

February is Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention month. What is your club doing to promote peace? While we usually think of peacebuilding and conflict resolution as world problems, there are several things we can do right here at home to promote understanding and good will among the people of our communities. Every day we hear of conflict caused by the lack of understanding and tolerance. As Rotarians we need to do more than just say the words of the "Four Way Test". We need to live it and teach it to help make this a more peaceful world.

Just three more months to our District Conference. To all of you who took advantage of the "Early Bird" registration, thank you. On-line registration will continue until the middle of April. Remember, you don't have to register for the entire weekend. There are options that allow you a variety of choices (see the registration form). The conference features four keynote speakers and fifteen breakout sessions covering a variety of subjects. Everyone should be able to find things that will be of interest to them. Among the breakout sessions, there will be three that are specifically for children and adults. There are special rates for children on the registration form (contact me for single day pricing). I want this event to be for the entire family. For those of you who have never been to the Marriott Syracuse Downtown (Hotel Syracuse) there are some pictures in this newsletter to show you the beauty of the hotel. There will be guided tours of this amazing facility. Off premises there are also many things to do. The Museum of Science and Math (MOST) is just a short walk away as are all the shops of Armory Square.



I would be remiss if I didn't take this chance to remind you of the Governor's Challenge. Many clubs are reporting new members (net gain of 1 member). Pat Kriebel, the District Membership Chair, is doing a great job welcoming all of them in each edition of the Newsletter. Foundation (per capita giving of \$5) and Polio Plus (per capita giving of \$5) giving is going well. Many clubs have done their Polio Plus project and many others have one planned. To be eligible for recognition your club must meet all four of the challenges no later than April 1st. Hopefully, I'll have to give out 44 awards at our Conference.

The Youth Exchange Program is going well. I am told that we will have 26 outbound students next year. That is up 6 from this year. The committee will be presenting an overnight orientation for both current inbound and next year's outbounds on the 8th and 9th in Trumansburg. Some committee members will be attending the annual NAYEN Conference in Monterey, Mexico from the 27th-29th. This is an amazing program and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the committee members and the participating clubs for the hard work they put in to make it succeed. I would also like to remind everyone of the student talent that will be on display at the Conference.

Until Next Month,

Yours In Rotary Service,

DG Dave





I realized that there are many servicemen and women who are in Rotary and have given their time to serve our country and they need to be recognized.....I would like recognize them and would like your club to send me a picture with name, branch of service and year's served of anyone in your club . They all need to be recognized for the invaluable service they have given us.....I know I have said recognize a lot it this request but we need to see that Rotary has many members who have helped build and protect this country. Thank you!!!

Please send all information to: goddesscindy48@gmail.com



DARLENE R. CROSTON US NAVY RESERVE 2006-PRESENT

Kabul and Afghanistan

Member of the Binghamton Breakfast Rotary Club

Wreaths Across America at the Bath National Cemetery

Groton Rotary Club



Rotary Salutes

Due to the support of the **Rotary Club of Hobart** and a Rotary District Designated Fund grant from our district – 9830, we have been able to create four picture guides for our program partner in the Philippines.

Our program partner – The Muravah Foundation have advised “Recently we've launched the " Gulayan sa Barangay" which literally means “Vegetable Garden in the Community”. The Muravah Foundation provides seeds and other planting materials in accordance with the Food Guide on hand provided to us in our Food Plants Solutions publications. The Food Guide that we received from FPS is discussed in the Family Development Sessions, conducted once a month in our brand new Community Centre built by Muravah Foundation. It will be very helpful for the parents to know the nutritional value of the food that they serve with their families. Also it will be very beneficial to know the nutritional value of our indigenous vegetable/plants found in our area.

We extend a very big thankyou to you and your supporting Rotary Clubs in your District for such valuable information being provided through your publications.

Thankyou for your tremendous support, we really appreciate it.”

The publications can be viewed at: <https://foodplantsolutions.org/programs/philippines/>

Publications like these can be made for any country or region. Perhaps you, an organisation you know, your Rotary Club or district are involved with a project that would benefit from having a nutrition component added to it?

We have program partners just like The Muravah Foundation who are waiting on publications from us. And, we need your support, just like the Rotary Club of Hobart and our District – 9830, have done, to make them happen.



Rotarians respond to Australian brushfires

More than 100 separate brushfires in Australia have damaged hundreds of homes and forced mass evacuations. Rotary clubs are taking action to provide immediate relief to those affected by the fires. Rotary has a Disaster Response Fund which following a natural disaster like the fires in Australia ensures we can deliver supplies, provide health care, and support rebuilding efforts. By making a donation today, you can help Rotarians respond swiftly and effectively, bringing hope to those whose lives have been affected by disaster.



