

Governor Jeff's District News

Rotary



Rotarians of the Year



It is my honor to announce ***Martin and Martha Winsor*** as our Rotarians of the Year. Otsego County Office of the Aging is recognizing the Winsor's as outstanding seniors because of their volunteer work. They will be recognized in Albany.

Rotary District 7170 recognizes the Winsor's for their long-term work in their community, the formation of our only Community Rotary Corp in Edmeston, their work to help other clubs to form RCC's and the recent success of their local Robotics team.

Below you can read their story and aspirations.

Martin and Martha Winsor are long-time members of the ***Edmeston Rotary Club***. Marty is a retired attorney, and Martha is a retired school administrator. Together they formed the first Rotary Community Corp in District 7170. Both are Paul Harris Fellows.

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“Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves”

“Striving for diversity throughout Rotary”

“Be the Inspiration”

“Rotary Connects the World”

District Conference: I want to thank our District Conference speakers and break-out session leaders. These folks provided inspiration and I wish every member could have participated. Charlie Strange, President of the Richfield Springs club brought his drone and captured the Friday Night Session. The Drone video is available on the District Facebook site.

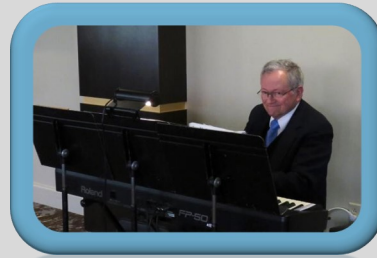
I want to also thank the student exchange program. Ten students provided exceptional entertainment throughout the conference. Members were afforded many opportunities to meet with exchange students. Health for Haiti provided a breakout session for the students. The flag ceremony Saturday afternoon and a special exchange student event Saturday evening were outstanding.

Most of the students travelled with us to NYSEG stadium to catch the end of the game and the fireworks. The Rumble Ponies invited the students to the field after the game to travel the field while the field announcer explained the youth exchange program.

I am proud to say that the District approved a resolution from the Ithaca Noon Club in support of Women advancing to positions of leadership in Rotary International. Our three upcoming District Governors closed the conference with their thoughts for the future.

Special thanks to James Ford: Piano music during our receptions was provided by Binghamton Breakfast member James Ford. Binghamton Breakfast meets Wednesday mornings

at 7:15 am at the Binghamton Club. I go early for coffee and to listen to piano music by James Ford. We have a lot of talent in our district.



Thank you to Rotary District 7170: Jeanne and I thank you for your hospitality as we travelled across our seven counties and 44 clubs. We also enjoyed your events and hearing about what is important to you and what your aspirations are. We enjoy learning about your communities and your projects. What we have missed these first eleven months, we will catch up on the rest of this Rotary year and beyond.

Our number one interest is to improve the economy and well-being of our communities. This is not a one-year assignment. Our region and Upstate NY in general is challenged on many fronts from poverty to drug abuse. At the same time, our region especially, has significant assets to work with including 11 colleges and universities, multi-national companies, small businesses, non-profit service providers and service organizations like Rotary. We believe more than ever, that Rotary collaborating across these assets can achieve significant and lasting change. One of the purposes of the District Conference was to explore these possibilities more closely.

Community Service Committee: DGE Dave has asked me to chair the community service committee. Through this committee we will continue our work to promote and develop our communities throughout our District. I will forward a draft scope of the committee to all members of the District.

Ithaca Noon Leads Global Grant for Clean Water in Costa Rica: Article further in newsletter.

Pass the Gavel: It does not seem possible that it is time for the Pass the Gavel event. See invitation below. Dave is doing an outstanding job getting ready for the next Rotary Year.

Rotary Fun Day at Greek Peak:

Rotary Fun Day is being hosted by the Cortland Noon Rotary Club, celebrating their 100th anniversary, and the District. The event will take place on August 10 at Hope Lake Park Pavillion at Greak Peak from 11 am to 4 pm. A shuttle will be available to take attendees to events and rides that are of interest. Lunch will begin at 12:30 pm. A detailed flyer is being prepared with Greek Peak.

June: Rotary Fellowship

RI Convention – 6/1 – 6/5 Hamburg Germany

Youth Exchange Farewell Picnic – 6/8 in Cortland

Club Youth Exchange Training – 6/15 in Oneonta

District Pass the Gavel – 6/19 at the Silo restaurant

RYLA Begins – 6/30

July: The Next Rotary Year Begins

Sherburne “Music in the Park” –

Trumansburg Rotary Golf Classic – 7/12 at Trumansburg Golf Club at 23 Halsey St.

Waverly 100th anniversary – 7/20

Deposit Lumberjack Festival Including the Rotary Clam Bar – 7/19-21 – To help contact Jim at jamesfic2@tds.net

Ithaca Community fireworks Sponsored by Ithaca Noon Rotary – 7/3

July 4 Extravaganza at Highland Park – 7/4

DG Jeff



Rotarians of the Year!!

