

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

January is Vocational Service month. Do you have a business in your community that exemplifies the Four Way Test? Why not invite them to one of your meetings this month and present them with a Paul Harris Fellowship? For 1000 of your club's Paul Harris points you might encourage that person to become a member.

Just three months left to complete the Governor's Challenge. In case you have forgotten, the criteria are as follows: (1) A net gain in membership of 1. (2) \$50 per capita giving to the Annual Fund. (3) \$ \$50 per capita giving to the Polio Plus Fund. (4) A club project dedicated to the eradication of polio. So far, the following clubs have reported a polio project: Richfield Springs, Unadilla, Binghamton, Cooperstown, Cortland, Dryden, Ithaca Noon, Norwich, Owego, Trumansburg, Sherburne and Waverly. If you club has done a polio project this year and you name is not in the list, please let me know.

December was busy with Rotary events. The Holiday Gathering at the Northeast Classic Car Museum seem to be a great opportunity for Rotarians to connect. Attendees enjoyed each other's company and viewing all the antiques automobiles. Sherm Whitney was recognized with a Distinguishes Service Certificate from the District for his many years of service to Rotary. Congratulations Sherm. The Oxford Club again hosted their Clyde Cole Wrestling Tournament. The Youth Exchange Program held their annual Holiday Party where next year's outbounds learned what countries they will be going to. Several clubs

did holiday food distributions activities and held fun filled holiday festivities. On December 16th, the Morris Club held their Holiday Party and honored Fred Johnson. Fred was presented the Avenues of Service by Rotary International and a Distinguished Service Certificate by the District. Congratulations Fred!

As you probably know, the District Nominating Committee selected Rocky Martinez as our District Governor Nominee Designate to be District Governor for the year 2022-2023.

Congratulations to Rocky. Rocky joins Matt Adler (2020-2021) and Evan Kurtz (2021-2022) to complete our line up for the next three years. These three along with the current governor and immediate PDG will continue to meet monthly to provide as much continuity for the District as possible.



With the District Conference just five months away, the on-line registration up and running. When you look, you will see that there are many options you can choose from. You can choose to attend the entire conference (May 1-3), Saturday and Sunday, Saturday only or Saturday dinner and entertainment. Hopefully there is one that is right for you. To get to the Conference registration form, use the link found on page 6 of this newsletter. Don't forget, if you want a room at the hotel, use the link on the registration form. I hope to see all of you at the Marriott Syracuse Downtown.

