

Governor Jeff's District News

Rotary



“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:

There is still time sign up for the District Conference. We have great speakers, breakout sessions, exchange students, exhibits, musical performances and food.

On Saturday afternoon there is a community panel. This panel is a forerunner of the connections we want to make throughout our District on the toughest challenges and opportunities. Rotary does connect the world and we are going to do that locally and internationally. Our international impact is growing by leaps and bounds. You will hear some outstanding accomplishments and see some of the projects emerging. Our international work is also getting more innovative. New projects and approaches are emerging from current projects and from our colleges and Universities, along with international companies. We have the assets in our District to create lasting change.

Our three upcoming DGs, Dave, Matt and Evan,

will close the conference out with their perspectives. They are working hard to move Rotary forward. The agenda has been sent to all Rotary members. Contact Tony Salerno if you need help registering at t.salerno13053@gmail.com.

The DG is working on the District Conference, meeting with community and business leaders, organizing another round of club visits and finishing up many loose ends like the development of an environmental sustainability strategy for the district and the formation of more community and Rotary collaborations on our greatest needs and opportunities.

May is Youth Services Month: Youth Exchange, RYLA, Interact and Rotaract are just some of the ways we support and strengthen youth in our District. I still remember the Bainbridge Rotary Christmas tree on Main Street that has a decoration for every exchange student connected to their club. 211 decorations speak to a very strong program since the beginning of Rotary Youth Exchange. Our RYLA program continues to be a life-changing program every year.

Many of our members mentor students or have vocations in education and non-profit service providers. We do want to strengthen our focus on all children. Early education is a key component to student success.

The Binghamton Noon Rotary club has been working with the Crimes Victims Assistance Center and will be sponsoring their conference

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in November. April is Prevent Child Abuse Month. Many clubs have set out blue pin wheels to highlight this need.

Deposit Rotary: Last year the Deposit Rotary lost their meeting site when their restaurant closed. The club started meeting at Axtel Antiques and they initiated the development of a new club plan. Starting May 1 the club will now move their noon meeting to 5:30 pm to attract members that just cannot get out at noon. The location will continue to be at Axtel Antiques.

And, the famous Lumberjack Festival in Deposit is just around the corner, July 19, 20 and 21. I am looking to visiting the club on May 1 and again during the festival. You will learn a lot of history at Axtel Antiques.

Shelter Box: Binghamton Noon and BU Rotaract have been raising money for Shelter Box. Evan Kurtz will set up a new Shelter Box model at the District Conference. Shelter Box is a partner of Rotary that provides key assistance during times of community disasters. Meredith Bocek of Owego and PDG Sam Koury of Oneonta are the District Shelter Box co-chairs.

Crayola Crayon: Remember the Groton Interact club is working with Crayola to recycle used markers from schools and other locations. Bring used markers to the District Conference and the Groton Interact club will keep them out of our landfills.

Vocational Services: Months earlier I did an article in the newsletter on vocational services. It is a term that we do not use as often today, but represents a substantial benefit of Rotary. Members throughout our District use their working skills to help others. The value of our benefit to the District grows considerably through vocational service.

I estimate that our 44 clubs provide a \$1 million impact to our communities in the District through scholarships, community projects, leadership training, exchange students and services. Usually I use a low rate for services such as serving a pancake breakfast. When you use your vocational skills the rate can be much higher.

Mike Decker, a member of the Whitney Point

Club, and a community volunteer is co-hosting the Ag and Food Summit to be held May 23. Representatives and businesses from an eight county region will be coming together for presentations and networking. We hope to stimulate greater economic activity. Mike has spent countless hours working on this program. His vocational contribution is very significant.

This month Tier Energy Network, an organization I co-founded filed a \$2,000,000 grant with the Appalachian Regional Commission to develop an industry cluster in advanced energy technology. Half of the filed amount is provided by those with vocational skills that will volunteer their working time on this project. Helping communities, companies and start-ups secure support and funding can be one way we exercise our considerable vocational skills.

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: June 15
The District is joining up with Cortland Noon to put on Rotary Fun Day at Greek Peak. Plans are being developed. Cortland Noon wanted to put on a special event for the District to celebrate their 100th anniversary. I wanted to have fun.

Key Dates: We are in the Rotary season where there are many event opportunities.

May: Youth Services

DFC & DAC – 5/7 at Cortland noon

District Conference – Friday, 5/10 – Sunday 5/12 – DoubleTree Binghamton

Deadline for District Grant Applications – 5/15 preliminary, 5/31 final

Industry Summit for Agriculture and Food – 5/23 at the DoubleTree in Binghamton

June: Rotary Fellowship**Club Youth Exchange Training – 6/15****District Pass the Gavel – 6/19****RYLA Banquet –****Rotary Fun Day – 6/15 at Greek Peak**

PDG Richard is being honored in this picture by the Johnson City Club for his work with Rotary and his tree peony program. Richard has a large order of Tree Peonies coming in. Buy your Mother's Day gifts early through the order form below and support Rotary in the process.

