



Governor Richard's District News



A New Adventure Begins

Happy Rotary New Year 2016-2017! It just starts today, July 1, 2016. Welcome 1,454 fellow Rotarians in District 7170 to the new adventure with me. Congratulations to all new Club Presidents. We thank you for your commitment and willingness to serve our community together.

It's my great honor to serve as your District Governor.

Great Opportunity for Rotary Clubs

The changing world seems to be showing us how important it is for us to keep our identity and independence. Each Rotary club has its own unique identity and independence, based locally in its own community. I'd like to enhance their strengths and make each club better and stronger. Above all, we Rotarians are community leaders who know local needs. We can create our own signature projects. Let's invest our time, money and effort to build attractive communities for everyone by supporting creative events and activities. This Newsletter is our District Forum, where we can join leaders, exchange ideas and take action. How much you gain in your lifetime can depend on how much you give to others.

More Interaction Between Clubs

We have appointed Carolyn Wright, Past President of Owego, as Club Communication Chair in order to promote interaction between clubs within District. We hope club communication will connect all Rotarians from new members of different clubs through DGs, AGs, Presidents, Past Presidents and all members to preserve valuable human resources from dropping out from the active roles in the Rotary Community.

New Strategy for New Member Recruitment

I'd like to encourage everyone to bring your business cards whenever we meet. You are welcome to exchange your cards with other Rotarians before our meeting starts or after our meeting is over. Give-and-take is an important principle in life. Help us and let us help you. This idea has led me to my new Rotary business card project: Creating 2 for 1 calling card. You only carry one business card: one side is your Rotary card and the other side is your business card. Your business friends might ask you, "What's Rotary?" This card can be your introduction to them about Rotary.

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Volunteers are Always Welcome

Step up and knock on the District door. We have room for every Rotarian who'd like to get involved. If we don't have what you are looking for, we are willing to create something for you and you'll be in charge. The more Rotarians get involved, the better District becomes.

Your Idea/Comments/Suggestions are Welcome

I am looking forward to working together to build attractive Rotary clubs and communities throughout the year.

Governor's Club Visitation

I'd like to know you and your club better. I want to learn your strength and identification in your community. I am looking forward to meeting you.

Let's enjoy Rotary Community through working together serving humanity.

Yours In Rotary Service,

Richard Matsushima

Rotarian of the Month



Kate McHugh of the Binghamton Breakfast Club is Rotarian of the Month for July for District 7170. Kate is the incoming President and has been chair of the Club Student Exchange program for several years. Kate's daughter Brittney, was an exchange student to Japan during the 2011/2012 Rotary year. Brittney's experience was instrumental in attracting Kate to be a member of the Binghamton Breakfast Club.

Kate has also been instrumental in promoting Rotary and Youth Exchange to the community. A half-page article appeared in the May 10 Press & Sun Bulletin describing the Youth program. Kate has a nursing degree from SUNY Broome Community College and works as a nurse at United Methodist Homes. She lives in Binghamton with her husband Dan and daughter Brittney. Congratulations to Kate and the Binghamton Breakfast Club.



The Tree Peonies will come from village of Daikonjima (World Capital of Tree Peony), Shimane, Japan.



The Tree Peony Project

Community Beautification

A bright future starts at the grassroots

Tree Peonies, or “Botans”, are the rare and intriguing jewels of the flower world, unrivaled in size, color and fragrance. Some of the colors you can enjoy are red, pink, white and purple. Tree Peonies are the first flowers to bloom after the long winter. They are deer resistant, drought tolerant and easy to grow. The shrubs grow to their mature size of 3.5-5’ tall within a few years.

You can plant tree peonies anywhere - at your home, school, church or workplace.

You can give one as a special gift for Mother's Day; “Botan” has a message of Motherly Love.

**Our dream is to create a national Tree Peony “Botan” Road that stretches from coast to coast,
from San Francisco all the way to Boston.
Rotary District 7170 will be the home of this beautification movement.**

How will we achieve this dream? Here is the plan:

Fall 2016 Import the roots from Daikon-jima, Japan, the world capital of tree peonies

April/May 2017 Planting of the roots

May 2018 The blooming of 2-3 flowers x 1,000 roots (2,000+ flowers)

May 2019 The shrubs will grow to 5-6 flowers x 1,000 roots (5,000+ flowers)

May 2020 You can now expect 10-15 flowers x 1,000 roots (10,000+ flowers)

2017-2018 The movement will expand within Rotary Zone 28 & 29 in 10 U.S. states, reaching from North Dakota and Nebraska to New York State

2019-2020 The Tree Peony "Botan" Road will reach from San Francisco to Boston

Rotary Fundraising Opportunity

Help us, and let us help you.

