



Matt's Moments



Make Membership Memorable

My Dear Rotary Friends

As I write this, we are less than two weeks away from the start of a new Rotary year. I am excited to be your District Governor even under the unusual circumstances we are living in. I am honored to follow in the footsteps of such outstanding District Governors as Dave Bensley and all those who have taken on this role before Dave. I will work hard to live up to the high standards and to continue their important efforts.

As you may know, RI's theme for this year is "Rotary Opens Opportunities." In line with this theme, RI President Holger Knaack said "Rotary isn't just a club for people to join but rather an invitation to endless opportunities" -- that may be opportunities for new friendships; opportunities for partnership and collaboration; opportunities for self-growth; or opportunities to support and serve our communities. Having been a proud Rotarian for 36 years, I know all of this to be true.

Because I believe in the power of a good theme to unite and excite people, I have added a second theme for our District in 2020.

"Make Membership Memorable"

Without strong and committed members we cannot have strong clubs. Without strong clubs, we cannot create the change we hope to see through the foundation and through our service projects. There's a lot of work ahead of us -- including changing our approach to membership. It must be about the quality of our membership, not just the quantity. President Holger agrees -- has asks us not to grow our clubs for growth sake but rather to be intentional and purposeful with adding and sustaining membership. As your new District Governor I commit to make this a priority throughout the year and I ask all of you to join me

in the commitment to "make membership memorable."

As you are sitting on your computers reading this message you are probably asking yourself, what can we really do to have a healthy membership and a healthy club in the midst of this pandemic? All I can say is that we are in this together. We are a resilient community and we will persevere despite the challenges. The world (and our individual communities) need Rotary now more than ever and we must focus on the positive and on what we can achieve.

Remember you are not alone - this community is strong and here to support one another. That is true for me as a fellow Rotarian and as your District Governor. I was looking forward to seeing you all this year for in-person club visits and while I am disappointed that likely won't be possible (according to the RI guidelines), we will make the most of our virtual gatherings. I, along with the rest of the District leadership, am here to serve and support you anyway we can. Let's not think of Social Distancing but rather Distance Socializing!

I look forward to 'Zooming' with you all soon. All the best and stay safe -- let's make this a great year!

DG Matt



Determine the quality of a neighborhood by the manners of the people living there.

Thank You Thank You Thank You

“It takes an entire village to raise a child.” “There is no ‘I’ in team.” These are two quotes that you must always remember when something good has been accomplished. Seldom is this good work the result of one person. As I look back on the 2019-2020 Rotary year, I remember many good accomplishments. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who helped make last year a success.

The Governor Track. Matt, Evan, Rocky and Jeff. We met every month last year. Some meetings were in person, some through Zoom. Without the help of these dedicated Rotarians, I would have been lost.

The District Trainer. Zoe spent many hours during my DGND, DGN and DGE years getting me ready to do my job. She also did the planning for all the training during my DGE year.

The Executive Committee-Vice Governor Dale, District Treasurer Tony, District Secretary Catrina and the Audit Team-Mark, Orv, and Dale.

The nine Assistant Governors-Ron, Jeff, Josephine, Don, Ted, Gina, Darlene, Harry, and Judy.

The five key committee chairs-Zoe, Doug, Daisy, Pat, Tom, and all of their sub-committee members.

Everyone who helped with the District Conference.

All 24 members of the Sherburne Rotary club for your support over the last three years

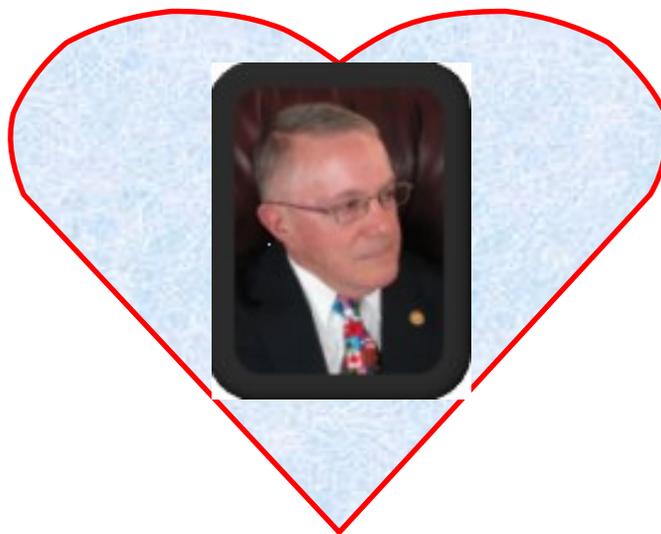
The District Advisory Council-All 33 of you.

