

# Governor Jeff's District News

Rotary



## The Adventure Continues

Whoa!!!!!! The month of July flew by in a shot. My year as District Governor is going to be over in a blink. I hope you are enjoying your summer. Please let me know of club and community events in August and the rest of the year so that I can get them on the calendar. We want to participate in as much as we can. We want to promote these events so that we can better support each other.

Before we get into July activities, let's begin with a celebration of our RYLA program that finishes with a dinner with parents and relatives. The incoming DG gets to participate in this event and I received many glowing comments from students and parents about RYLA. I see first-hand all of the students perform during the evening perhaps in ways their parents have never seen. It was an honor for me to hand out certificates to each student. We can all be proud of RYLA.

Great programs like RYLA just don't happen. They are the result of dedicated people who believe in the value of leadership training for our youth.

RYLA is a collaboration across the District with Students, Parents, Schools and teachers. RYLA is touching over 100 families each and every year. Kudo's to Jack, Julie, the RYLA committee and the staff for another great year.

Another big event for June was the Rotary Convention in Toronto. Over 25,000 were in attendance including 70 from our District. There were out-

standing speakers and breakout sessions. Many of the presentations may be viewed on [www.SlideShare.net/Rotary International.com](http://www.SlideShare.net/Rotary_International.com). Be inspired for your club and community.

June also ended with many pass the gavel events. I attended one for the clubs of Waverly, Sayre and Athens. These three clubs comprise one economic region which spans the Southern Tier and Northern PA. Earlier in the year these same clubs hosted their top ten student event which is very inspirational. Waverly will be celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2019. We like to see collaboration within and outside of Rotary.

July was a blur with many community and club events. Some we attended include:

July 3 Pops in the Park at Highland Park in Endwell

July 4 Extravaganza at Highland Park

Trumansburg Golf Tournament

Groton Golf Classic

Rotary Night at the Rumble Ponies (includes promotion of our grant on opioid abuse)

Lumberjack Festival in Deposit

Greene Summer Picnic at the lake

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There were also several community meetings on workforce development, Endicott Proud, Greater Binghamton Chamber of Commerce and Tier Energy Network. I have talked to many of you about concerns you have with the economy and well-being of your community. We have developed a presentation on the Role of Rotary in Community Development. A new approach to community development which has come to our attention is Roadmap to Livability by AARP. This program addresses all generations and may be viewed online at [AARP.org/LivabilityRoadmap.com](http://AARP.org/LivabilityRoadmap.com).

For your August entertainment we recommend:

Sherburne "Music in the Park" – 8/1, 8/8

Cooperstown Lakefront Concert Series – Tuesdays at 7 pm

Spiedie Fest – 8/3 – 8/5

Smokey Legends supporting Endicott Proud – 8/11

Ithaca Club Road Rally – 8/12

Dick's Senior Open – 8/15 – 8/19

Rotary Community Corp presentation at Dryden Rotary – 8/15

Bainbridge Golf Tournament – 8/16

Service Club Night at the Rumble Ponies – 8/17

Chenango Blues Fest – 8/17-18

And our new crop of exchange students will be arriving.

**August is membership month.** This is a great time to polish your membership strategy. There is a wealth of information on Rotary Club Central. Matt Adler and others are on call to help you to develop a plan or to implement specific actions like hosting an open house. The article on membership in the August issue of the Rotarian is outstanding!!!

**Foundation Dinner with RI President Barry Rassin.** Registration will be on line soon for you to register. The date is Monday, October 29th, at the McKinley in Endicott.

**One Rotary Summit:** DGE Dave is working hard on One Rotary Summit. Here are a few words from Dave:

"Joining Rotary was one of the best decisions I ever made!" People around the world express this opinion every day. Explore the "Why" of Rotary in a conversation at this year's District 7170 One Rotary Summit. The session will be held on Saturday, October 27, 2018 at ACCO Brands, 101 O'Neill Road, Sydney, NY 13838 from 8:00 AM until 1:00 PM. This session is designed for new and experienced Rotarians to come together and share in the discussion about Rotary's public image, membership and the Foundation opportunities.

**As a participant you will...**

1. Be prepared to answer the question, "Why Rotary?"
2. Be inspired to build membership, enhance public image and do humanitarian service through the Rotary Foundation.
3. Understand the value of being a Rotarian.
4. Be inspired to be part of Rotary's public image campaign, "People of Action".
5. "Be the inspiration", living out Rotary's theme for 2018-2019.
6. Take home a One Rotary Toolkit for use in your club.