Until Next Month,

Yours In Rotary Service,

DG Dave

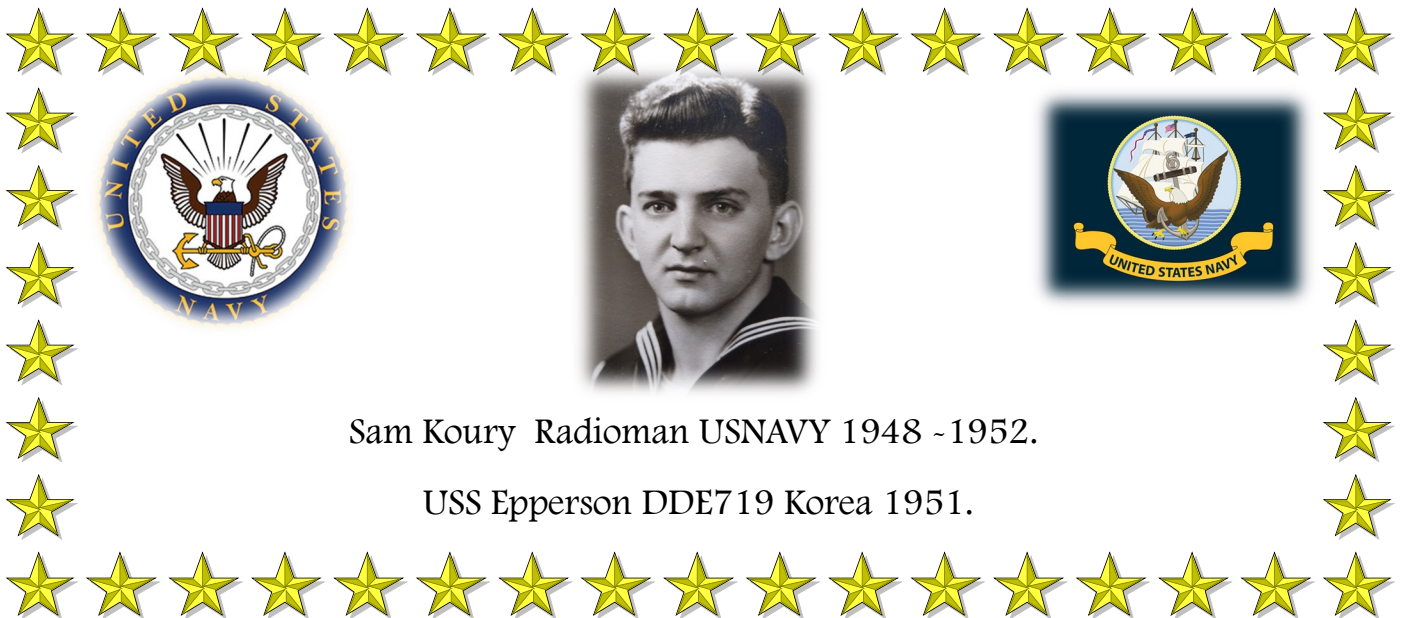


Never deprive someone of hope; it might be all they have.



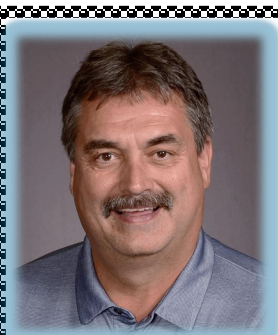
I realized that there are many servicemen and women who are in Rotary and have given their time to serve our country and they need to be recognized.....I would like recognize them and would like your club to send me a picture with name, branch of service and year's served of anyone in your club . They 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



Sam Koury Radioman USNAVY 1948 -1952.

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The District Nominating Committee's official choice for District Governor
Nominee Designate (District Governor 2022-2023) is
Richard (Rocky) Martinez of the Johnson City Rotary Club.

Congratulations!

District Grant Tidbit

January 2020 District Grant Tidbit

How is your 2019-2020 grant project proceeding? Remember an interim progress report is due by January 31, 2020. Contact Grants Committee Chair Cindy Burger (csburger@frontiernet.net or 607-692-3442) with questions or concerns.

Rotary Salutes

During a study of emergency preparedness in their community by the **Edmeston Rotary Community Corps** (RCC), a member raised the question of whether there was a readily available Automated External Defibrillator (AED) at the West Hill Terrace, a local apartment complex housing many senior citizens. They learned that there was not, and the Edmeston Rotary Club voted to purchase and donate an AED and a wall mounted cabinet to hold it. In the photo below, Rotary Club President Martha Winsor, and Rotary Club AED Project Coordinator David Green pose with some of the complex's residents after discussing the new AED unit and cabinet. (Note that the cabinet holds the AED unit upside down, so it reads DEA.) Training of residents in the use of the AED will be provided by members of the Edmeston Volunteer Fire Department and Emergency Squad. This is another great example of their community groups working together to meet a need and serve area residents.



Edmeston Rotarians, RCC members, and friends held their annual “Share the Christmas Spirit” project at the school on December 7th. Fifty-five families were invited to come and receive gifts of new and used toys, clean new and used clothing, used household goods, gift cards from local businesses, and donated cases of yogurt. The Edmeston Rotary Club wants every family around them to have a happy holiday season, and they know that “it is through giving that we receive.” Pictured below are some of the volunteers at the new toy tables. They were all smiles as they looked out the cafeteria window and saw the joined hearts drawn in the snow in the parking lot by one of their guests, as shown in the second photo. That’s the feeling that those participating want this annual project to create in all of us.



Submitted by Marty Winsor

When starting out, don't worry about not having enough money. Limited funds are a blessing, not a curse. Nothing encourages creative thinking in quite the same way.

Rotary Salutes cont.

Past District Governor Fred Johnson of the **Morris Rotary Club** received the Avenues of Service Award, given by Rotary International and Distinguished Service Certificate, given by Rotary District 7170.



L-R Fred Johnson, Morris Club President, Matt Palmer and District Governor, Dave



Handmade decorations for the table, and ornaments for trees, made by Morris Rotarian Carrie Lynn Phillips. She makes a different set of ornaments for everyone, every year.