Rotarians of the Month

The Waverly Rotary club represents our Rotarians of the Month. President Sue Williams and club members are getting ready for a 100th Day anniversary to be held on Saturday, July 20 at East Waverly Park. We will be present and hope you will be also. A 100th anniversary is a very significant achievement for Rotary and our community.

The Waverly Club has an exchange student and a Junior Rotarian program. Youth are involved in most meetings of Waverly Rotary. Waverly is unique because they have a close association with two near-by Pennsylvania clubs: Athens and Sayre. Together the clubs represent the Penn-York economic region.

The Top Ten Student Awards will be held May 2 at the Best Western. Three Rotary clubs bring together students and families for a very special evening. Waverly Rotary is the third oldest club in our District. Our clubs have great histories to celebrate.

May Notes from DGE Dave



As the 2018-2019 Rotary year winds to a close, there is some important business that needs to be taken care of by President Elects. First and foremost is the matter of goals for 2019-2020. If your club hasn't already done so, you need to establish reasonable goals in the area of membership, foundation giving and Polio Plus giving. It is also asked that you establish goals for service projects. Once these goals have been established, it is equally important that they be posted in "Club Central" which is found on the Rotary International web site. This needs to be done no later than June 1, 2019. As I have explained at several training sessions this spring, Rotary International needs this information when collaborating with other agencies such as the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. If you can't figure out how to do this, get some help.

The second thing that needs your club's attention is the selection of executive officers. I have received the names of all 2019-2020

Club Presidents and most of the names of Club Secretaries and Treasurers. However, I am missing the names of some Club Secretaries and Treasurers. If your club hasn't sent me these names yet, please do so in the near future so that I can complete the District Club Directory for 2019-2020.

The proposed district budget which was presented to President Elects who were present at PETS and e-mailed to all other President Elects, was discussed and voted on at the recent District Training Assemblies at Oneonta and Dryden. A total of twenty-three clubs cast ballots. All 23 ballots approved of the budget as presented.

Finally, plans for this year's District Pass the Gavel Dinner are in place. Information about registration for this event can be found elsewhere in this edition of the newsletter. District Governor Jeff and I hope to see you at the dinner.



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The 2018-2019 Rotary year is nearly complete, and you are invited to a celebration.

Please click on the link below to register. You can also book family and friends.

EVENT: District Pass the Gavel

DATE Wednesday, June 19, 2019

TIME: Social Hour 5-6 pm (cash bar)

Dinner and ceremony 6-8 pm

LOCATION: The Silo Restaurant

203 Moran Road

Greene, NY 13778



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

Details: Fee: \$35 Per Person

Use this link to register using "Member" or "Guest":

[Click here to register for Pass the Gavel](#)

[Registration deadline is Friday, June 7, 2019](#)

We are looking forward to seeing you on June 19th.

DG Jeff



DGE Dave

Rotary Salutes

On March 19th — **Binghamton Noon Rotary** awarded their first, First Responders Award to Officer Art Williams Jr. of the Binghamton Police Department. It was their OPEN HOUSE as well and had a great turnout!



March 22nd – involved in RYLA Interviews at Binghamton High School



March 26th – ShelterBox Fundraiser at Enfield's in Endwell. Our goal was to raise \$500 and we raised \$1,001!!



April 6th – Rotaract 5K



Why: Raise money for our ShelterBox!



Rotary Salutes cont.

Oneonta Rotarians Multi-task to Support the Oneonta Community

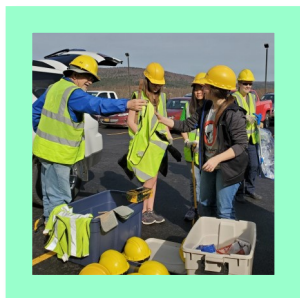
On Saturday, April 13, **Oneonta Rotarians** proved that they can be in two places at the same time! First, President Cindy Struckle served up tasty pancakes at Destination Oneonta's "Breakfast with the Easter Bunny" event. Over 100 area children and their families attended the event which included a pancake breakfast, games and of course, time with the Easter Bunny. At the same time, a hardy team of Rotarians, led by Chairman Scott Davis, filled 16 garbage bags with trash while cleaning up a 1.5 mile stretch of County Route 48 outside of Oneonta. The roadside clean up takes place twice yearly in the fall and the spring. (Photo contributors: Kathy Davis and Lynne Sessions)

Pancakes anyone



President Cindy Struckle serves pancakes at Destination Oneonta's "Breakfast with the Easter Bunny."

Suiting up



Dick Breuninger and Meghan Sheehy suit up for a morning of trash collection.

Safety lecture



Roadside cleanup committee chair Scott Davis, gives a safety lecture.

Didn't listen



Obviously, we didn't listen to the safety lecture. (No Rotarians were harmed during this event!)

Clean road



Doesn't this road look nice?!

Rotary Salutes cont.