There is no charge for this event. A continental breakfast and light lunch will be served. Watch for a link to the on line registration site in next month's newsletter.

**Place your order for tree peonies.** (Order sheet on pg. 4.)

**District Goal 2:** In the last newsletter we introduced goal 1: promote and support our clubs and communities. Goal 2 is to help clubs, communities, the District and Rotary International to manage change.

The world is witnessing an un-precedented level of change. This change is impacting all businesses and organizations. At the international Assembly in January many leaders commented how Rotary is at a crossroad. RI has introduced many new programs like "people of action" to help Rotary re-invent itself and its brand in the world. More flexibility is being granted to clubs and clubs are encouraged to be more

entrepreneurial in how they organize their clubs and interact with the community.

There are many ways we can help Rotary manage the change process:

- ⇒ Communicate the change that is taking place throughout the District
  - ⇒ Support new Rotary Initiatives aimed at managing change and improving performance: people of action, club flexibility, increase Rotaract and Rotary Community Corps
  - ⇒ Helping our communities to change and be successful
- Increase our level of strategic planning at the club and District level



<-Deposit Lumberjack Festival ->



Jeff Smith

District Governor

2018-2019



Johnson City Carousel Festival

## Rotarian of the Month



Our Rotarian of the month is **Peggy Haine of the Trumansburg Rotary Club.**

Shortly after giving a talk to the Ithaca Rotary noon club on the seamier side of New Orleans' jazz history, Peggy Haine was invited to become a Rotarian. It was 1989, and women had only recently been admitted. Things were a little

tense, and she insists she had been invited for comic relief.

For the past several years, she's been an active member of the Trumansburg Rotary Club, closer to the home she shares with her husband, Peter Hoover, and their energetic golden doodle, Ralph. Recently retired from a late-life career in real estate, an earlier one in communication

strategies, one in higher education administration, and another as a musician, she now has time to volunteer at Trumansburg's Gemm Shop; as a driver for the senior citizens' community Love Living at Home; and at the History Center for Tompkins County. She writes a monthly column, Ulysses Town Talk, for the Ithaca Journal and freelances for other local publications, writing on food, wine, farms, and people.

But her main focus these days is the Trumansburg Rotary Club where she serves as publicity chair, supports fund-raising events including an annual Supermarket Sweepstakes, and has just secured district approval for a Rotary District Grant for replanting trees at the entrance to the Village of Trumansburg at the Trumansburg Fairgrounds.

She enjoys fellowship with her Rotary colleagues and says, "They are just the best people, with good hearts and minds, who get the job done." She believes that Rotary should be looking to recruit members who are just about to retire, to help them move gracefully into retirement, refocusing their energies on Rotary's good works. She is also proud of the club's busy younger members who bring their children along to meetings, helping to keep us all young!



## Tree Peony Club Order Sheet

Name:

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Rotary Club:

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Address:

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Phone Number, E-mail Address:

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\$20 before September 15, 2018

*Price increases to \$25 from September 16, 2018 – March 30, 2019*

Color	Price/Plant	Quantity	Sub-Total
Pink	\$20		
Red	\$20		
Purple	\$20		
White	\$20		
Yellow	\$20		
Total			

**Make check payable to: Rotary District 7170**

**Send check and club order form to:** Tony Salerno, District Treasurer  
8 Hanford Dr.  
Dryden, NY 13053

\$10 from each plant sold by your club will be donated to the Rotary Foundation in your club's name. Your club will receive the per capita credit and Foundation points.

Your order will be ready to pick-up at the District Training Assemblies and Grants Management Seminars in spring 2019.



## Scorching Fourth of July in the Park Kicks Off Oneonta Rotary's Operation Warm 2018 Scratch Off Madness Fundraiser

High heat and humidity couldn't stop Oneonta Rotarians from working to ensure that children will be warm this winter. The Second Annual Scratch Off Madness Fundraiser to benefit Operation Warm kicked off at the 2018 Oneonta July 4<sup>th</sup> in the Park celebration. From 12 pm to 8 pm, Oneonta Rotarians sold chances to win \$500 worth of scratch off lottery tickets. Proceeds will be used to purchase new winter coats for children in need in the area.