We are honored and humbled to have been jointly selected as District 7170 Rotarian of the Year for 2018-2019. The fact is that membership in Rotary provides the perfect platform from which to grow as a volunteer. As a Rotarian we have both the right and the obligation to look at our community and our world and see whom and where we can help. When we combine Rotary's motto, "Service above Self," with RI's current ad campaign, "We are People of Action," we have a simple but complete formula for growing our individual and collective volunteering efforts – think about who we can serve and put action behind it. When Ben Franklin arose in the morning, he asked himself "Who can I serve today." Before he slept each night he asked himself, "Who did I help today?" If the answer to the latter question was "no one," he chose someone he could still help and did it before sleeping. Each of us can do that, and we can encourage our fellow Rotarians, our friends and our family members to do that as well. Who will you help today? It's never too late.

Martha and Marty Winsor

Edmeston Rotary Club



June Notes from DGE Dave



It's hard to believe, but the 2018-2019 Rotary Year is nearly complete. DG Jeff has done a fantastic job leading us through the year. I have some huge shoes to fill! As you were told in the May Newsletter, this year's District Pass the Gavel will be held at the Silo Restaurant in Greene on Wednesday evening, June 19th. Complete information and a link to the registration site can be found elsewhere in this Newsletter. Jeff, Matt, Evan and I hope that you will be able to join us at this important event where our essential team for 2019-2020 will be introduced.

The "Gang of Four" (the Governor's Track) has been meeting monthly this year. We have been looking at some very important District issues. Perhaps one of the most important is a five-year strategic plan. We hope that this plan will offer continuity to the next five years rather than something new and different year. We hope to complete work on the plan and make it public by the end of June.

District Committees for 2019-2020 are nearly complete. The only positions that are yet to be filled include: District Archivist/Historian, Foundation Area Directors for Areas 2 and 7 and the Foundation Annual Fund and Endowment Fund Chairs. If you would be interested in any of these positions please let me know.

I have been working closely with the President Elects of our clubs to finalize my official club visitation schedule. I am posting this schedule elsewhere in this edition of the Newsletter. Hopefully, except for an extreme situation, it will not be necessary to change any of these visits. I am looking forward to seeing all of you sometime by October 24th which just happens to be World Polio Day (hint, hint).

Please don't forget all of the amazing events going on around the district this month. Try to attend another clubs event or maybe even extend an offer to help. Let's show everyone that collaboration between clubs is alive and well in District 7170. See President Jeff's column for some ideas.

That's all for now. I hope to see you at the Silo on the 19th.





**Governor Dave's Official Visitation
Schedule for 2019-2020**

July:

1-Fleischmann's-Pine Hill (6:30 pm)
2-Binghamton Noon (12:15 pm)
3-Colesville-Harpursville (6:15 pm)
4-HOLIDAY
8-Hillcrest (12:15 pm)
10-Binghamton Breakfast (7:15 am)
11-Bainbridge (12:05 pm)
12-Sidney (12:05)
15-Morris (6:15 pm)
16-Cortland Noon (12:00 pm)
18-Dryden (7:00 am)
22-Roxbury (12:30 pm)
23-Delhi (6:15 pm)
24-Cortland Breakfast (7:00 am)
25-Endicott (12:15 pm)
26-Nimmonsburg (12:15 pm)
29-Vestal (12:15 pm)
30-Owego (12:00 pm)
31-Franklin (6:15 pm)

August:

1-Groton (6:15 pm)
6-Hobart (6:00 pm)
7-Greene (8:00 am)
8-Hancock (12:10 pm)
14-Ithaca Noon (12:15 pm)
15-Margaretville (6:00 pm)

21-Johnson City (8:00 am)
22-Ithaca Sunrise (7:30 am)
27-Milford (6:00 pm)
28-Schenevus-Worcester (7:00 pm)

September:

4-Stamford (6:00 pm)
5-Oxford (5:30 pm)
10-Endwell (6:00 pm)
11-Unadilla (6:00 pm)
12-Richfield Springs (5:30 pm)
24-Cooperstown (12:15 pm)
25-Edmeston (6:00 pm)
26-Trumansburg (6:30 pm)

October:

1-Lansing Ithaca (12:15 pm)
2-Deposit (5:30)
3-Waverly (12:05 pm)
9-New Berlin (6:00 pm)
10-Whitney Point (6:15)
15-Norwich (12:00 pm)
17-Sherburne (12:00 pm)
24-Oneonta (12:15 pm)

**I will meet with club board of directors
for 1 hour after morning meetings and
for 1 hour before noon and evening
meetings.**

Clean Water for Costa Rica 2.0

Saludos, Rotarios! **The Rotary Club of Ithaca (noon) is excited to be co-sponsoring Global Grant #1988054 to improve health, education, and economic well-being for over 600 children and adults with a potable water system for the community of Banderas de Pocosol, Costa Rica.** The first Global Grant for this region developed water systems for two remote communities in the Los Chiles cantón, along the border with Nicaragua in north central Costa Rica. Attached is a description of the Banderas community and the impacts of the first Global Grant project* — we welcome your comments and questions.

