

May is Youth Service Month in the Rotary world. The COVID-19 pandemic has been exceptionally hard on our District's youth programs. The Annual RYLA program was the first to be cancelled. Next came the closing of our schools and colleges which impacted Rotaract and Interact programs. Finally, the District's flagship youth program, Youth Exchange, has been disrupted. At this writing, 15 inbound students have gone home early, and 12 outbound students have come home early. What kind of impact this will all have on our youth programs in the future remains to be seen. Hopefully, these programs, which we depend on to help form the next generation of Rotarians, will rebound and be stronger than ever as we hope will be true of Rotary.

Last month I spent several evenings making personal phone calls to all our club Presidents. I wanted to find out if any of their members had contracted the coronavirus. Only one President reported one case of COVID-19 and that person had recuperated. I was also interested in how the club members were keeping in touch with each other. I did not find any clubs that had "gone dark". Many were doing virtual meetings with programs such as Zoom or at least communicating with each other by email or phone. If your club is doing Zoom meetings, invite other clubs to join you. I also wanted to find out what kind of activities the clubs were doing to help their communities. With the help of DGE Matt, we compiled a list of these activities which I sent out to all District Rotarians on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully this list was of value to you. I am extremely proud of what all our clubs are doing in this time of crisis. Don't forget to look at the new "Volunteer Surge" program for something you can do yourself from your own home.

On April 15<sup>th</sup>, the District Finance Committee

held a Zoom meeting to discuss possible actions that the District could take to help in this time of need. Three decisions were made. DDF funds were transferred to the Rotary International Disaster Fund, working with the Broome County United Way and Senator Akshar's office a donation was made to purchase medical masks for essential workers across our District and contributions were made to the three food banks which service our District. Zoe has sent out details of these contributions in a separate email. If your community has needs at this time because of COVID-19, please let me know. The District can provide more help this year because we will have more reserved funds than budgeted for as a result of cancelled events.

On Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> Cindy Burger hosted our annual District Grants Seminar. The seminar was done as a Zoom conference, the first on-line training session we have tried. It was an amazing success. Sixty seven Rotarians took part in the one-hour session. Congratulations Cindy for a great job. There will be between \$29,000 and \$30,000 available for District Community and International grants in 2020-2021. These Community Grants are possible because of money contributed to the Annual Fund three years ago. Funds contributed to the Annual Fund this year will be available for use in Rotary year 2022-2023. **Please contribute during the last two months of the 2019-2020 year.**

**Please stay safe, stay home, stay healthy.**

Until Next Time,  
Yours in Rotary Service,

*DG Dave*

# Rotary People of Action

**The Endicott Rotarians** collecting food for the needy Union Endicott student families during this pandemic crisis.

The Endicott Rotary Foundation has donated \$2866.02 thus far of the proposed ten thousand dollars for the upcoming weeks of food distribution for the Union Endicott School System.

It helps to have the school superintendent, two assistant superintendents in our Rotary club to make sure that appropriate families get this food in need. Sam Lupo of Lupo's and Sons is also a Rotarian and he was instrumental in the food purchase arrangements.

The food was purchased from Sam's Club for this purpose and they donated multiple cases of bottled water to add to our cause.

*Shout outs to all who were involved to make this happen for our community in a time of need.*





# Rotary People of Action

The first batch of protective face shields were delivered to Greene EMS April 4th. Greene MS/HS Teacher Jonathan Bogardus is using the 3D Printer that **Greene Rotary Club** purchased for the school, to manufacture full face shields for use by our local EMS First Responders. These face shields are an item that NYS has advised EMS providers to utilize, but there are no current supply lines available for them to obtain them from.

Jon Bogardus is going to continue producing the face shields, at a rate of 1 per hour, until his material supply runs out. He currently has enough materials to make approximately 57 such face shields.