Operation Warm is part of a national project that started in 1998 to distribute warm coats to children in need. Today, over 100 Rotary Clubs in more than 28 states partner with Operation Warm to conduct service projects that have provided over 55,000 new winter coats to children in their communities. Last year, Oneonta Rotary raised almost \$5,000 and distributed over 240 coats to children in elementary schools in the Oneonta School District and Laurens School District. Locally, one in five children in Otsego County live in poverty.

Tickets will be available for sale at two more events: Balloon Fest in Neahwa Park, Oneonta on August 31<sup>st</sup> and The Catskill Chorale Society's Grand and Glorious Garage Sale, Main St. Oneonta, September 8<sup>th</sup>. Cost is 1 ticket for \$5 and 3 tickets for \$10. Tickets can also be obtained by contacting [oneontarotarysecretary@gmail.com](mailto:oneontarotarysecretary@gmail.com) or by asking any Oneonta Rotarian. The drawing will take place during the afternoon of the Grand and Glorious Garage Sale, Saturday, September 8th, 2018.



Oneonta Rotarians at the Scratch Off Madness booth at Oneonta's 4<sup>th</sup> of July in the Park



The Oneonta Rotary

Rotarians Alan Sessions, Tracy Ranieri, Marie Lusins, Dave Rowley (Fundraising Chair)

# Rotary Salutes

## **ITHACA ROTARY RAISES \$10,000 FOR DISASTER RELIEF**

### **Funds benefit Puerto Rico in wake of Hurricane Maria**

The Rotary Club of Ithaca is proud to announce that with the help of more than 25 local restaurants, the club has raised \$10,000 for disaster recovery in Puerto Rico. The club organized a \$50 raffle this spring with the grand prize being twelve \$100 gift cards to area restaurants; other smaller prizes were available too. Only 200 tickets were sold. Prizes were awarded at a gala dinner at the Ithaca Country Club on Valentine's Day.

The Dozen Dinner Draw (DDD), initiated by the Ithaca Rotary Club's International Service Committee, is modeled after a similar raffle put on by a Rotary club in the Toronto area. Dennis Gray, a former member of that club and now an Ithaca Rotarian, led the effort with his wife Maricelis Acevedo and other members of the International Service Committee.

"The purpose of the Dozen Dinner Draw is to raise funds for international service projects so that we can have a more significant impact on what our club does on the global stage with Rotary," said Gray. "Applying the money raised from our first DDD towards disaster relief in Puerto Rico and for shelter box is consistent with Rotary's focus on service above self. We look forward to building on the DDD momentum to continue helping those less fortunate in the international community."

In June, \$9,183 was donated to the San Juan Rotary Club, and will be utilized for a variety of housing reconstruction and water and sanitation disaster recovery projects in Puerto Rico, which suffered catastrophic infrastructure damage from Hurricane Maria last September. The San Juan Rotary Club will allocate the funds to the non-profit organization Pisadas de Amor (Footprints of Love), which focuses on improving the quality of living conditions for the elderly in Puerto Rico. Pisadas de Amor is a FEMA-funded effort focused exclusively on house repairs for those who cannot be helped by FEMA.



The Ithaca Rotary Club donated another \$1,000 to purchase a shelter box to aid a displaced family ([www.shelterbox.org/shelter/aid](http://www.shelterbox.org/shelter/aid)). Shelter Box provides emergency shelter and tools for families robbed of their homes by disaster.

"As a Puerto Rican and a Rotarian, I am so grateful for and moved by the

amazing support from the Ithaca community toward Hurricane Maria relief in Puerto Rico," said Maricelis. "There is still so much need on the island, so many seniors and families who need help to be able to live in a safe home. We are already in hurricane season again and there are still lots of home with blue tarp roofs from last September's storm."

Learn more about the Dozen Dinner Draw fundraiser and see the list of restaurant sponsors at <http://rotarydozendinnerdraw.org/>

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## Rotary Salutes cont.

On Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> Trumansburg Rotary held their 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament.



They kicked it off by having a ball drop from a hot air balloon with the winning ball coming closest to the hole.



With beautiful weather, everyone had a good time and enjoyed a steak dinner at the conclusion.

## The gardens look beautiful surrounded by the fence and two gates!

Many thanks to the Rotary Foundation for the \$2500 grant money, the members of the **Bainbridge Rotary Club** for supporting the grant with their hard work, the Bainbridge Lions Club for installing the fence, the Village of Bainbridge, B-G School staff and students, the Jericho Garden Club members for their hard work and diligence



in seeing the project through to fruition, parents and grandparents for supporting their children. Our mission was complete in making this a farm to table inter-generational project. In the fall, there will be one or more sessions on preserving the fruits of the harvest led by members of the Jericho Garden Club of Bainbridge.