We estimate the proposed community water system will require close to \$80,000. We know that the more pledges of District Designated Funds (DDF), the greater The Rotary Foundation match: 100%. We are grateful to the two sponsoring Clubs' districts: 4240 and 7170 for jump-starting the DDF with \$11,000. Our Club's Global Grant Committee is reaching out through our Rotary networks to identify other Clubs/Districts that will partner with us to achieve our goal of \$26k in DDF.

We also welcome Club, Business and Individual donations of any amount that will be matched at 50% by The Rotary Foundation. As of May 19, we have \$19,100 pledged in donations from Individuals and Clubs. **For both the DDF pledge and the donations, please let us know of your interest or commitment ASAP.** We anticipate submitting the Global Grant application in June with a project start early in 2020. We will keep the GG partners apprised of the progress with the application and project.

Questions & suggestions? We are available to talk with Club and District contacts to provide more details on the project and our experience on the ground with the communities and the cooperating NGO. *Muchas Gracias!* Nancy Potter, np20@cornell.edu or by text/voice @ 607-591-5811.

If you want to walk fast, walk alone.

If you want to walk far, walk together. African Proverb

Nancy B Potter, MS
607-591-5811

With the District's generous pledge of \$10k in DDF and the outreach to other clubs for donations, we have good news to report on the pledges:

- ***\$11k in DDF - Districts 4240 & 7170***
 - ***\$19,100 in donations - individuals & clubs, including Edmeston Interact and Rotary Clubs and 3 Clubs from the ME/NH District***
- these will leverage \$11,000 + \$9,550 from TRF bringing the total to \$50,650 towards the \$79,500 budget***

Smile a lot. It costs nothing and is beyond price

Come support the **Owego Rotary Club** and purchase our famous strawberry shortcakes!

On Friday night our booth is located on front street
On Saturday our booth is located on main street. (all day)
Stop by and say hello!!!

**The 39th Annual
Owego Strawberry Festival**



June 14, 2019 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM
June 15, 2019 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Fireworks at 10:00 PM



**Bands
Dinosaurs
Superheroes
Strawberries
Vendors**

Downtown Owego
Visit: www.owego.org

Rotary Salutes

On Tuesday, May 14, 2019, the **Rotary Club of Binghamton** was pleased to once again recognize seven fifth graders – one from each of the seven elementary schools in Binghamton – as Student of the Year 2019. These students were chosen by their teachers and administrators as models of co-operation, collaboration, respect and engagement. They were recognized as they consistently have gone out of their way to assist others and are a model of positive attitude as they set the tone for their classes. In some cases, they have improved dramatically in academics or behavior and have achieved in spite of obstacles and challenges.

Your support in the form of a sponsorship for this event (and in the year's past) is greatly appreciated and has enabled it to enter into its fourth year. On behalf of our club and its members we thank

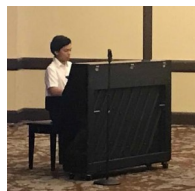
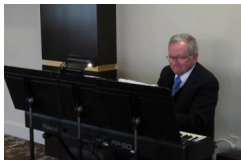
you. Your generosity and your commitment to our community is an example for all of us and exemplifies the motto of Rotary – Service Above Self.

Your sincerely,

Jackie Sands
President of the Rotary Club of Binghamton



District Conference photos



Spread crunchy peanut butter on Pepperidge Farm Gingerman cookies for the perfect late-night snack



Rotary Salutes cont,

On a very busy May 9, 2019 the **Oneonta Rotary Club** inducted three wonderful new members:



Al Grust, Harriet Dunne and Tom Brindley.

The club also welcomed honor students from Laurens Central School and Oneonta High School. Each honor student introduced himself or herself and briefly mentioned the college to be attended and course of study. In recognition of their academic achievements, each student receives an Oneonta Rotary lanyard and jump drive. We are delighted to welcome three new members and we always look forward to hearing about the accomplishments of and future plans for these amazing high school seniors.



Laurens Central School



Oneonta High School

When dining with clients or business associates, never order more than one cocktail or one glass of wine. If no one else is drinking, don't drink at all.

SALE

Rotary T shirts



Rotary Tee Shirts are available for \$15 each. These shirts were produced by women in India as part of the JHoole project formed by Hannah Warren, a speaker at our District Conference. Hannah formed this project to empower women to raise funds to support their families. District 7170 supported this Global Grant. Now the project sells their merchandise globally. \$10.00 goes to the JHoole project. \$5.00 goes to the Rotary Foundation. Hannah is developing a larger manufacturing space in India .

