

Governor Jeff's District News

Rotary



A New Adventure Begins

Ready or not the new Rotary year is upon us. May you all have a fun and productive year!! Be an inspiration to your community.

The first order of business is to recognize our new Past District Governor Zoe and her husband Rik. They did an outstanding job of increasing our profile in the community and adding fun to Rotary. They were present for many events throughout the District. And, they are staying very active in this new Rotary year.



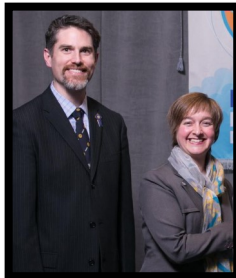
Their family business Unalam is a great example of businesses making a difference in our District.



Our new Rotary International President Barry Rassin hails from the Rotary Club of East Nassau in the Bahamas. He is a dynamic speaker with many ambitious goals. We are pleased to announce that Barry will be the Key Note speaker at our Foundation Dinner on Monday October 29. We are very privileged to have a RI President

visit our District. We are going to make the upcoming conference a special event.

Barry earned an MBA in health and hospital administration from the University of Florida and is the first fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives in the Bahamas. He recently retired after 37 years as president of Doctors Hospital Health System, where he continues to serve as an adviser.



Barry received Rotary's highest honor, the Service Above Self Award, as well as other Humanitarian awards for his work leading Rotary's relief efforts in Haiti after the 2010 earthquake. He and his wife Esther, are Major Donors and Benefactors of the Rotary Foundation.

Some of Barry's goals for Rotary include:

- Environmental Sustainability
- Increasing the number of Rotaract Clubs including community based clubs
- Promoting flexibility in Rotary and our clubs
- Collaboration within and outside of Rotary to make a bigger difference
- Diversity in our membership
- Promoting greater interaction between our clubs with Interact and Rotaract clubs and Rotary Community Corps.
- Improving our leadership training programs and making them available to the public.

We are developing strategies in all of these areas.

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Speaking of Rotary's highest honor, the Service Above Self Award", Past District Governor Lana Rouff was so honored at the recent District Conference for her work on Opioid Abuse and leading the charge to win a Global Grant on this issue for our 7 county District.

Lana's work epitomizes what is meant by "People of Action". A collaboration of Rotary and Community health professionals met to exchange ideas and take action. Lana took the lead to develop and fund a Global Grant that is now being implemented. The scope of work includes a media and print campaign. Clubs across the District are distributing materials to schools, medical offices, commercial locations and events. We have received lots of media coverage and Rotary's profile in our communities is increasing. Many clubs have supported and sponsored awareness nights in their schools and communities.



To further define what is meant by "People of Action" the Cortland Noon club completed an improvement project at their local Salvation Army.



This time of the year we are reminded about all of our efforts for our youth. Many of our clubs provide scholarships, support student exchange and participate in our excellent leadership training program, RYLA. Our work on Opioid abuse provided 15 high school teams the opportunity for training on this topic. We also, mentor and support school programs. The collective value of our efforts across the District is substantial. We have many hard-

working Rotarians that make all of this



He is at it again. Past District Governor Richard Matsushima is determined to make our District the capital of Japanese tree peonies. He was also instrumental in the first annual Johnson City Club Tree Peony celebration. The tree peony is a symbol of Richard's interest in improving our communities. And, his interest does not stop there. Richard has a vision of an Innovation Center in our District that showcases all of the great developments in Upstate New York and promotes innovation and future developments.

Peonies can be ordered for \$20 up to August 31. After this date the price will rise to \$25 which is still a good deal. \$10.00 will be donated to the Rotary Foundation for each sale.



MY GOALS

Goal number 1: Promote and support our clubs and communities

My number one goal is to support our clubs to achieve the goals that make sense for their membership and their community. I also have a deep interest in improving the economy and well-being of our communities. The stronger our communities are, the stronger our clubs will be. I believe that we can make a bigger difference through collaboration within Rotary and our communities. I hope to participate and work at many of your events.

In addition to meeting with clubs and members, I hope to meet with community and business leaders to promote Rotary and seek ideas for collaboration. I am currently involved in numerous collaborations across our District.