February 2020 District Grant Tidbit

Remember, District Grants are reimbursements. How are you going to cover the upfront cost of your project? The Grants Committee is looking for specifics – not language like “other fundraising efforts” or “the Club will make up the difference.” The District Treasurer will reimburse your expenses once your final report is accepted (deadline June 30, 2021).

Membership

Dear Rotarians,

Let us start the new year with a focus on membership. We have 68 new members, but we have lost more members than that. Be sure you are keeping your members engaged. If they have a responsibility and feel needed, they are much more likely to stay in Rotary. Try to get them to attend district events so they can see that Rotary exists beyond their own club.

Just the other day, I went to Olum's to buy a new mattress. I got talking to the saleswoman. It seems that she is interested in community service. She is trying to start a Seratoma club but is not getting anywhere. I recommended that she join Rotary. She was familiar with Rotary as she was a lumberjack princess in Deposit years ago. Anyway, she is interested in joining Rotary and I e-mailed her when some different clubs meet.

The point of this story is: Don't be afraid to talk about Rotary. ASK! You never know who will be interested. The young woman is about 35.

Have a wonderful new year!

Yours in Rotary,

Pat, PDG and District Membership Chair

NEW MEMBERS FOR FEBRUARY

CLUB	MEMBER	SPONSOR
Cooperstown	John Shideler	Jim Miles
Cortland	Jason Hage	Jean Cadwallader
Edmeston	Susan Gellatt	Alicia Bowen
Hobart	Donald Dales	Returning member
	Lisa Driscoll	John Losier
	Kim Kwang-il	Mary Van Valkenburg
Morris	Dennis Bitter	Patrick Pegg
	Jeff Conroe	Royce Webster
New Berlin	Stephanie Cooper	Robert Mackey
	Kathleen Hansen	Robert Mackey
	Kim Murray	Robert Mackey
	Linda Tuller	Robert Mackey
Oneonta	Michelle Catan	Christine Wiltsie
	Carlton Cleveland	Ed Forman
	Neal Miller	Sherm Whitney
Owego	Tod E. Smith	John Spencer
Trumansburg	Durand Van Doren	Returning member
	Neil DeRaiche	Club

The Rotary Leadership Institute

It is NOT just for leaders! It's for ANY Rotarian!

New members, experienced members, all can have fun and benefit!

Saturday, March 7, 2020, 7:30 AM to 3:30PM

Owego Treadway Conference Center

Breakfast and lunch are provided

There are three parallel sessions (Parts I, II and III), plus a Graduate course for those who have complete all three of the previous Parts.

The event fee is \$100. Many clubs' pay or reimburse and there are scholarships available from the District

Visit www.rlinea.org to register

Question or concerns? Contact:

Matthew Adler

District Governor Elect

RLI Site Chair

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Below are some updates for the District Conference

- 1. New link to registration:** Because of confusion over finding the on-line registration form, a new link has been set up to make it easier. Click on this link: <https://rotarydistrict7170.org/event/district-conference-1/> This will take you directly to the registration information.
- 2. Hotel Parking:** If you have registered for a room at the Marriott Syracuse Downtown, you received an e-mail confirmation. On the back of the confirmation it says that the on-site parking fee is \$16 daily and the valet parking fee is \$20 daily. This is incorrect. Our contract says there is "a discounted rate of \$10 per vehicle for overnight self-parking and a discounted rate of \$5 per vehicle for day only self parking. Valet service will be offered at a discounted rate of \$12 for the day only and \$18 for overnight."
- 3. Youth Exchange:** Questions have come up regarding the registration of exchange students. To do this, use the link above to get to the registration information. When you get to the registration form, DO NOT sign in. Instead only enter the student's information, except for their e-mail address. Use your e-mail address. That way you will be the one to receive the registration confirmation. After you have registered the student, send a check for \$305 made payable to District 7170 YEP to Kathleen Overbaugh. This will cover all the student's expenses.

If you have any questions or problems please contact Tony Salerno (7170treasurer@gmail.com) or David Bensley (yep7170@gmail.com).

Calling all President Elects and Assistant Governors

Calling all President Elects and Assistant Governors! Get ready for an exciting adventure in Syracuse on March 13-14, 2020 at the Sheraton Syracuse University Conference Center and Hotel, 801 University Ave., Syracuse, NY. Meet your fellow President Elects (PE's) and Assistant Governors (AG's) from 3 other districts. The President of Rotary International, Holger Knaack will be there to speak to everyone. Enjoy motivational speaker Michael Angelo Caruso. There will be a great presentation by Louisa Horn and Doug Logan on membership. This was a presentation presented at the RI convention in Toronto. Our incoming director, Valarie Wafer will speak, and we will hear from our own Mark Kriebel about "Your Year as President". All PE's and AG's (current and incoming AG's) are required to attend. If you have a conflict, you can send a substitute from your club OR you can attend another PETS training. Go to: petsalliance.org for the dates and locations. Along with the special AG sessions, there will also be a special session for repeating presidents. The registration is now open. Go to: rotaryempiremdpets.org and click to register. You can also reserve the hotel on this same website.

