

Here we are in March already. It seems like the year has just gotten started and we are nearly $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way through it. There is so much to do and so little time to do it. March is "Water and Sanitation Month" in the Rotary World. District 7170 is very active in this area. For example, we are participating in clean water and sanitation projects in Hatti, Costa Rica, India and Greece. Other projects in this area are in the planning stages.

Giving to the Foundation is going well. Several clubs have met their goals for both Polio Plus and the Annual Fund. Others are well on their way to meeting theirs. A few clubs need to work a little harder. As an incentive to giving this year, we have the "Governor's Challenge". To meet the challenge a club needs to have per capita giving of \$50 dollars to both Polio Plus and the Annual Fund, a net gain of 1 new member and a project specifically for Polio Plus. These challenges must be completed by April 1st to be recognized at the District Conference.

Membership is the area that needs the most work. While we have added about 75 new members since July 1st, our District membership has declined by 15 members as of January 31st. We had 1300 members on July 1st and we had 1285 on January 31st. The problem doesn't seem to be attracting new members but rather retention of existing members. The membership committee under the leadership of Pat Kriebel is working hard to find a solution to this problem. If you have any ideas or solutions that have worked for you club, please let Pat know.

Planning for the District Conference is going well. We have nearly 150 registrations so far, but are hoping to get many more in the month and a half left to register. We have five keynote speakers who will address the following topics: Preparing successful presentations, the Rotary Foundations, successful global grants, preventing youth arson, and youth criminal justice reform. We have also filled

the 15 breakout sessions with the following topics: Rogers Environmental Education Center, practical presentation practices, Club membership, Golisno Children's Hospital, "friendly Water" projects in Africa, using clowns and puppets as incentives, environmental stability, role of the State Commission of Corrections, enhancing your club's public image, Cortland Area Communities That Care, the importance of the HPV immunization, funding the foundation, recognizing youth who have chosen the military rather than college, environmental entrepreneurship, student desks for Africa. Hopefully everyone will find topics of interest to them. Remember, registration ends April 15th.

Finally, a word about training. District Trainer Pat and DGE Matt have been working hard to put together a training program for members and next year's leaders. The training began on Saturday, February 15th with the District Leadership Assembly. It continues this month with the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) on Saturday, March 7th in Owego, President Elect Training Seminar (PETS) on Friday and Saturday, March 13th and 14th and the Global Grants Seminar on Saturday March 28th. Training will continue in April with District Training Assemblies on Saturday, April 4th and Saturday, April 18th. I encourage you to take advantage of as much of this training as possible to make our District even better.

Until next time,

Yours in Rotary Service,

DG Dave





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



Joseph Urda

Groton Rotary

US Navy 1966-1970

HM2 Second Class Hospital Corpsman



Brian Forney

Groton Rotary

US Army 30 years

Retired Sergeant Major

Rotary People of Action

Over 125 pair of new reading glasses were distributed by Bob Aagre of the *Nimmonsburg Rotary* to hotel and restaurant workers in Indonesia in January of 2020. Many pairs were also channeled through the Kuta Rotary Club, which has a program to provide such assistance to children and local people in need. This was the third straight year the two clubs have cooperated on this effort. Nimmonsburg Rotary is planning to continue their involvement next year.



Trumansburg Rotary members along with other Youth Exchange Committee members, helped with Universal Day for the Youth Exchange program at the Trumansburg Schools



NEW MEMBERS FOR JANUARY

CLUB	MEMBER	SPONSOR
Johnson City	Ray Tamaru	
Binghamton	Daniel Masciari	Robin Alpaugh
	Matthew Bull	Kevin Drumm
Endwell	Tricia Andrews	
Endicott	Larry Kiley	Dennis Sweeney

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



Joseph Quigley passed away December 21, 2019. He was one of the original presidents of our club when it was called the Ithaca-Cayuga Club. We are putting together a book memorial at the Lansing Community Library in his name, with at least some of the books to pertain to naval history.