Part of this goal is also to further develop the opportunity of our Interact, Rotaract and Rotary Community Corps to work with our clubs and our communities. We have an active Rotary Community Corp in Edmeston. Martin and Martha Winsor have developed a program to help other clubs consider forming similar organizations. They have also been contacted by other Districts.

My motto for this Rotary Year comes from a sign at the entrance of Hancock.



Speaking of promoting our clubs and communities consider the following events as part of your summer recreation.

Ithaca Community Fireworks: 7/3
Pops in the Park at Highland Park in Endwell: 7/3
July 4 Extravaganza at Highland Park in Endwell: 7/4
Sherburne “Music in the Park”: 7/11, 7/18, 7/25, 8/1, 8/8
Trumansburg 20th Annual Golf Tournament 7/13
Groton Golf Tournament 7/20
Rotary Night at the Rumble Ponies: 7/20
Deposit Lumberjack Festival including the Rotary Clam Bar: 7/20-21
Spiediefest at Otsinango Park in Binghamton: 8/3-8/5
(No Rotary tent this year but still a great event)
Ithaca Road Rally: 8/12
Bainbridge Memorial Golf Tournament 8/16
Dick’s Senior Open: 8/13-19
Service Club Night at the Rumble Ponies: 8/17



We end this issue with a picture of the Owego Club working the 38th annual Strawberry Festival in their community.



Jeff Smith
District Governor
2018-2019

Rotarian of the Month



Our Rotarian of the month is **BU Rotaract President Jordan Dundas**. Jordan has been leading the BU Rotaract club for the past three years. The club has organized run/walk events for Polio Plus, Health for Haiti and emergency relief for Puerto Rico. Jordan has attended many of our District events including our Leadership Strategy meetings in January and our inter-city event in Binghamton. Jordan has her sights on a Presidential Citation for the Rotaract Club this coming year. She recently applied for a Rotaract scholarship to attend the International Assembly in January of 2019.

Jordan is pursuing a double major in accounting and political science. She resides in Patchogue New York. New RI President Barry Rassin is a strong believer in Rotaract Clubs. George Cummings, a member of Binghamton Noon is mentor to the BU Rotaract Club.

Rotary Salutes

Nimmonsburg Rotary

Congratulations to the 15 local students who received scholarships from the Nimmonsburg Rotary Club's Dr. Bob Foundation! Dr. Robert Smith ("Dr. Bob") was a dedicated Rotarian and physician to the local school districts as well as a servant to the community. After his death in 1973, the Club recognized his lifetime of service with the establishment of a foundation offering scholarships to any student living in the Chenango Forks and Chenango Valley school district. Kicking off fundraising for the effort with a garage sale, awards from the Foundation began in 1974 with two scholarships, each one totaling \$650. This year, the Foundation's Board of Directors awarded 15 scholarships totaling \$31,500. Students receiving scholarships for this coming academic year:

Zachary Carr, Syracuse University -- \$2,000

Kaycee George, SUNY Oneonta -- \$2,000

Michael George, SUNY Oneonta -- \$2,000

Kara Hess-Hover, SUNY Broome -- \$1,500

Julia Peters, Villanova -- \$4,000

Aaron PIxley, Houghton -- \$3,000

Taylor Robinson, St. Bonaventure -- \$3,000

Katelyn Church, SUNY Geneseo -- \$2,000

Cathryn Lally, Wilkes -- \$2,000

Sean Lally, RIT -- \$2,000

Lauren Marble, University of Albany -- \$1,500

Angelina Williams, SUNY Broome -- \$1,500

Lyndsey Stone, Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst -- \$2,000

Danielle Silvanic, Clarkson -- \$2,000

Liam Walsh, Univ. of Southern California -- \$1,000

Over the years, Nimmonsburg Rotary Club has awarded \$487,650 in scholarships to support physicians, lawyers, engineers, scientists, pharmacists, and others in achieving their academic and professional goals. The Club is honored to have helped these students realize their dreams. For more information, please contact:

Rusty Deyo (rustycpa@stny.rr.com)
(607) 222-6072



Rotary Salutes cont.