Thank you to all the clubs that have responded to Matt's request to send him the name of your PE. We have 40 out of 44.

PRE-PETS- this session is for the PE's and the AG's that serve that area. Please choose 1 of these to attend. You can attend whichever one is convenient even if it's not your area. A light dinner will be provided. Feb. 5- Oneonta Quality Inn and Suites, 5206 State Highway 23, Oneonta, NY from 5:30-8 PM; Feb. 12- 111 Grant Ave., Endicott, NY from 5:30-8 PM (Matt's office conference room); Feb. 19- The Hotel Ithaca, 222 South Cayuga St., Ithaca, NY from 5:30-8 PM. Please RSVP to Pat Kriebel as to which one you wish to attend 1 week prior to the event. pkriebel@stny.rr.com

FINANCES- For PE's- your club has already paid the registration and meal cost for MD Pets. You or your club will be responsible for the hotel. Most clubs pay the hotel cost. We will begin Fri. afternoon and we will end about 3 or 4PM on Sat., so you will only need Fri. night.

AG's- there is no registration fee as your club has paid that. The district will pay the meal costs and 1 hotel night.

Matt and I hope to see all of you at this exciting event!

Please don't hesitate to e-mail for any information you may need. DGE- Matt Adler madler@stny.rr.com; District Trainer- Pat Kriebel pkriebel@stny.rr.com

Thank you for all the work you do for Rotary!
Matt and Pat



For all those interested in applying for a global grant this year, 2020-21, a required grants seminar will be held on Saturday, March 28 at SUNY Broome starting at 9am. For those of you interested in attending, but transportation is a problem, we are working on transmitting the seminar through the internet. More to come! If you plan on attending either way, please RSVP as soon as possible, so the appropriate materials can be ordered. Any questions, contact Lana Rouff at LanaRouff@gmail.com



DOZEN DINNER DRAW

Rotary Club of Ithaca

Beneficiaries: Disaster Relief and Recovery in the Bahamas Hurricane Dorian Aftermath
Costa Rica – Bringing safe water well and system to 650 + children and adults

GREAT CHRISTMAS PRESENT, VALENTINES GIFT, TEAM INCENTIVE FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION

PURCHASE \$50 TICKETS FOR A CHANCE
(GREAT ODDS – ONLY 300 TICKETS)

TO WIN A DOZEN \$100 GIFT CERTIFICATES TO FINGER LAKES
TOP RESTAURANTS, WINERIES, CIDERIES AND THEATERS –
PLUS MANY MORE PRIZES AND DINNER / THEATER PACKAGES

For Ticket Info go to: www.rotarydozendinnerdraw.org

YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT WILL HELP ROTARY – 3 WAYS

Help for Bahamas
Post Hurricane Dorian

Disaster
Relief



Disaster
Recovery



Safe Water for 650 +
Children and Adults
in Northern Costa Rica





Join the Unadilla Rotary Club for

Pie Night!

**Thursday, March 12th, 5-7 pm
Unatego Jr./Sr. High School
2641 St. Hwy. 7, Otego, NY**

Festivities include:

- All-you-can-eat dinner pies
- Dessert pie baking contest with prizes
- Musical entertainment

**Enjoy a delicious pie feast baked by
local Rotarians.**



**Tickets: \$12 each pre-event
\$15 each on Pie Night**
(includes 1 adult and 1 child under 10)

Purchase tickets or get contest details
from Unadilla Rotarians.
Or, email info@unadillarotary.org

**All proceeds go toward
supporting youth programs
in the Unatego School
District**

www.unadillarotary.org



Rotary District 7170 Grant Writing Guidelines

Now is the time to think about projects that may qualify for a District funded grant in Rotary year 2020-2021. Every year requests from the clubs total more than the available funds. The Grants Committee is committed to providing the best fiduciary oversight of these funds which means only the strongest grants will be considered in June 2020.

What makes a strong grant?