Size options are: Double Extra Large, Extra Large, Large, Medium, Small, and Extra Small

Neck options are: Crew neck in navy blue, V neck in both colors shown above

Send orders to Jeff Smith at jsmith1532@aol.com

Send payments to Jeff Smith, 3600 Lorne Drive, Endwell NY, 13760

Shirts will be on display at the Pass the Gavel event June 19 at the Silo Restaurant.

We will ship or deliver your shirts at no charge.



GROTON ROTARY GOLF CLASSIC



CAPTAIN AND CREW * JULY 20, 2019 * 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 2019, the entry fee is \$65 per player. (saves \$40 per team)

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

c/o Janet Watkins

152 Main St.

Groton, NY 13073

For information: contact Brian Forney, email forneybw@yahoo.com

SAVE THE DATE for...

Ithaca's 6th annual Rotary Road Rally!

Sunday, August 11, 2019

Starting line @ Maguire Toyota / Kia / Volvo, 370 Elmira Rd, Ithaca *(our first-ever rally sponsor!)*

Registration open 1:00 – 2:00; closes at 2:00

\$20 per adult \$10 children 12 – 18 free 11 & younger

All proceeds benefit Ithaca Rotary Club programs

Get Your Motor Running! Join us for the sixth annual **ROTARY ROAD RALLY!** The FUNdraising rally is open to everyone and is a real blast! Bring the kids, the dog, and the neighbors – all are invited to join in this fun activity rain or shine.

Follow clues in your car along 30 +/- miles of country roads in Tompkins County, answering riddles, taking pictures, and picking up scavenger hunt items along the way. Finish at a “mystery” restaurant for drinks and dinner (on your own).

More details and online registration coming later this spring!



Many thanks to our event sponsor:



District 7170 Conference Questionnaire for 2022

2020 will be in Syracuse, May 01 – 03

2021 will be in Corning, May 21 – 23

Which days would you come for? Circle *each* one you would attend. Fri / Sat / Sun

About how far are you willing to travel?

0 to 70 / 71 to 120 / more than 120

Would you prefer the Conference be held--

In District / Out of District

Possible dates. Circle each you would consider.
The weekend of:

07 May / 14 May / 21 May

Would a multi-District Conference be of interest?
Likely with clubs from the Rochester and Syracuse areas

Yes / No / Don't care

What level of dress would you like?

Casual / Business / Formal

Would you like 'drop-in' Sessions allowing for one on one
Q&A? Likely topics: Foundation, Club Runner, YEP

Yes / No / Don't care

Would you like sessions on where Rotary could engage?
Possible topics: clean water, sanitation, literacy, etc.

Yes / No / Don't care

Would you like sessions on fun topics?
Possible topics: yoga, healthy eating, genealogy, etc.

Yes / No / Don't care

Would you like a District Governor track discussion panel
There will be one at this year's conference!

Yes / No / Don't care

Would you like a service project?

Yes / No / Don't care

Would you like more entertainment?
Music, YEP talent, longer cocktail hours

Yes / No / Don't care

What dinner format do you prefer

plated / buffet

Please write suggestions or requests below or on the back. Possible venues, activities, speakers, etc.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND THOUGHTS!

7170 District Conference 2022!

District 7170 Conference Questionnaire for 2022

Want your opinions considered? Complete a short questionnaire and we'll see what happens!

You have multiple options...

1. Download the pdf, print it, complete it, and then send via US mail.
2. Download the pdf, print it, complete it, scan it, and then send via email
3. Complete it online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CWD8MPQ>

The PDF is located on the District Website <http://www.rotarydistrict7170.org>

The online (free) questionnaire allows only 10 questions...so I dropped 3 that I felt weren't as critical.

Thanks!

Evan Kurtz, DGND
10 Hanford Drive
Dryden NY 13053
Emkurtz56@gmail.com

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One of many reasons to be a Rotarian





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A multi-disciplinary conference on child abuse & sexual exploitation.

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The Rotary Club of Binghamton

Keynote Speakers:
11/7: Savannah Sanders,
Author of *Sex Trafficking
Prevention: A Trauma
Informed Approach for
Parents and Professionals*
11/8: Kevin Mulcahy,
Assistant United States
Attorney (AUSA) in Detroit,
Michigan, Survivor of Child
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Register for Honolulu
International Conven-
tion June 6-10, 2020

[Honolulu 2020](#)

Save The Date



District Pass the Gavel
Wednesday, June 19th, 2019

The Silo Restaurant
203 Moran Road
Greene, NY 13778

Be there as DG Jeff passes the Gavel to DGE
Dave.