## Cindy Struckle Takes the Helm at Oneonta Rotary 2018 Pass the Gavel



Oneonta Rotary Club 2017-2018 president David Mattice “passes the gavel” to new president, Cindy Struckle, at the Pass the Gavel celebration dinner held on June 21, 2018 at The Elks Club in Oneonta, NY.



Struckle thanks Mattice for his leadership during the past year and hands Mattice a plaque commemorating his presidency



Struckle, gavel in hand, prepares to strike the bell.



Oneonta Rotary Club leadership team: l. to r. Catrina McKissick, secretary; Cindy Struckle, president; Lynne Sessions, vice-president; Loree Allen, treasurer.

Cheer up. Even the majestic oak tree started as a little nut.

## Greene Rotary Club - Induction of Officers and Paul Harris Fellow Award Recognition

The Annual Meeting of the **Rotary Club of Greene**, #4877, was held July 26 at the home of Greene Rotary President Alan Lord. The meeting, held each summer at the Lords, was the perfect opportunity to welcome and install new members Maryanne Lord and Maureen Smith, as well as the installation of office for incoming President Daniel Frair, and other officers Alan Lord, Treasurer and Jerry Krisko, Secretary).



Longtime member and Treasurer Jim Saroka was honored with a Paul Harris Fellow Award, as contributed by the club. The Paul Harris Fellow recognition acknowledges individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name, of \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. District Governor for Rotary District 7170, Jeffrey Smith, presented the award to Jim.

Rotary International President-elect Barry Rassin's theme for 2018-19, Be the Inspiration, asks Rotarians to inspire change in the world and in each other. "I ask all of you to Be the Inspiration to help Rotary move from reaction to action — to take a hard look at the environmental issues that affect health and welfare around the world and do what we can to help."



One of the servers, who has helped **Deposit Rotary** out the last 5 years, just graduated high school and is going on to Casanova to study animation. Ava Lee received an award at graduation for the most community service hours! She is Brenda Lee's daughter, Ava. She has followed in her mother's footsteps of giving back to her community and has truly taken to heart service above self!!

## ITHACA ROTARY CLUB ANNOUNCES ROAD RALLY DATE

### *5<sup>th</sup> annual fundraiser on August 12 raises money for service organization*

Get Your Motor Running! Save the date for the Ithaca Rotary Club's fifth annual Rotary Rally on Sunday, August 12 at 1:00 pm. The FUNdraising rally begins at the Homewood Suites (36 Cinema Drive, Triphammer Mall, Ithaca) and is a real blast! Bring the kids, the dog, and the neighbors – everyone is invited to join in this fun activity, rain or shine.

Participants will follow clues in their cars along 30 +/- miles of country roads in Tompkins County (and Cortland County this year!), answering riddles, taking pictures, and picking up scavenger hunt items along the way. The Rotary Rally will finish at about 4:00pm with the checkered flag at a "mystery" restaurant for prizes, drinks, and dinner (on your own). Teams will be 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 may include costumes and/or best-decorated car. Minimum two people per team; no maximum – however many fit safely in the car are welcome!

The Rotary Rally begins at 1:00 at the Homewood Suites near Triphammer Mall (36 Cinema Drive, Ithaca). Look for signs. The registration table opens at 1:00pm; all cars must be on the course by 2:00 when registration closes. Advance registration is encouraged but not required; walk-ins are welcome the day of the rally. Forms may be found at [www.ithacarotary.com](http://www.ithacarotary.com). Cost is \$20 per adult; \$10 children 12 – 18; free 11 and younger. All proceeds benefit the Ithaca Rotary Club's programs.

Sponsorships and donations of prizes are now being accepted from local businesses. For more information and to advance register, please contact Kelly Buck at 315-406-0791 or email [kdb-skier@gmail.com](mailto:kdb-skier@gmail.com). The registration form may also be found at [www.ithacarotary.com](http://www.ithacarotary.com). Get YOUR motor running now for the 5th annual Rotary Road Rally!

The Rotary Club of Ithaca gathers every Wednesday at 12:15pm for luncheon meetings at Colti-vare, 235 S. Cayuga Street. The public is welcome to attend and learn more about Rotary; cost is \$15 at the door. Ithaca Rotary's motto is "Service Above Self." Membership is open to all community members who share in this belief; new members are accepted year-round.