Most importantly, the 44 club presidents and 1,281 Rotarians of District 71870.

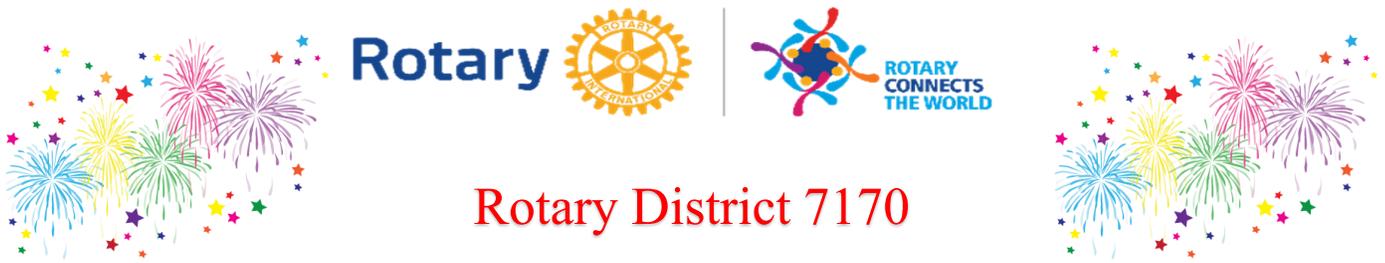
Without all your help, we would never have been able to accomplish what we did. I cannot thank you all enough.

Yours In Rotary Service,

PDG Dave



Surprise a new neighbor with one of your favorite homemade dishes—including the recipe.



Rotary District 7170 2019-2020 Rotarian of the Year

The Rotarian of the Year Award for the 2019-2020 Rotary year goes to *Zoe van der Meulen of the Unadilla Rotary Club.*

Zoe comes from a Rotary Family. Her grandfather was district governor way back when we were District 717 and he served as RI director in the 1980's. During her Rotary career, Zoe has served as President of the Unadilla Rotary Club, District Paul Harris Society Coordinator, GSE Coordinator, District Governor (2017-2018), Finance Chair, District Trainer, Foundation Dinner Co-chair and will be PETS Vice-Chair next year. She will represent District 7170 on the RI Council on Legislation from 2020-2023. As club President, she encouraged her club to embark on an international service project supporting educational opportunities in Lesotho, Africa.

Zoe graduated magna cum laude from the University of Notre Dame in Notre Dame, IN with a degree in government and history. She spent her junior year abroad, studying in Innsbruck, Austria. There she met her husband, Rik, who was on the same study abroad program.

After graduation, Zoe worked for a year in Washington, DC doing historical research in support of litigation before moving to Boston, MA to begin her marketing career. She and Rik married in 2005 and the two moved to Unadilla to work in Zoe's family business-Unalam. There Zoe was executive vice president until leaving the firm in 2019 to found her own business-Action Collaboration.

When Zoe isn't working or volunteering with Rotary, she can be found doing something in the old house that she and Rik share with their cat. She also enjoys home brewing, traveling around the world, and planting trees.



Don't forget, a person's greatest emotional need is to feel appreciated.



The *Ithaca Sunrise Club* and the *Lansing-Ithaca Club* are sorry to announce the death of our beloved **Doug Armstrong** (June 12, 1928-June 2, 2020). Doug was a Korean veteran, a Spanish teacher, a loyal Rotarian, and an all-around mischief-maker. Doug loved being with other people and they loved being with him.



Doug Armstrong and Vickie Beaver

Long time **Oneonta Rotarian Richard "Dick"** his deep passion for peace and those in need.

Breuninger left this world on June 13, 2020 in Cooperstown, NY as the result of a stroke. He was born in Springfield, MA in 1946. A graduate of Hartwick College and Drew University, Dick spoke several languages. Throughout his varied career, Dick was a teacher in Sierra Leone, West Africa, Norwich Middle School and Oneonta Middle and High Schools; director of United Way; and supply pastor to the Otego Charge of the UMC and Associate Pastor at First United Methodist Church in Oneonta.

In 1973, Dick joined the Otego Rotary and later the Oneonta Rotary Club. For 43 of those years, Dick was involved in the Rotary Youth Exchange Program. Together, Dick and Mary, a member of the Morris Rotary Club, hosted 26 youth exchange students.

Dick lived "Service Above Self" every day of his life and had an extraordinary ability to connect with others wherever he traveled. We will miss his smile and energy and

Contributions in Dick's memory may be given to First United Methodist Church, 66 Chestnut St., Oneonta, NY 13820 for the Organ Fund, or to Oneonta Rotary Fund PO Box 1122 Oneonta, NY 13820 for the Breuninger/Forman Scholarship Fund.