Special price and benefit for Rotary clubs, if ordered September 15, 2016: \$20/root

Make checks payable to your participating Rotary club. Your club keeps \$10 for Rotary Foundation for yours or the club's credit. Your club make a check payable to Kampai (Importer) for \$10/root (which includes \$9.26 for root + \$0.74 tax). The price will be \$25/root after September 15, 2016 with the same donation of \$10/root to the Rotary Foundation.

Please place your order at kampaikonnnect@stny.rr.com or call Richard at (607) 765-9049 Let the Tree Peony Project begin! Thank you for your support.

DG Track



L—R Outgoing DG Doug and Renee (Cortland), Incoming DG Richard Matsushima and Debbie (Vestal),
Rik and DGN Zoe Vandermeulen (Unadilla) and DGND Jack Sullivan (Owego)

Pass the Gavel



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Mark Kriebel Awarded Boy Scout's Highest Award



Endwell Rotary is proud to announce that long-standing member Mark Kriebel has received The Boy Scouts of America highest honor, The Silver Buffalo Award. This award is very rare and Mark is the only living recipient of this award in all of Upstate New York. The award was made at the annual meeting in San Diego. Thirteen recipients received the award including the Archbishop of New York, Timothy Michael Dolan.

The Silver Buffalo Award was initiated in 1926. The award list includes many luminaries including Walt Disney, Jimmy Stewart, Yogi Berra, Archie Manning, and several Presidents including Gerald Ford and Lyndon Johnson. Mark was noted for his work on National and World Jamborees especially the first World Jamboree after the 9/11 attack where Mark worked tirelessly to assure parents that their children would be safe halfway around the world. Mark has also served as a regional vice president, area president and vice president, and council president and vice president.

Mark's role in Rotary was also noted in the award's program. Mark has spoken to Rotary Clubs in six continents about how service to youth is critical to Rotary's success. Mark is a past president of the Endwell Club and Governor of District 7170. He serves many roles at the local, district and International level.

Mark is president of Arranged Sound Inc. He holds a bachelor degree in communications from Ithaca College. He and his wife Pat, have two children, including one Eagle Scout, and two grandchildren.

Rotary Salutes

Sidney Rotary



Keith May, Lorriane Keckeisen, Ron Philpott, Judy Roldan and Gil Malerk.



Keith May, Judy Gridley, Gil Malerk and Spencer Gridley

Judy Roldan, Lorriane Keckeisen and Ron Philpott, as new Paul Harris Fellow award recipients. Keith May added to his donations now being a plus 4 time donor. July Gridley joined in 2002, July Roldan 2012, Lorraine Keckeisen 2011, Ron Philpott December of 2015 and Keith May in 2011. They each received a certificate and pin.

Hillcrest Rotary



On 6/13/2016, Hillcrest Rotary distributed over 100 children's books to Pre-K classes at Port Dickenson Elementary School. What has turned into an annual event for Hillcrest Rotary, books partially paid for by the Club and in cooperation with the School and the Family Reading Partnership (www.sunybroome.edu/frp) provides a children's book to each Pre-K student and their teachers. Each child has their name placed in their book and the children take them home over the summer so their parents can read it to them. When they return to school in the fall, their teacher will read the book to them to refresh their memory. It has shown that this gives children a jump start on reading skills and sometimes may be the only book the child owns.

Our contact and interface to the FRKP is Lisa Straley (strahleyla@sunybroome.edu). She included in each book a bookplate giving credit to the School, Hillcrest Rotary Club and the FRP. It was a wonderful experience.

Rotary Scholar

Dear Rotary,

What a year it has been. Below I would like to write about a few of the special moments.

One thing I learned is that sometimes it is about being in the right place at the right time with the right people. Perhaps that is the only way I can put into words the feeling of being here with my fellow classmates as well as all the new people I have met along the way. Living in London challenged me in many ways. One way it challenged me was to show me my weaknesses. It is a character-building experience to feel vulnerable in a new place with a new pace of life, new culture and new environment. But it's ok in the end, because you learn to adapt, and when you do... it feels *just right*.

That's how I felt going to class this year. Most of the subjects were new to me, subjects that I had not studied before – from econometrics to game theory. I learned the beauty of models, building models to capture some part of reality. I also learned the power of building a strong argument. I appreciate very much that London School of Economics will not provide any student with a distinction unless the piece of work is original, innovative, or outside the box. I learned to use my creativity and apply it in academia. For example, for my econometrics course we were given a large dataset from the World Bank Enterprise Survey and given the assignment to write a policy memo. In the first instance, this seems to general and broad, how can you look at hundreds and thousands of numbers and write a policy memo? The beauty of the assignment came with the freedom it gave us to use the techniques we learned to study the numbers and see what story they told. I used a technique called difference-in-difference approach to analyze the effect of membership in OECD (international organization with anti-corruption convention) and level of corruption in postSoviet Baltic state, Estonia. It is interesting the way life works. This policy memo led me to where I am today.