One or more of Rotary International's Six Areas of Focus should be supported by the project and clearly shown in the grant request. As you consider possible projects, ask if they meet one of these:

Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution (Promoting peace)
Disease Prevention and Treatment (Fighting disease)
Water And Sanitation (Providing clean water, sanitation, and hygiene)
Maternal And Child Health (Saving mothers and children)
Basic Education and Literacy (Supporting education)
Economic and Community Development (Growing local economies)

For a complete explanation of each area please go to: my.rotary.org/en/document/areas-focus-policy-statements

Funding of your project needs to be clear and real. Your club should be contributing financially at some level (10% is suggested). District Community grants range from \$500 to \$2,500 dollars and International grants from \$1,000 to \$5,000. If other funds besides the District grant and the club's contribution will be used to cover some of the cost, show specifically where these funds will be coming from. Partial grants are sometimes awarded, so address this possibility in your request. Will the project go forward? How would you make up the difference?

Collaboration is one of Rotary's critical themes so involving community partners is important. Contact local governments, school districts and other service clubs to discuss your proposed project. They can be sources of ideas and funds and help assure that the project is successful. Some projects need approvals and/or support from other entities, such as town boards, school districts, counties, etc. Include these in your formal request and be sure that they are specific to your project, not just a letter of general support. Letters and authorizations are key parts of your formal request.

Quotes for expected purchases should be recent. Previous year's quotes will not be accepted. Quotes show that you have a complete understanding, in terms of dollars and required items, of the cost of the project. Your final report does not have to match the quotes exactly but final costs need to be close and documented. Copies of vendor website pages are acceptable.

District grants are reimbursements. How are you going to cover the upfront cost? If a club cannot cover the expenses of the project through completion and approval of the final report they need look to their partners or find members willing to advance the funds. Remember, DO NOT start a project until your grant request is fully approved. After the District committee approves the projects in late June, a combined request is sent to RI for the final approval. Our District Treasurer will promptly reimburse your expenses, to the grant amount, once we have your final report in hand.

You should start writing your formal grant request for 2020-2021 by March with much of the information already in hand. Be sure to have at least one club member attend one of the grant writing seminars on April 4, 2020 in Dryden or on April 18, 2020 in Oneonta. This assures your club meets the requirement of having at least one member attend and allows you to take advantage of that time to ask questions.

The completed grant request with all attachments should be submitted to the Grants Committee Chair (Cindy Burger, csburger@frontiernet.net, 607-692-3442) by **May 15, 2020**. This gives you time to respond to any questions for clarification or additional information before the final deadline of **May 31, 2020**.



Dear Rotarian,

I am excited to share some good news: Rotary International and Toastmasters International are working together to provide our members with even more opportunities for personal and professional growth.

Toastmasters International is a global nonprofit organization with more than 16,800 clubs in 143 countries. Its members attend club meetings where they give speeches, evaluate the speeches of others, and perform other club duties, with the goal of ultimately becoming more confident speakers, communicators, and leaders. Our organizations are complementary in many ways, but we are each unique in what we offer our members.

I hope you will join us in supporting this alliance in your community. You can start by [learning more](#) about Toastmasters, exploring its [resources](#) and [public speaking tips](#), or visiting [a local Toastmasters club](#). Although the structure of club meetings is consistent, Toastmaster clubs are similar to Rotary clubs in that they each have their own personality. If you do not have a club in your area, you can watch a video to learn [what happens at a Toastmasters meeting](#).

You can also invite members of Toastmasters to visit your club and learn more about Rotary. If you have a Toastmasters club in your area, consider meeting with its members to explore opportunities to collaborate or inviting a member of Toastmasters to participate in a service activity or speak at your club.

Toastmasters will create a leadership development program for Rotarians and Rotaractors. A structured, robust leadership and communication curriculum can help members develop practical skills that will serve them not only in Rotary leadership roles, but in their professional and personal lives as well. Effective leadership skills can strengthen our clubs and increase our impact. We will provide updates about this program when we have more details.

Many of us joined Rotary to make a difference and connect with others in our communities. By working with Toastmasters, our members can discover new ways to network and learn from others, while finding even more value in their Rotary membership experience.

Learn more by reviewing these [frequently asked questions](#). You can also send your questions and your stories about local collaboration efforts to toastmastersalliance@rotary.org.

Mark Daniel Maloney
President, Rotary International 2019-20



SAVE THE DATE

WHEN: May 1,2,3, 2020

**WHERE: MARRIOTT SYRACUSE
DOWNTOWN**

WHY: "CELEBRATION 2020"
(District 7170's 31st District Conference)

**CELEBRATE OUR SUCCESSES
LEARN NEW THINGS
HAVE FUN!!!!**



*Dave Bensley
District Governor
2019-2020*

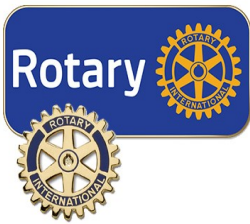
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Register for Hawaii
International Conven-
tion June 6-10, 2020

[Honolulu, Hawaii](#)

Save The Date



District Conference

Friday, May 1st through Sunday, May 3rd, 2020

Marriott, Downtown Syracuse