True Friends

There are many people
That we meet in our lives
But only a very few
Will make a lasting impression
On our minds and hearts.
It is these people that we will think of often
And who will always remain
Important to us
As true Friends.
Susan Polis Schultz

Deceased Rotarians 2019-2020

Binghamton

Samuel Pejo

Colesville-Harpurville

Charles Oliver

Cooperstown

Theodore Peters

Cortland

Doug Armstrong

Delhi

Prime T. Ford

Edmeston

John F. Holdorf

Endicott

Kenneth Laner

Larry Lehman

Endwell

Richard Foley

Heken Picciano

Hancock

Wellington F. Lester

Hobart

William Coleman

Ithaca Noon

George Schneider

Russell Sprague

Johnson City

George Sampson

Lansing-Ithaca

Joseph Quigley

Doug Armstrong

Morris

James Pasternak

Margaretville

Willis Marks

Oneonta

Richard "Dick" Breuninger

Richfield Springs

Elliott "Ruby" Hefland

Roxbury

Tom Hynes

Sherburne

Frank Mazzeo

Sidney

Gil Malerk

Unadilla

Ricardo Fernandez

William Yeager

Waverly

Don Merrill



Park at the back of the lot at shopping centers. The walk is good exercise.

Rotary Salutes

Nimmonsburg Rotary's assistance efforts for the hospital workers at UHS Wilson Hospital.....

Thanks to the generosity of several of our Nimmonsburg Rotary members, we were able to enhance our original efforts of giving 20 hospital workers a \$10-off pizza deal----into providing the same \$10-off deal to a new total of 120 different sales orders!! \$1,200 worth! (This will be done on a random basis, only for hospital workers, over the next 4-6 weeks.)

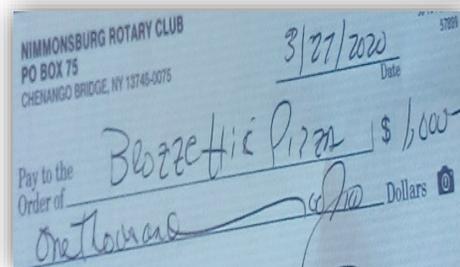
Mark is collecting funds from those who made the pledges and sent me a check for \$1,000 to supplement the original \$200 amount, for a total of \$1,200. I delivered it this morning, along with the additional 100 Thank You cards. Only the original \$200 came from the Club treasury.

Rob Brozzetti, the owner of Brozzetti's Pizza, which was established right next to Wilson Hospital in 1949, was thrilled to continue the program and has given out 10 "awards" in the past few days, since the program started. He said the recipients were very happy and surprised! Something unexpected, they said, with no strings attached---a morale booster which, in effect, put ten bucks in their pocket. They also appreciated the handwritten notes, which stated: "Thank You from Nimmonsburg Rotary. We appreciate your service to our community. You ARE making a Difference! Thank you." The one photo shows Rob alongside the 100 additional notes and with the check.

The other photo shows his checkout counter with a "Nimmonsburg Rotary Community Service Project" bumper sticker on it. He will keep it there for the duration. (The one-of-a-kind bumper sticker was recently uncovered during an ongoing archeological dig in the backseat area of my car.)

Congratulations to our Club members for your dedication and desire to help our community. You are also Making a Difference!

This was definitely a WIN-WIN-WIN situation: For our club members, in terms of service; for the pizza shop which gains the goodwill and positive vibes from 120+ customers; and for the hospital workers, who save some money and get a boost in morale.



Don't watch violent television shows, and don't buy the products that sponsor them.

Rotary People of Action

Oneonta Rotary Club Holds Memorial Day Car Parade for Veterans

This past Memorial Day, the Oneonta Rotary Club held a car parade to honor our members who are veterans, including several WWII veterans. Rotary members and their friends and families gathered at the Dietz St. parking lot in Oneonta at 10 AM on Memorial Day. Led by Rosalie Higgins and Scott Davis, the fifteen-car parade traveled through Oneonta, Otego and Unadilla to drive by the homes of club veterans and place a flag on the front lawn of each home. As we drove through the towns and neighborhoods, we honked our horns, waved our flags and cheered and many that we passed responded in kind. We loved seeing the smiles on our veterans' faces and were surprised by the positive reception that we experienced as we drove through the towns and neighborhoods. COVID-19 might have led to parade cancellations, but we found a way to hold the spirit of the day in our hearts and remember and honor our veterans.