Bonjour from Paris. I just finished my first week at my internship at the OECD working at the Public Sector Integrity Division. The division's main objective is to fight corruption in the public sector through research and policy advice. My role will be to work for the Procurement team on their public procurement toolkit project as well as the Integrity team to design a survey and potentially work on an integrity indicator.

It has been a unique experience so far. Thank you Rotary for making it possible. In July I will return to London to visit my host family. I also had the pleasure of attending a dinner at my host Rotary club in Letchworth Garden City before leaving for Paris. Felt like being part of a big family!

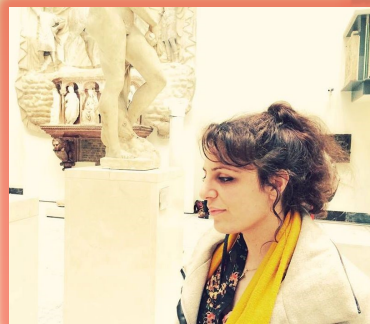
Kind regards,
Lusiné Mehrabyan



Welcome to Paris



End of the year picnic with classmates from LSE at Hyde Park in London



Visit to the Victoria and Albert Museum in London



Dear Rotary Club,

Endwell Rotary and its international partner, the Saint Marc Rotary club in Haiti, are seeking a Rotary International Global Grant to provide solar power for a water filtration system and develop three sanitary toilet facilities in the rural community of Grande Saline, Haiti. Endwell Rotary has also partnered with ETM Solar Works in Endicott and the Health for Haiti program at SUNY Broome Community College in Binghamton. Our project team is now seeking pledges for the Global Grant Application.

Health for Haiti is an accredited academic program at SUNY Broome that provides students the opportunity to plan and implement humanitarian assistance in Haiti. The program marked a third year of service in January 2016 when a team of 20 students and their advisors completed a 10 day trip to Haiti. Since its inception, Health for Haiti has partnered with local Haitians to help meet the most pressing needs identified by urban and rural communities in Haiti. Health for Haiti has provided computer learning labs, dental and medical clinics, a municipal-grade water filtration system donated by the Pall Corporation, education programs, a five acre community garden and school lunch program, and many other initiatives. The Health for Haiti team maintains frequent and detailed communication with project partners in Haiti.

Prior to the installation of the water filtration system, the thousands of people who live in the rural community of Grande Saline relied on the local Artibonite River for all water needs, including drinking water. The river is highly polluted with waste and garbage and often made the people sick. Along with other potentially water-borne diseases, this community has suffered from repeated outbreaks of deadly cholera. The doctor who serves the people of Grande Saline reports a dramatic decrease in diarrheal disease since the distribution of clean water began in March 2015. The water filtration system is currently powered by gas generators and provides nearly 4,000 gallons of clean water each day. However, gas is very expensive and hard to obtain. The proposed project replaces the gas generators with solar power that will eliminate the need for fuel and extend the time that the water filtration system can be operated. Health for Haiti, in partnership with ETM Solar Works, has already completed two small solar installations. To further support improved health in the community, we will also provide three additional sanitation facilities for this community that received its first such facility earlier this year.

Please see the reverse for further details. Our project team is available to answer questions and make presentations to Rotary clubs and other organizations in the community. We are also developing a conference on Haiti for Rotary and non-Rotary organizations interested in learning from each other and sharing best practices. We are planning on completing this Global Grant in 2017.

Thank You,

Mr. Jeff Smith

Dr. Gay Canough

Dr. Jennifer Musa

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Reference materials:

Health for Haiti: www.healthforhaiti.org

Health for Haiti 2016 Video: <https://youtu.be/7jLWpUEnB8Q>

Contacts for information or to request a presentation:

Jeff Smith, Endwell Rotary: jsmith15322aol.com, 607-754-0673

Dr. Gay Canough, President of ETM Solar, member of Endicott Rotary: gec@etmsolar.com

Dr. Jennifer Musa, Health for Haiti at SUNY Broome: musajm@sunybroome.edu, 607-778-5088

Project Schedule subject to approval process

Draft Global Grant: April 2016

Collect pledges from Rotary clubs, districts and non-Rotary sources: Start May, 2016