Contact the library if you wish to contribute:

Phone # 607-533-4939 Address: 27 Auburn Rd., Lansing, New York, 14882

ROTARY DISTRICT 7170
AVENUES OF SERVICE AWARD APPLICATION
2019-2020

Clubs may submit an application for recognition for their club in one or more of the five avenues of service: club, vocational, community, international or youth services. You may submit an application for more than one area. One award will be made in each category to recognize the club that best exemplifies this area of service. **The application deadline is March 31, 2020.**

Avenue of service _____

Club Name _____

Club President _____

Service or project chairperson _____

Please give a brief description of your project(s) and include photographs if appropriate (use additional pages if necessary):

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 displayed at the District Conference.

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

Membership Awards- the cut off date is April 1, 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 the Foundation Dinner.

District 7170's "7 Runs, 7 Counties, 7 Days"

A District wide 'End Polio Now' fund raising series of events June 21 – 27, 2020

Working with our neighboring clubs, within our counties, we can share ideas, share the work, and promote Rotary throughout our District!

Small ad hoc committees from each county are being formed to lead each event. Individual Rotarians can get involved with planning, helping with publicity, fund raising, or even participating! Each of the 7 county teams will define, organize, and host a walk/run on one of the 7 days in June with the goal of raising funds for 'End Polio Now'. This also provides a great opportunity for collaboration between clubs and their communities.

Events will need a course, from a 5K to a half marathon, for participants to walk, jog, run on. City streets, country roads, rail trails, forest trails in a state park... whatever works for you in your county. The event can be as low key as a few folks meeting or as involved as a timed race on a certified course. **Whatever is planned needs to draw attention to Rotary and our 'End Polio Now' campaign.**

Five of the events will be weekday evenings but we will have daylight until at least 8:30 PM. If your club has another event or meeting during that time perhaps they can be combined.

Remember every \$ raised will be matched 2:1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation!

As a bonus **DGN Evan Kurtz**, from Dryden, **will run in each of the 7 events** raising money for 'End Polio Now' and taking the opportunity to meet Rotarians he will be serving in 21-22 as DG.

Sun, 21st	Mon, 22nd	Tue, 23rd	Wed, 24th	Thu, 25th	Fri, 26th	Sat, 27th
				Cortland		Tompkins

Join in! Keeping in mind our RI theme for 2019-20 is '**Rotary Connects the World**'

Ask your President and other Rotarians how you can be involved!

The 7 counties of Rotary District 7170

***Broome (11) Chenango (6) Cortland (2) Delaware (9) Otsego (8)
Tioga (2) Tompkins (6)***

With the District Conference rapidly approaching, there are several things you need to know

1. As in the past, we will again award the "Helping Hands" trophy to the club with the best project for 2019-2020. If you are interested in competing, you will need to bring a display of your project which will fit in a space no larger than 1/2 of a 6 foot table to the Conference. You will need to let me know if you will be competing **no later than April 1st** so I can arrange for table space.

2. If you have pictures of your **events** from this year, please continue sending them to Cindy Kain (goddesscindy48@gmail.com).

Pictures of your grant **projects** should be sent to Cindy Burger(csburger@frontiernet.net).

I am still hoping to be able to make an AV presentation with the pictures and need the photos no later than April 1st.

3. We will also be doing a silent auction/basket raffle at the Conference. You will get more information regarding this from Brenda Crandall (crandab1@yahoo.com).

4. Clubs that have met the Governor's Challenge will be recognized at the Conference. **Deadline for meeting the Challenge is April 1st.**

I hope to see you all at the Conference.

Yours In Rotary Service,
DG Dave



District Grant Tidbit

March 2020 District Grant Tidbit

Now is the time to work with other club members on a District Grant project for 2020-2021. The updated application forms were sent to every Rotarian in late January. Let me know if you need them sent again. (Cindy Burger csburger@frontiernet.net.) And make plans to send at least one club member to one of the **District Assembly grants workshops – April 4 in Dryden or April 18 in Oneonta**. Bring your ideas and questions or email me any time. Contact Grants Committee Chair Cindy Burger (csburger@frontiernet.net or 607-692-3442) with questions or concerns.

The Tree Peony Project Community Beautification

A Rotary Fundraising Opportunity

What are tree peonies? They are easy to grow, woody shrubs that produce striking satiny blooms of red, pink, yellow, white and purple. They will be imported directly from Daikoujima, Japan, the world capital of tree peonies. You can expect a spring delivery, well in advance of the April/May planting season. Help beautify your local community and give to the Rotary Foundation!