Oneonta Rotary Club Food Drive Raises \$8,495 for St. James Episcopal Church Feeding Programs

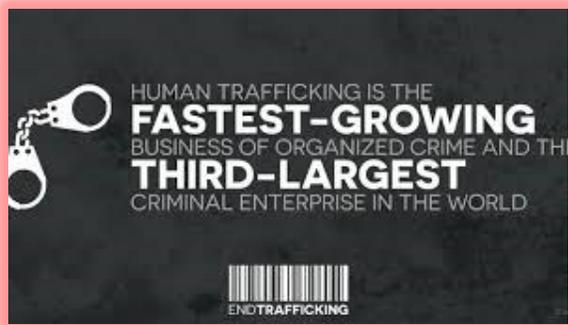
The Oneonta Rotary Club raised \$8,495 for The Lord's Table and the Loaves & Fishes Pantry feeding programs at St. James Episcopal Church in Oneonta. Working closely with Joyce Mason, Director of Feeding Ministries at St. James, club members sourced, purchased and delivered over \$3,500 worth of badly needed canned and packaged food, institutionally sized canned good and condiments, fresh fruits and vegetables, and personal hygiene products. All monies were raised through donations from the Oneonta Rotary Fund, Oneonta Rotary Club members, including an anonymous donor who contributed a \$3,000 match challenge which the club met, and several donations from community members. A check will be made out to St. James for the remainder of the funds raised. The Food Drive was Lynne Sessions' President's Service Project.



Don't carry a grudge..



CLUB	MEMBER	SPONSOR
Cooperstown	Joseph Membrino	Gene Berman
Milford	Brenda Brooks	Brad Brooks
Norwich	Chris Olds	Jackie Archambo



Crime Victim Assistance Center's Safe Harbour Program works with partners across Broome County to promote awareness & identification of youth trafficking, and provides comprehensive services to potential victims of commercial sexual exploitation. Our services are growing on a daily basis and we are currently looking for partners in the community to help us succeed in our goal of keeping children safe and providing them with basic needs and necessary resources.

CVAC volunteers generally fill two vital roles; answering our 24/7 support line, and providing medical advocacy to the local area hospitals. To do so, volunteers must apply and be able to complete our 40- hour rape crisis counselor training. Upon completion, volunteers will become certified NYS Rape Crisis Counselors through the Department of Health. Trainings are generally offered in the fall and the spring, and occasionally in the summer.

<http://www.cvac.us/>: go to Services- go to Volunteer Services

Loosen up. Relax. Except for rare life-and-death matters, nothing is as important as it first seems.

The Groton Rotary understands that this has been a tough year on everyone, to include our businesses. So, this year we are sponsoring all the businesses that have supported us in the past. This year they will have their business name in the program and on one hole of the tournament course. If you still want to donate, please see attached form.

We will have a Captain and Crew (4 member teams) format starting 08:30 am

Lunch is included

Price is \$75.00 per person

Sign-up forms are attached

Get a Hole in One and Win \$10,000 or a trip to Hawaii

For more information feel free to email me,

On behalf of our President Nasar Khan and all the people this tournament supports THANK YOU!

Brian Forney

Groton Rotary Golf Classic

Director



Friday, JULY 17th 2020

Rain or Shine

“CAPTAIN & CREW”

**GET A HOLE IN ONE:
WIN A TRIP or \$10,000 Grand**

Stonehedges
GOLF COURSE & BANQUET FACILITY

549 Stevens Road (off of Lick St.), Groton, NY

PROCEEDS to benefit The Old East Hill Cemetery Project

\$75.00* PER PERSON* 8:30 Shotgun Start

*** Send your team money with Zellepay.com**

For more information and sponsorships

Contact Brian Forney

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forneybw@yahoo.com



GROTON ROTARY GOLF CLASSIC



CAPTAIN AND CREW * JULY 17, 2020 * 8:30 am "shotgun" start

Entry fee is \$75.00* per person

TEAM NAME: _____

TEAM Captain 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

Brian Forney

1003 Cortland Rd

Groton, NY 13073

Or email this form and pay electronically with Zellepay.com

Brian Forney, email forneybw@yahoo.com 573-512-0241

At Rotary, we have no tolerance for racism. Promoting respect, celebrating diversity, demanding ethical leadership, and working tirelessly to advance peace are central tenets of our work.

We have more work to do to create more just, open and welcoming communities for all people.

We know there are no easy fixes and that challenging conversations and work lie before all of us. Rotary's strength has long been our ability and commitment to bringing people together. We will tap into that strength now as we stand with those who are working for peace and justice.

Rotary will do our part to listen, learn and take action to ensure that we continue to contribute to making positive change.





ROTARY RULE 101

BE THE CHANGE YOU WANT TO SEE IN THE WORLD.



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2020-2021

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Rotary People of Action



The Four-Map Test
of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOOD WILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