Complete Pledge Drive

Apply for Global Grant: tbd

Friends of Haiti Conference: September 24, 2016 at SUNY Broome

Project Implementation: January - April 2017

Follow up Monitoring and Reporting

Project estimate: \$60,000

Solar equipment and installation: \$57,000

Sanitation facilities: \$3,000



Notes:

Almost all materials will be sourced in Haiti, saving transportation costs and providing a positive economic impact to Haiti

Dr. Canough is a member of the Health for Haiti team and has supervised two solar installations in Grand Saline Haiti (January 2015 and 2016). She is also a member of the Endicott Rotary Club and provides training to Haitians for the installation and maintenance of all solar equipment. Dr. Canough is President of ETM Solar Works.

Letters with pledge amounts can be forwarded to:

Jeff Smith, President of Endwell Rotary

3600 Lorne Drive

Endwell New York 13760

No money can be forwarded until the Global Grant has been approved by Rotary International. All pledging organizations will be provided a procedure for making their contributions upon approval of the grant.

Get Your Motor Running @ Ithaca's Rotary Rally!

Sunday, July 10, 2016

Registration at The Rink begins at 1:00pm; closes at 2:00pm

1767 East Shore Drive, Lansing

First cars leave at 1:05; all cars on course by 2:00; finish by 4:30pm

\$20 per adult; \$10 children 12 – 18; free 11 and younger

Get Your Motor Running and join us for the third annual **ROTARY RALLY!** The FUNdraising rally is open to everyone and is a real blast! Bring the kids, the dog, and the neighbors – all are invited to join in this fun activity. Follow clues in your car along 30 +/- miles of country roads in Tompkins County, answering riddles, taking pictures, and picking up scavenger hunt items along the way. Finish by 4:30 at a “mystery” restaurant for prizes, drinks, and dinner (Dutch treat). Participants are judged on a combination of time, mileage, number of correct clues, scavenger hunt items, and group photos. An additional prize will be awarded for team spirit, which could include costumes and/or best-decorated car. Minimum two people per team; max = however many fit safely in your car! If you've never done a road rally, now's the time! It's a blast with friends and family, and benefits Ithaca Rotary's community projects!

Advance registration is encouraged but not required; walk-ins welcome the day of the rally. Open to the everyone; rain or shine. **All proceeds benefit the Ithaca Rotary Club.** For more info and to pre-register, please go to www.ithacarotary.com or contact Kelly Buck (kdb skier@gmail.com or 315-406-0791). Get YOUR motor running now for the **ROTARY RALLY!**





Essential changes for clubs and districts

2016 Council on Legislation *(The numbers in parentheses identify the relevant legislative enactments).*

Attendance

Ability to change rules. Clubs may relax or tighten attendance requirements and termination policies for non-attendance. However, clubs are still expected to forward attendance reports to the governor. Any club that wishes to continue adhering to the traditional attendance requirements may do so. (16-21)

Rule of 85. Rotarians can be excused from attendance if the combined total of their years of membership in one or more clubs plus their age equals at least 85, with their years of membership totaling at least 20. (16-35)

Club Board

Treasurer. A club treasurer is now a permanent member of the club board. (16-02)

Board meeting minutes. Written minutes should be prepared for all club board meetings and be made available to members within 60 days of that meeting. (16-01)

Club Finances

Admission fees. New members can be admitted without paying admission fees. However, clubs may also choose to retain these fees, and they have the flexibility to add admission or other fees to their bylaws. (16-07)

Club dues increased. To address both financial challenges and the need to improve service to clubs, RI semiannual dues were increased by \$4 for each of the next three years — to US\$30.00 per half year in 2017-2018, US\$32.00 per half year in 2018-2019, and US\$34.00 per half year in 2019-2020. (16-99)

Club Meetings

Ability to change meeting schedules. Clubs can now vary their meeting days and times, and can cancel meetings, as long as they meet at least twice a month. However, any club that wishes to adhere to the traditional requirements regarding meetings and cancellations may do so. (16-21)

Canceling a meeting. Clubs can cancel a meeting if it falls during a week that includes a holiday. (16-26)

In-person and online meeting participation. Clubs can have in-person meetings, online meetings, allow online participation for an in-person meeting, or switch between any of these formats. (16-30)

Council on Legislation

Proposed legislation. Only two types of proposals will be considered: enactments, which seek changes to RI's constitutional documents, and position statements from the RI Board. (16-113)

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Council representatives. Representatives will serve for three years, starting on 1 July of the year following their selection. For example, the 2019 Council representative would take office on 1 July 2017 and serve until 30 June 2020. (16-114)