The plants will be available for pick up or purchase at the coming District Assemblies:

April 4th-Dryden
April 18th-Oneonta

Place your orders at:

kampaikonnct@stny.rr.com
or call Richard Matsushima at (607) 765-9049

The Tree Peony Project is a community beautification movement based in Rotary District 7170. Our goal is to create a national Tree Peony "Botan" Road that stretches from San Francisco to Boston.

Visit www.treepeonyproject.com for more information!



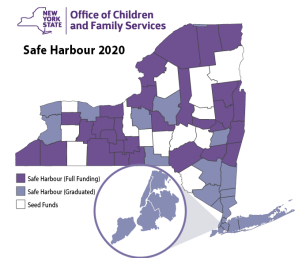
Be punctual and insist on it in others



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



LAST CHANCE FOR 2020 GLOBAL GRANTS SEMINAR!!!

For those interested in applying this year for a Global Grant this is your last chance to attend the required grants seminar. It will be held on **Saturday, March 28, 2020, at SUNY Broome beginning at 9am.** If you plan on attending, please RSVP as soon as possible, so appropriate materials can be ordered. Questions or RSVP to Lana Rouff at LanaRouff@gmail.com.

DISTRICT TEAM LEADERSHIP TRAINING

About 35 district leaders attended the District Team Leadership Training Seminar in Binghamton. We learned about the theme and came up with a strategic plan for the district. The thing that everyone agreed we need to work on is membership. Also, we need to be open to change and new ideas such as the hybrid club that Sidney is establishing. Thanks to everyone who attended!



DISTRICT TRAINING ASSEMBLIES

Inviting all Rotarians to attend the District Training Assemblies! **April 4 we will be in Dryden at Dryden HS** and **April 18 we will be in Oneonta at SUNY ONEONTA- Morris Hall**. Register on the district website.

We will have a general session- learn about the new theme and Matt's goals. We will have breakout sessions.

Rotary Basics- for new members and a refresher for members who have been in Rotary for a few years.

Membership- this topic was identified as the area the district needs to work on the most. Get new ideas about different types of memberships and different types of clubs. Find out about the new changes in membership and "Make Membership Memorable".

Fund Raising and Service Projects- find out what other clubs are doing and share information.

Learn about how to apply for a district grant. Someone from your club must attend one of these sessions to have your club eligible for a district grant.

At one of the assemblies we will be having a breakout on public relations.

Don't waste time responding to your critics

The incoming club presidents and AG's attending our Pre-Pets sessions in Oneonta, Endicott and Ithaca.



Oneonta



Endicott



Ithaca



Thanks to all who participated!!

Avoid negative people



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.

The registration is now open. Go to: rotaryempiremdpets.org and click to register. You can also reserve the hotel on this same website. The DEADLINE to register for the hotel is Feb. 15. You can cancel up to 2 days before.

Thank you to all the clubs that have responded to Matt's request to send him the name of your PE. We have 44 out of 44.

PRE-PETS- if you missed this, you can make it up at Empire MD Pets. There will be a session at 1 PM on Friday.

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 at 4:45 PM on Sat., so you will only need a hotel room for Fri. night.

AG's- The district will pay the registration fee, meal costs and 1 hotel night. The special AG sessions are on Sat., 1 in the morning and 1 in the afternoon. RI president Holger Knaack will be speaking on Friday at dinner.

SCHEDULE

Registration opens on Friday at 12 noon to 3 PM. There are optional breakouts including a tech lab from 1 to 3. If you choose the "Stars for Troops" service project, please bring scissors. The official start of the conference is 3 PM with a breakout followed by a general session, then cocktails and dinner. The dress code for dinner on Friday is dressy. The Sat. meetings start with a 7:30 AM breakfast and the sessions end at 4:45 PM. PE's are instructed to bring their laptop or tablet for the tech sessions.

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

Resist telling people how something should be done. Instead, tell them *what* needs to be done. They will often surprise you with creative solutions.



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!!!!