Many are called, but few actually return the message.



## **Bainbridge Rotarians Memorial Golf Tournament**

In Memory of Bainbridge Rotarians: Jim Palmer, Wayne Burnett, David & Judy Derr

**Thursday, August 16th, 2018  
Hardwood Hill Golf Course  
11160 State Highway 8  
Masonville, NY 13804  
9:00 A.M. Shotgun Start  
4-Person Captain-and-Crew**

This is a fundraising event for the Bainbridge Rotary Club to support our service projects. Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams, Closest to the pin, Longest drive, 50/50 raffle, Skins and Mulligans.

There are 3 ways you can enjoy a day of golf with other community and business people:

1. Bring a team, play a round of golf and enjoy the day for **\$75 per person** (\$300 per team) which includes Greens Fees, Carts, Continental Breakfast, Dinner and Prizes.
2. Sponsor a hole (tee or green) for **\$100**. Your business will be recognized with a sponsor sign at the hole of your choice.
3. Sponsor a hole and a team for **\$375**. This includes sponsor recognition at the hole of your choice and covers the entry fee for your 4-person team.

Sign up your team below and send check and application to:

**Bainbridge Rotary Club  
PO Box 262  
Bainbridge, NY 13733**

For more information call or email

**Stacey Flanagan  
stafla12@gmail.com  
607-624-4339**

### **2018 Bainbridge Rotary Club Golf Tournament Team/Sponsor Form:**

Team Name or Captain: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Members:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Golf for 4 @ \$300  
\_\_\_\_\_ Hole Sponsor @ \$100  
\_\_\_\_\_ Hole & Team @ 375

Make Checks Payable to. **Bainbridge Rotary Club**



14th Annual  
PDG

WR "Ironman" Tucker

# IRONMAN

## GOLF TOURNAMENT



**Saturday, September 8th**



HARDWOOD HILLS Golf Course, Route 8 Masonville, NY

**Day of Tournament - Check in @ 8:00 am until Shotgun Start at 9:00 am  
CHICKEN BARBECUE and Awards Ceremony to follow**

*Sponsored by The Deposit Rotary Club*  
All proceeds to benefit Rotary Charities

### Golf Tournament Prizes

- Team placement prizes...  
1<sup>ST</sup> - \$200.00 2<sup>ND</sup> - \$100.00 3<sup>RD</sup> - \$80.00
- Closest to the Pin (Mens and Ladies)
- Longest Drive (Mens and Ladies)

### RAFFLE

**\$200 CASH**  
+ more prizes!

*Buy your raffle tickets from  
any local Deposit Rotarian NOW!*

Please complete this registration form by Sept. 1st and mail with payment made out to:  
Deposit Rotary Club c/o Mark Tucker PO Box 80 Deposit, NY 13754



Sign up is at Hardwood Hills or send in the form as indicated.

**\$260.00 per team or \$65.00 each, Includes Golf, Cart, and Chicken BBQ**

Team Name \_\_\_\_\_

Captain Name \_\_\_\_\_ Crew member 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Crew Member 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Crew Member 3 \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions, Please call Mark Tucker: 467-2066 x221 or email [marktucker@ezrec.com](mailto:marktucker@ezrec.com)

## *Unadilla Rotary Sponsors Autumn Fest*

*Saturday, September 15th*

Music



Farmer's Market



Entertainment



Kids' Activities





**VS.**  
(AA-METS) (AA-PHILLIES)

# SERVICE NIGHT

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 17

**GATES OPEN: 5:30 | GAME TIME: 7:05**



**Box: \$9.00**  
**GRANDSTAND: \$7.00**

WE WILL BE RECOGNIZING AND  
HONORING ALL CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS  
INCLUDING ROTARY, KIWANIS,  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS,  
AND MORE!

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT SETH DISTLER AT  
607-722-3866 OR [SETH@BINGRP.COM](mailto:SETH@BINGRP.COM)!**



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Register for Hamburg  
International Conven-  
tion June 1-5, 2019

[Hamburg 2019](#)

*Save The Date*



*Foundation Dinner*

*Monday October 29th, 2018*

*RI President Barry Rassin will be guest speaker*

*The McKinley*



*District Conference*

*Friday, May 10th through Sunday, May 12th, 2019*

*DoubleTree Binghamton*



*District Pass the Gavel*

*Wednesday, June 19th, 2019*

*TBD*