Give yourself an hour to cool off before responding to someone who has provoked you. If it involves something really important, give yourself overnight.

NEW MEMBERS FOR JANUARY

CLUB	MEMBER	SPONSOR
Binghamton	Ruth Henneman	Vikki Collazo
	Chashty Hansen	Vikki Collazo
	Anthony Ephirim-Donkor	Frances Traficante
	Susan Lozinak	Vikki Collazo

Here is a cute video series about membership. You could show some or all the short videos. It would make a great program. <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLC-dJHVuTrjFNZAbw3lgzaAyPtJ88hH3Q>. Here is the link. This will take you to you tube on your computer. If you start with the introduction, it will just play through.

The Sidney Rotary Club has 8 new members! Most of these were the result of a successful open house. For their next open house, they are inviting the Interact Club and their parents. Sounds like a great idea!

Next tip: Be careful in your club to respect all professions. Some working people may not come to Rotary in a suit and tie. Also, be careful about the prayer. Not all Rotarians are Christian. Try to do a Rotary Moment instead.

I have included the link to the video membership series part 2. This would be a great program for your club.

<https://app.vyond.com/videos/13af917c-e622-4196-9deb-782fd938df69>

Membership

District 7170 has 39 new members! Remember to let Pat Kriebel know so she can send them a note. Please tell her the name of your club, the new member name and address, the name of the sponsor and their e-mail. Thanks! pkriebel@stny.rr.com



Rotary is an **International Organization** of over 1,200,000 people and part of its mission and object is *the advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional men and women united in the ideal of service*. While many of members within District 7170 are remarkable and undertake many beneficial projects within their own communities, it is important to remember that indeed we are an international organization and needs are great outside the United States.

To date, our district and in cooperation with many of our clubs, has helped countries such as India, Columbia, Costa Rica, Greece, Ghana, Lebanon, Guatemala, Mexico, Lesotho, Turkey, Mongolia through our District Designated and International Grants, however there is so much more to be done.

We need your help in procuring meaningful ideas for projects that will continue to help those in need. Once those projects have been identified we will need your help in communicating with the host country and working on the projected grant. It truly is a rewarding task and one that fulfills Rotary's Service Above Self. Won't you consider joining our District International Service Committee this coming year. If so, please contact Lana Rouff at LanaRouff@gmail.com Thank you. Looking forward to working with you to make a difference.

Below are some updates for the District Conference

1. **"Early Bird Registration"**: Because Christmas and New Year's occurred during the original days for "Early Bird" registration and some folks have had issues with finding and completing the registration form on-line, the "Early Bird" registration will be extended until January 15th. If you have not registered yet, take advantage of this opportunity to save \$20. The cost of registration will go up to \$215 on January 16th.
2. **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.
3. **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."
4. **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



• **Dear Lana Rouff,**

This is your quarterly AmazonSmile donation notification. AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support a charity of your choice every time you shop, at no cost to you. Your charity, **Rotary Foundation of Rotary International**, recently received a quarterly donation of **\$2,448.71** thanks to customers shopping at smile.amazon.com.

To date, AmazonSmile has donated a total of:
\$41,636.02 to Rotary Foundation of Rotary International

• **\$156,109,909.51** to all charities

Thank you for supporting Rotary Foundation of Rotary International by shopping at smile.amazon.com. You can track your impact throughout the year at your [My Impact page](#).

When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your selected charity.

• Charity Navigator, the largest independent evaluator of U.S. charities, ranks the 10 top charities from the more than 8,000 organizations it reviews each year.
 • *"Charitable givers should feel confident that these national institutions put their donations to good use."* – Charity Navigator

Charity Navigator's 2019 Top 10 List

Rank	Top 10 Charities	Score
1	Rotary International	100.00
2	Matthew 25: Ministries	100.00
3	Direct Relief	98.23
4	Cystic Fibrosis Foundation	98.21
5	Americares	97.87
6	The Carter Center	97.87
7	Catholic Medical Mission Board	97.87
8	Healthwell Foundation	97.17
9	Conservation International	96.90
10	Patient Advocate Foundation	96.66

• The organizations on Charity Navigator's 2019 list of the "[10 Best Charities](#)" were selected from the more than 8,000 nonprofits that are evaluated each year by the charity watchdog agency.
 • The 2019 rankings account for a charity's efficiency, financial performance, transparency, and accountability.
 • A more detailed explanation Charity Navigator's rating methodology is available here on the [Charity Navigator website](#).