Council on Resolutions. A Council on Resolutions consisting of Council representatives will meet online annually to consider recommendations. Resolutions may be proposed by a club, district conference, the RIBI general council or conference. Those resolutions adopted by a majority vote of council representatives must be submitted to the general secretary by 30 June of the year prior to the Council on Legislation. (16-113)

District Changes

Moving clubs into adjacent districts. The Board can merge a district with fewer than 1,100 members, or divide districts with more than 100 clubs by moving clubs into adjacent districts. (16-84)

Two years for districting changes to take effect. Any decision by the Board to eliminate or change district boundaries won't become effective until at least 24 months after it is made. (16-86)

District Leadership

Vice governors. Having a vice governor is no longer mandatory. This role replaces the governor in case of that person's inability to perform their duties. If the district uses a nominating committee, the committee selects a past governor proposed by the governor-elect. If the nominating committee doesn't receive a nomination, or if a nominating committee was not used, the governor-elect may choose a past governor as vice governor. The vice governor serves in the year following his or her selection. (16-74, 16-76, 16-77)

Procedures for failing to adopt the annual statement and report of district finances. The statement and report of finances must be discussed and adopted within three months of the conclusion of the district conference or at the next district meeting to which all clubs are entitled to send a representative and for which 30 days' notice has been given. If no district meeting is held, the governor must conduct a ballot by mail within 60 days of the end of that three-month period. (16-88)

Mishandling of district finances. Anyone who fails to follow Rotary's financial requirements, including improperly administering the district fund, is prohibited from holding any Rotary or district office until the irregularities are resolved. (16-89)

E-clubs

E-clubs and Rotary clubs. The distinction between traditional clubs and e-clubs was eliminated. While references to e-clubs have been removed from Rotary's constitutional documents, e-clubs may continue to name and promote themselves as Rotary clubs that meet exclusively or primarily on-line. (16-82)

Elections

Concurring with a governor selection challenge. The number of clubs that must concur with a club's challenge to the nominated candidate has been increased to 10 other clubs, or 20 percent of the total number of clubs in the district, whichever number is higher. Only clubs that are at least one year old as of 1 July of that year are counted in the total and may concur with a challenge. (16-71)

Special elections nominating procedure streamlined. If a district restarts the governor selection process due to special circumstances, the governor does not need to repeat the request for suggestions from clubs if there were none made during the first nominating process. (16-72)

Magazines

Joint magazine subscriptions. Two Rotarians residing at the same address may choose to subscribe jointly to The Rotarian or to the regional magazine prescribed for their club. (16-96)

Membership

Rules and qualifications. Clubs may determine their own rules or requirements for transferring members, dual membership, and honorary members. They're also free to continue following the traditional provisions for these members. The only mandatory qualifications for membership are that Rotarians must be adults who have demonstrated good character, integrity and leadership; have a good reputation in their business, profession and community; and are willing to serve in their community and around the world. (16-36, 16-38)

New membership types. Clubs may offer associate, corporate, family, or other membership types. Clubs offering these additional types would report these members to Rotary as "active" for purposes of inclusion on the club invoice. Other financial obligations (club dues, meal costs, etc.), attendance requirements, and service expectations for these members are determined by the club. However, only active members may be considered for office and count in determining a club's voting strength. (16-36)

Dual membership in Rotary and Rotaract clubs. Rotaractors can simultaneously hold separate membership in a Rotaract club and a Rotary club. (16-40)

Transferring member statement. Potential members who owe money to another club are ineligible for membership. Clubs must seek confirmation that a former Rotarian does not have any outstanding debt to their previous club. When a club requests a statement from the club of a member who wishes to transfer, or who was previously a member, as to whether that person owes money, the request must be responded to within 30 days. If no response is provided, it is assumed that the member doesn't owe anything. These changes are in the RI Bylaws but are no longer repeated in the *Standard Rotary Club Constitution*. (16-51)

New Clubs

Charter member minimum. New clubs need at least 20 members to be chartered. (16-83)

Suspension

Suspension of membership. Clubs may now suspend a member for a maximum of 90 days. At the end of that time, they must either terminate or reinstate the member. A suspended member has the right to appeal the suspension or request mediation or arbitration. (16-49, 16-50)

Suspension or termination of clubs because of litigation. Clubs can be suspended or terminated if one of their members takes legal action against RI or The Rotary Foundation — including action against directors, trustees, officers, and employees — before exhausting all Rotary remedies. The Council also clarified the conditions under which the RI Board may take action against districts with repeated election complaints. (16-81)





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Foundation Dinner
Sunday November 13th, 2016

Our keynote speaker
2016-2017 RI President
John Germ