

Here we are in June already. The 2019-2020 Rotary year is nearly complete. What a year it has been. The whirlwind of Club visits began on July 2nd and ended on October 26th. That was a wonderful time when we could set face to face and have interesting conversations and do amazing activities. It was a time of 4th of July fireworks, golf tournaments, Lumberjack Festivals, 100-year celebrations, festivals, road rallies, open houses, 5k fun runs, October Fest and a host of Youth Exchange activities.

Then came the holiday season. It began with a Lobsterfest and pancake days galore during November. The Foundation Dinner with Brenda Cressey was enjoyed by all. Then came wrestling tournaments and a Holiday Reception among antique automobiles. Clubs were busy seeing that the needy had an enjoyable Christmas. Richard helped to welcome the New Year with his ever-popular New Year's Day party. Outbound Youth Exchange students learned where they would be going in the fall.

As we entered the second half of the year Rotary life as normal continued. DGE Matt left for San Diego for the International Assembly to receive important training for his upcoming term as DG. President Elects gathered for important training to get ready for their year as Club President. The District Finance Committee and District Advisory Committee held our District's first Zoom Conferences to see if this would work. The annual Rotary Leadership Institute took place in Owego. High school honor students were recognized. Exchange student continued their training. Everything seemed to be going fine.

Then it happened. Our world was turned upside down. March 15 will be remembered as the date that Rotary was transformed. Face to face meetings ended, activities and events were cancelled. Zoom meetings became the

norm rather than the exception. It would have been easy for Rotary to go dark. But that is not what happened. The Rotary Clubs of District 7170, true to our motto "Service Above Self", went to work to help our neighbors and communities meet their needs. Clubs connected with other community organizations to provide help, organized pools of volunteer helpers, promoted buy-local programs, promoted funding opportunities, helped businesses and organizations complete grant applications, created innovative fund raising activities, developed positive PR messages and served those on the front lines.

Our work is just beginning. Historically, there are three distinct phases in the recovery from a crisis. First is response which lasts from 1 to 6 months. Second is recovery which can last from 3 to 12 months. Finally, is resiliency which may take from 12 to 36 months. In other words, Rotary's help will be needed for a long time to come. The impact on Rotary will be profound. Our organization will undergo many changes. Many of our traditions will disappear and new way of doing things will take their place. We are already seeing some of these changes. If we are to survive, Rotary must be TRANSITIONAL as we move forward.

Until next time as PDG Dave

Please follow the recommendations, stay safe, stay healthy. We need you all. Remember...

**ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD /
ROTARY OPENS OPPORTUNITIES.**

Yours In Rotary Service,

DG Dave



Measure people by the size of their hearts, not the size of their bank accounts.

CLUB	MEMBER	SPONSOR
Bainbridge	Gina Haddad	June White
Binghamton Noon	Anthony Donkor	Frances Traficante
Cortland Noon	Clayton Moore	Doug Larison
	Emmanuel Sikora	Gina Sikora
Greene	Karen Schindler	Alan Lord
Hobart	Ted Kosier	John Kosier

Rotary People of Action



Trumansburg Rotary cleaning up the highway

Rotary Salutes

The **Stamford Rotary Club** purchased 200 gallons of whole milk this week and donated it to the Stamford Central School Lunch program. The milk was purchased from a local dairy, Clark Farms Creamery in Delhi, NY. The milk was distributed by the Stamford Central School to 180+ students who participate in their lunch program. Meals are delivered twice a week to students in the district and the milk went out with Thursday's delivery. The club felt this was an way to support families in our local school district who may need a helping hand. Also, Clark Farms recently started processing milk from their own cows and the club wanted to keep the funds local! The Stamford Rotary Club thanks Clark Farms for delivering the milk to the school and the staff at Stamford Central for the distribution to their students!



Don't worry that you can't give your kids the best of everything. Give them *your* very best.

AWARDS 2019-2020

Clubs are encouraged to apply for awards.

Mark Maloney's Presidential Citation- you have until **June 30, 2020** to submit this to RI.

Interact Club Presidential Citation- you have until **June 30, 2020** to apply to RI.

Avenue of Service Award- please submit this to Pat Kriebel- pkriebel@stny.rr.com The application is below.

Helping Hands Award- this is for the best project any club has done this past year and submit to DG Dave

Governor's Challenge Award- contact DG Dave Bensley; yep7170@gmail.com

Membership Awards- the cut off date is **June 30, 2020**.

The top 3 clubs with the highest % increase in membership.

Clubs with 100% retention.

Individual who has sponsored the most new members.

Foundation Awards will be given out at a date in the future

Governor's Challenge Award

A reminder that clubs have just one month left to meet the criteria for this year's Governor's Challenge. The criteria are as follows:

- A net gain in membership of one since July 1, 2019
- A per capita contribution to the Annual Fund of \$50.
- A per capita contribution to Polio Plus of \$50.
- A club project dedicated to polio eradication.



All criteria must be met by the deadline of June 30, 2020.

Helping Hands Award



The helping hands award originated at the 1983 District Conference with then District Governor Bill Cadwallader. The emphasis of the award is the hands-on participation of club members, not a monetary contribution. The criteria for this year's award are as follows:

Selection will be based solely on one project.

Project will satisfy a community need. Could be a community grant.

Special consideration will be given to the club that involves its club members in time and physical effort as compared to the mere donation of money to pay someone else to do the work.