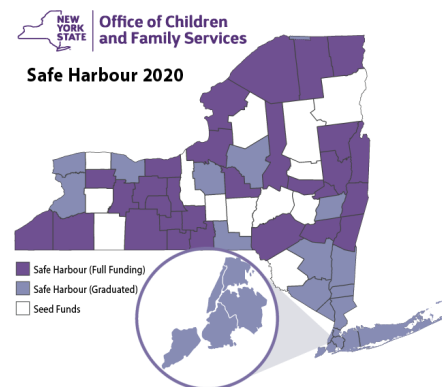


It Takes A Village

"It Takes A Village" was a two-day conference designed by Safe Harbour, a committee under the auspices of the Crime Victims Assistance Center," to help professionals who deal with human trafficking to effectively address the problem within their communities. It took place on November 7 and 8, 2019, at the Doubletree Hotel in Binghamton, New York. The purpose of the conference was to raise awareness, provide training and professional development as well as educate those attending on appropriate responses, resources, and services that will enable them to engage and support victims of human trafficking.

Over 140 professionals attended. The Rotary Club of Binghamton and Rotary District 7170 supplied flash drives, lanyards and padfolios. Four different tracks were available for those in Law Enforcement/Child Protective Services, Mental Health Providers, Medical Professionals and Victim Advocates. Breakout sessions on human trafficking and sexual exploitation of children and youth, adverse childhood experiences and child sexual abuse were offered. Throughout the conference participants gained new knowledge on how to identify human trafficking and how to respond appropriately. Resources and services were provided that would enable them to effectively help those impacted and to build a network of agencies so that those attending could work together to support victims of trafficking. It educated those participating on appropriate responses, resources and services that will enable them to engage

and support victims of human trafficking. There is a rising rate of children and youth that are being sexually exploited and trafficked **each year in our community**. Over the past three years it has been confirmed that 23 youth in our community have met the federal definition of being trafficked by force, fraud or coercion. This conference helped the professionals in the field deal more effectively with the problem. So, as Rotarians what can be done to address the horrific situation? We must make our communities aware of the severity = make them aware!! Your club can participate in this by inviting a member of Safe Harbour to address your club at your meeting. Contact Jessica Hyatt or Christine Battisti at the Crime Victims Assistance Center at 607-722-4256 or Jessica@cvac.us for more information. Awareness is essential to addressing this problem.



[Greetings District Governor Nominee Evan](#)

Often the breadth of ShelterBox global relief efforts goes unnoticed. Here is an in depth look at our current and planned disaster and humanitarian relief efforts. Our ability to reach families is solely dependent on the growth and generosity of our supporters. While specific donation funds are not established for each response, major funding opportunities (\$10,000+) for specific responses below may be possible from unrestricted DDF or Club foundation accounts.

There are links to more information about specific response funding opportunities at the end of each summary.

Thank you for your support!

Bill Tobin, ShelterBox USA.

Conflict and natural disaster displacing families in Somaliland

Somaliland is the fourth poorest region in our world, with a per capita GDP of \$347. Located in semi-desert on the Horn of Africa, the children, women, and men who call Somaliland home are primarily pastoralists and subsistence farmers. In 2017, ongoing drought killed 85% of all livestock in the region. The continuing drought has forced communities to move increasingly large distances to seek fresh food for their animals.

Consequently, these communities are now displaced and destitute.

With an estimated 2.7 million people internally displaced across the region, there is an enormous need for humanitarian assistance. Government and humanitarian agencies are struggling to respond. ShelterBox is responding to this crisis.

For an in depth report and analysis and how you can help visit https://www.shelterboxusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Somaliland_CaseForSupport_Rotary_071219_lowres.pdf



Editor's note: An article will be run for the next month about Shelterbox.....you will be able to see just what the Shelterbox does to help those in need.



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*

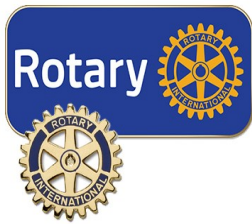
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[Honolulu, Hawaii](#)

Save The Date



District Conference

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

Marriott, Downtown Syracuse