Trumansburg Rotary Plants Trees to Beautify Fairgrounds

Trumansburg Rotary had a great Rotary turnout for the Trumansburg Fairgrounds cleanup-and-planting party. As they say, many hands make light work. Well, it was not exactly light work — trailerful after trailerful of tree detritus and other junk was hauled to a waste pile on Wednesday, clearing the site for planting. On Thursday morning the DPW crew came with their backhoe and dug all the holes that had been carefully marked by John Ullberg and Dave Allen, and then the Thursday volunteers sprang into action, hauling new trees out of one of the Fairgrounds' barns, taking Dave's quick course in planting trees, then plunking, back-filling, adding compost and water-retention chemicals, and topping with mulch. The site looks beautiful, and we may have shamed the Fairgrounds folks into cleaning up the site on the north side of the entrance. We planted a few trees up there, too.

Warmest thanks to Peggy Haine (Originator of the District Grant and organizer extraordinaire), Joe Barrett, Mary Bouchard, Ben Guthrie, Dennis Guy-Sell, Harsha, Durand Van Doren, Kathleen Overbaugh, Tom Overbaugh, and Frank Zgola. Frank, Dennis, and Harsha were there, working like madmen, for both days. Now that's a pretty darned good turnout for a weekday project. Thanks so much, everyone, for your support and hard work. We did the club and Rotary proud, and we may even have picked up a few prospective members. Yay, us!!!



Wednesday Cleanup

<Rotarian, Dennis Guy-Sell

Exchange Student, Harsha>

Thursday Planting



Rotary....?

Bricks and Mortar retail...**going**

Taxi industry...**going**

Blockbuster...**gone**

Kodak...**gone**

We have to give people what they want not what we think they need. We need to be smarter and adapt to change in the 21st century of how we as an organization can deliver service, friendship, connections and help.



**Netflix did not kill Blockbuster.
Ridiculous late fees did.**

UBER

**Uber did not kill the taxi business.
Limited access and fare control did.**



**Apple did not kill the music industry.
Being forced to buy full-length albums did.**



**Amazon did not kill other retailers.
Poor customer service and experience did.**



airbnb

**Airbnb isn't killing the hotel industry.
Limited availability and pricing options are.**

**Technology by itself is not the disruptor.
Not being customer-centric is the biggest
threat to any business.**





Nimmonsburg Rotary Club is sponsoring a Chicken BBQ catered by Phil's Chicken House.

BBQ dinners include chicken, baked beans, coleslaw and a roll for **\$10**.

Proceeds go toward the club's scholarship fund supporting students from Chenango Valley and Chenango Forks school districts.

Please stop by the **parking lot in front of Lowe's on Upper Front Street**
(1318 Upper Front Street, Binghamton NY)

Saturday, May 4th, at 10:30am, until sold out (usually around 1pm), so come early!



***The Johnson City Rotary Club is having their 2nd annual
Tree Peony Festival***



Saturday, May 26th from 12 noon to 4 pm

At Jennison Park in Johnson City

The park is located across the street from the new Binghamton University
School of Pharmacy.

We will have entertainment and take orders for tree peonies.



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:





ROTARY CONVENTION
1-5 JUNE 2019
HAMBURG, GERMANY

Come to Hamburg, a city with a unique blend of historical and contemporary culture. This will be an exciting event with thousands of Rotarians from around the world. It will be held at the Hamburg Messe.

Enjoy the wonderful House of Friendship and special tours and events held by the Host Organizing Committee. There will be great entertainment, inspiring guest speakers and great breakouts.

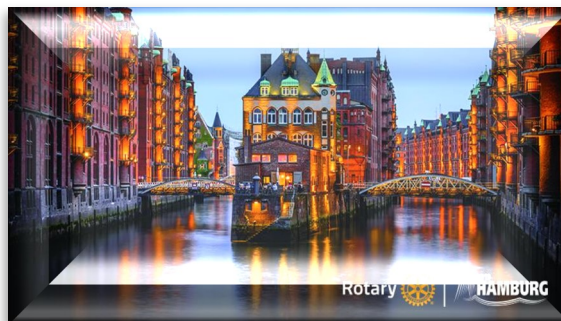
REGISTER NOW for the convention. The registration fee is \$495. To register, go to:

www.riconvention.org.

There you will find information on hotels and transportation. If you have any questions, you can e-mail me at: pkriebel@stny.rr.com

Hope to see everybody there!

Submitted by Pat Kriebel, PDG



Start with Rotary
and good things happen.



Meeting Time Changes

Deposit Rotary Club meeting time change. As of May 1st the club will be meeting Wednesdays in the evening at 5:30 pm at Axtell Antiques 1 River Street, Deposit.



Save The Date

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District Conference

Friday, May 10th through Sunday, May 12th, 2019

DoubleTree Binghamton

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DISTRICT7170.ORG](http://WWW.ROTARYDISTRICT7170.ORG)



District Pass the Gavel

Wednesday, June 19th, 2019

The Silo Restaurant

203 Moran Road

Greene, NY 13778

Register for Hamburg
International Conven-
tion June 1-5, 2019

[Hamburg 2019](#)