The exhibit will consist of 1 to 3 electronic photographs and a written description of the project of no more than 150 words-All on one 8 1/2 X11 sheet ..

This project can be the same as the one submitted last year that did not win.

The same project cannot win more than once.

The 2019-2020 District Governor Track will be the selection committee.

Applications are to be submitted by e-mail to District Governor David Bensley (yep7170@gmail.com) **no later than June 30, 2020**





'7 Runs, 7 Counties, 7 Days'

The world has changed since the initial proposal was made for Rotarians from around our District to come together in June to fundraise for 'End Polio Now'.

The original concept wasn't coming together for various reasons so here is **'Plan B'**

Each event; which is a walk, jog, or run, will be an 'out and back'. You go outbound for 20 minutes, turn around, and come back. *This way everyone starts, and finishes, together!* Rotary apparel is a plus!

This will still be a fundraiser for 'End Polio Now'. So, why not for Covid19? With Rotary's support as a partner, the *Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI)*, which includes *PolioPlus*, is currently employing thousands of health workers to address the pandemic. In the coming months GPEI will be offering its tools, workforce, and extensive surveillance network to support countries around the world. GPEI is deploying its coordination mechanisms such as emergency operations centers and sharing physical assets like vehicles, computers and mobile phones to help combat the pandemic.

By contributing to this you address polio, the Covid-19 pandemic, as well as future needs.

Do whatever fund raising you care to. Please bring a pledge or check ('District 7170', with '777' in the memo). For Paul Harris credits please donate on your own letting me know the amount for the District total.

Meet me at one of the following locations on the date & time given. Some are pretty remote so it will be an adventure! I would love to have many Rotarians & others join me.

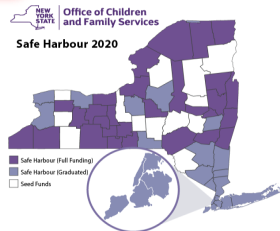
Delaware County	Sun, Jun 21 st	2:00 PM, Catskill Scenic Rail Trail, Stamford
Otsego County	Mon, Jun 22 nd	6:30 PM, Basswood Pond State Forest, Burlington
Chenango County	Tue, Jun 23 rd	6:30 PM, Whauponaucou State Forest, Norwich
Tioga County	Wed, Jun 24 th	6:30 PM, Waterman Conservation Education Center, Owego
Cortland County	Thu, Jun 25 th	6:30 PM, Lime Hollow Nature Center, Cortlandville
Broome County	Fri, Jun 26 th	6:30 PM, Vestal Rail Trail East, Vestal Coal House Café, Vestal
Tompkins County	Sat, Jun 27 th	2:00 PM, Black Diamond Rail Trail, Children's Garden, Ithaca

If you and some fellow Rotarians would like to 'amp up' any one event please let me know!

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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

District Grant Tidbit

June 2020 District Grant Tidbit

If your club has a grant project for this Rotary Year, remember the final report is due by June 30. Thank you to the clubs who submitted grant applications for the 2020-2021 Rotary Year. The District Grants Committee members are reviewing them and will meet later this month to make their decisions.

Membership

Rotarians, now is the time to focus on membership retention. Have your club meet via zoom or conference call. If that's not feasible, be sure to e-mail and call members. Check on all your club members to make sure they are OK.

The Vestal Club had a virtual fundraiser- a trivia contest. What a great way to think outside the box! Zoom calls are a great way to meet people from other clubs. Many clubs are inviting district members to their zoom meetings.

If you are volunteering, be sure to talk to those volunteers about Rotary. They would make great members of your club. EVERYONE, stay safe and healthy!

Yours in Rotary,

Pat Kriebel, PDG and District Membership Chair

Avenues of Service

We channel our commitment to service at home and abroad through five Avenues of Service, which are the foundation of club activity.



Club Service focuses on making clubs strong. A thriving club is anchored by strong relationships and an active membership development plan.



Vocational Service calls on every Rotarian to work with integrity and contribute their expertise to the problems and needs of society. Learn more in [An Introduction to Vocational Service](#) and the [Code of Conduct](#).



Community Service encourages every Rotarian to find ways to improve the quality of life for people in their communities and to serve the public interest. Learn more in [Communities in Action: A Guide to Effective Projects](#).



International Service exemplifies our global reach in promoting peace and understanding. We support this service avenue by sponsoring or volunteering on international projects, seeking partners abroad, and more.



Youth Service recognizes the importance of empowering youth and young professionals through leadership development programs such as [Rotaract](#), [Interact](#), [Rotary Youth Leadership Awards](#), and [Rotary Youth Exchange](#).





Dave Bensley
District Governor
2019-2020

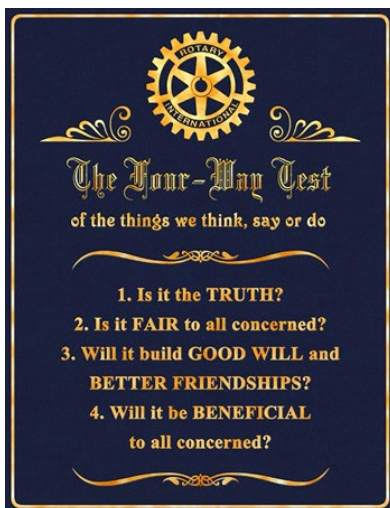
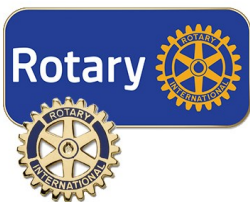
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