Be original

Rotary International District 7170

31st District Conference

“Celebration 2020-A New Decade”

May 1-3, 2020

Tentative Agenda (Feb. 14, 2020)

Friday, May 1, 2020

1:00 PM Registration Opens

2:00 PM Hotel Tours/Time on your own

6:00-7:00 PM Cocktail hour-cash bar & hors d’oeuvres

7:00-9:30 PM Dinner Buffet (Persian Terrace)

Welcome

Flag Ceremony

Invocation/Rotary Moment

Youth Exchange entertainment

Awards

Speaker- Leanne Robinson-Maine “Elements of a Successful Presentation”

50/50 Raffle

Announcements

Saturday, May 2, 2020

7:30 AM Registration Opens

7:30-9:00 AM Continental Breakfast (Finger Lakes Ball Room)

Rotary Moment

Youth Exchange entertainment

Awards

Speaker-Kevin Kelly “The Rotary Foundation”

Speaker-Benjamin Kettor- “Liberian School Desks”

50/50 Raffle

Announcements

10:15-11:00 AM Breakout Session 1

A. Rogers Environmental Education Center-S. Solomon & M. Nolan

B. Practical Presentation Practice-Zoe Van der Meulen

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- 10:15-11:00 AM Breakout Session 1
- A. Rogers Environmental Education Center-S. Solomon & M. Nolan
 - B. Practical Presentation Practice-Zoe Van der Meulen
 - C. Club Membership-Pat Kriebel
 - D. Golisano Children’s Hospital-Toni Gary
 - E. Friendly Water- Safe Drinking Water Projects in Africa-John Bailey
- 12:00 PM-2:30 PM Buffet lunch (Finger Lakes Ballroom)
- Rotary Moment
 - Awards
 - Youth Exchange Entertainment
 - Speaker Doug Shattuck “Youth Fire Setter Intervention Program”
 - 50/50 Raffle
 - Announcements
- 3:00-3:45 PM Breakout Session 2
- A. Clowning Around-Frank Towner and Heidi Goldstein
 - B. Environmental Stability-Jeff Smith
 - C. Role of State Commission of Corrections-Allen Riley
 - D. Enhancing Your Club’s Public Image-Daisy Dawson
 - E. Cortland Area Communities That Care-Matt Whitman
- 4:00-4:45 PM Breakout Session 3
- A. Mission HPV-Cancer Free-Dr. Leslie Kohman
 - B. Funding the Foundation-Kevin Kelly
 - C. “Our Community Salutes”-Peter Lennon
 - D. Environmental Entrepreneurship-Cyndy Andela
 - E. Student Desks for Africa-K. Wilcox, S. Flanagan, B. Ketto

MAJOR DONOR CONSULTATION: By appointment (Honeoye Room)

Never give up on what you really want to do. The person with big dreams is more powerful than one with all the facts.

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May 1-3, 2020

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5:00-5:30 PM New Member Reception (Hospitality Room)
5:30-6:30 PM Registration Open
5:30-6:00 PM Hospitality Room open to all
6:00-6:30 PM Cocktail hour with cash bar, hors d’oeuvres
6:30-9:00PM Buffet Dinner (Finger Lakes Ballroom)
Rotary Moment
Youth Exchange entertainment
Awards
Keynote Speaker Allen Riley “Youth Criminal Justice Reform”
50/50 Raffle/Silent Auction Winners
Announcements
Closing song (“Let There Be Peace”-Words on last page)
9:00 PM-11:00 PM Entertainment (Horn Dogs)

Sunday, May 3, 2020

7:00-9:00 AM Fun Run/Walk
9:15-10:00 AM Memorial Service
10:00-12:00 Brunch Program (Finger Lakes Ballroom)
Rotary Moment
Awards
District business meeting and voting
Youth Exchange Entertainment
Slide show???
DGE, DGN, DGND
Closing

GRANT APPLICATION REVIEW:

HOSPITALITY ROOM (Committee Room)



Dave Bensley
 District Governor
 2019-2020

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 DISTRICT7170.ORG



Register for Hawaii
 International Conven-
 tion June 6-10, 2020

[Honolulu, Hawaii](#)


Save The Date



District Conference

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

Marriott, Downtown Syracuse

The Four-May 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?