Successful Fundraiser for Endicott Rotary, 12 years Running

Endicott Rotary finished the twelfth year handling the concession stand at SUNY Binghamton basketball games. A team of 10-12 Rotarians, per game, volunteered to run the main food stand at each basketball game and some other events from the fall of 2017 to Spring 2108. This fundraiser has been very financially rewarding for the club, as well as, a social-bonding time for members.

Two key people recruit and organize the volunteers, handle the stock counts, and count the money each game for the college. Tom and Sandy Johnson have been doing this chore for over five years. They are well respected and appreciated by our club. On April 9th, the Sodexo food service of the college, invited all volunteer Rotarians and their families to a celebratory dinner for our service this past season.

Tom and Sandy were honored for their dedicated leadership. They have been married for 50 years and **both** are examples of outstanding Rotarians.





Friday, July 13, 2018

8:30 AM Shotgun Start

Trumansburg Golf Club

23 Halsey Street
Trumansburg, NY 14886

Proceeds from the 20th Annual Rotary Golf Classic will benefit community and international projects.

Registration fees include 18 holes of golf, golf cart use, luncheon, and door prizes.

Space is limited so be sure to register early and save!

*Please return your completed registration form and check, made payable to the **Trumansburg Rotary**, to –*

Trumansburg Rotary Club
P.O. Box 259
Trumansburg, NY 14886

Additional information is available at www.clubrunner.ca/trumansburg

TEAM REGISTRATION FORM

Registration Fees

Early Bird (by June 13, 2018) \$75/Player

June 14 - July 13, 2018 \$85/Player

Captain and Crew

Team Name _____

Player 1 (Captain) _____

Phone # _____

Address _____

Email _____

Player 2 _____

Email _____

Player 3 _____

Email _____

Player 4 _____

Email _____

QUESTIONS? Contact Mary Guy-Sell at 801-541-6661 / mguysell@icloud.com



GROTON ROTARY GOLF CLASSIC
AT STONEHEDGES GOLF COURSE, GROTON, NY

CAPTAIN AND CREW * JULY 20, 2018 * 8:30 am “shotgun” start
Rain or Shine

Entry fee is \$75.00* per person
*if team registration is paid in full by May 31st,
the entry fee is \$65 per player.

TEAM NAME: _____

TEAM CONTACT: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL: _____

PLAYER 2: _____

E-MAIL: _____

PLAYER 3: _____

E-MAIL: _____

PLAYER 4: _____

E-MAIL: _____

Note: if you need players to round out a team or want to play and don't have a team let us know~

Please be sure to complete the form and enclose a check made payable to

GROTON ROTARY with golf in the memo and return it to:

GROTON ROTARY

**c/o Janet Watkins
152 Main St.
Groton, NY 13073**

For information: contact Ben Curtis 607-351-8980, email bbc14850@yahoo.com

The proper response to “Good Morning” is not “Prove It”.



Deposit Lumberjack Festival

The Deposit Lumberjack Festival will be held Friday July 20 and Saturday July 21. This is an annual event that celebrates the rich history of forestry in Deposit. Thousands attend. The Deposit Rotary Club's biggest fundraising activity occurs at that time. The Rotary Clam Bar is known for its steamed clams, shrimp and beer. In years past district Rotarians would attend the event and help Deposit Rotarians at the clam bar. Like many clubs in the district, we have lost members. However, during the past few years attendance at the festival has increased, as has the business at the Clam Bar.

We are hoping that we can recruit some members at other clubs who might be interested in giving us a hand with our fund raiser.

Interested parties can contact me for more information regarding the kinds of help we are looking for.

Thanks

Jim Ficurilli

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Behind every dark cloud, there is a really happy car wash owner.



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 1st and 2nd 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**

Once you pass 40, your “big break” will probably be a bone.

THE JOHNSON CITY ROTARY CLUB PRESENTS



CFJ Park
Johnson City

Saturday
July 21
11 am - 6 pm

Fun for All Ages

Arts & Crafts Food Vendors
Educational Displays Live Music

Free Admission!

ITHACA ROTARY CLUB ANNOUNCES ROAD RALLY DATE

5th 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. 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. The registration form may also be found at 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.





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District Governor
2018-2019

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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