking for some help in funding for some aspects of the District Conference, specifically, sponsors for the Cocktail Parties on Friday & Saturday. We have also invited the Binghamton Philharmonic Principal Pianist, Tomoko Kanamaru, who is a former Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar. She will be playing for us and we need to rent a piano.

If you, your business, or a business you know would be willing to help to sponsor one or all these events, please contact:

Matt Adler, District Conference Co-Chair

(W) 607-754-7550 or e-mail: madler@stny.rr.com

Or

Richard Matsushima, DG

(H) 607-770-9428 or e-mail: dg7170.2016@gmail.com

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