## ***'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 <sup>st</sup>	2:00 PM, Catskill Scenic Rail Trail, Stamford
Otsego County	Mon, Jun 22 <sup>nd</sup>	6:30 PM, Basswood Pond State Forest, Burlington
Chenango County	Tue, Jun 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6:30 PM, Whaupanaucan State Forest, Norwich
Tioga County	Wed, Jun 24 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 PM, Waterman Conservation Education Center, Owego
Cortland County	Thu, Jun 25 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 PM, Lime Hollow Nature Center, Cortlandville
Broome County	Fri, Jun 26 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 PM, Vestal Rail Trail East, Vestal Coal House Café, Vestal
Tompkins County	Sat, Jun 27 <sup>th</sup>	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!*

DGN Evan Kurtz

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**Nimmonsburg Rotarian, Nancy Young**, has posted a story about Merisena from Cité Soleil, Haiti. Please take the time to go on this site and learn about Merisena and the challenges she faces.

[https://medium.com/@nancyyoung\\_33269/city-of-champions-5d213076fedc](https://medium.com/@nancyyoung_33269/city-of-champions-5d213076fedc)

Very soon, the country will hear about "Volunteer Surge" on the news (CNN, NYT and other major coverage). You are getting a sneak peek today. You know the COVID-19 pandemic is pushing the healthcare system to the limits. What if there was a way to help, from the safety of our homes, and make a real difference?

In the last three weeks, a Rotary-related non-profit, the Global Impact Group, has initiated a new volunteer opportunity called "Volunteer Surge". This group was co-founded by Rotarians in District 5160. I urge you to go to [www.tgig.org](http://www.tgig.org) and learn more. You'll see it's an opportunity for us to help our communities, as well as the nation, with the fight against COVID-19 - right now. There is also a letter that I will send to all Rotarians in our District tomorrow (you will all get a copy).

You know as well as I, that one letter won't produce the level of sign-up that we need. Please follow up with your members. Encourage them to check out the website. Encourage them to ask questions, encourage them to sign up, and most importantly, encourage them to share this opportunity with friends and family. It may be initiated by Rotary, but it is NOT limited to Rotarians!

I want to stress: the success of this program will be driven by the immediate participation of our clubs and members.

Important tasks for you to do in the next week:

1. Review the website [www.tgig.org](http://www.tgig.org) before your next online meeting. Put a discussion of this initiative on your meeting agenda. Give your members an opportunity to hear from one another so that all will understand the need and the opportunity to help.
2. Watch for more info as it becomes available.
3. Give me some feedback. You in District 7170 are among the first to hear about this, and to be asked to sign up. What else can we do to make the roll-out to other Districts and clubs better?

I appreciate your help with this. The rest of the country is watching, and we hold the success of this program in our hands.

DG Dave

## District Grant Tidbit

### May 2020 District Grant Tidbit

Remember to submit your competed grant request by May 15 to Grants Committee Chair Cindy Burger ([csburger@frontiernet.net](mailto:csburger@frontiernet.net)) and promptly respond to any questions. Any application that is incomplete as of midnight May 31 will no longer be considered.

## Membership

As most clubs are not doing in person meetings, it's time to work on membership retention. Please keep in touch by e-mail or conference calls. Please call club members to check on them to make sure they are OK and ask if they need anything. Our Rotary family has always come together to help each other. Maybe the club officers or board members could split up the membership list and call the club members once every 2 weeks or so.

Please everyone stay healthy!

Yours in Rotary,

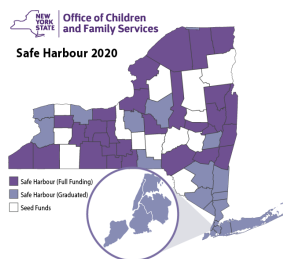
Pat Kriebel, PDG and District Membership Chair [pkriebel@stny.rr.com](mailto:pkriebel@stny.rr.com)

Never criticize the person who signs your paycheck. If you are unhappy with your job, resign.

CLUB	MEMBER	SPONSOR
<b>Ithaca Noon</b>	Johanna Anderson	Frank Towner
	Barb Bloom	Geoff Dunn
	Brittany Guild	Joanne Lamoureux
	Jessica Janssen	Kelly Buck
	Serena McCloud	Rob Mackenzie
	Nevin Sabet-Swingle	Millie Clark-Maynard
	Douglas Schmidt	Heidi Goldstein
	Bryan Wyckoff	Ron Provus
<b>Ithaca Sunrise</b>	Canaan Delgado	
<b>Johnson City</b>	Dani Croce	Sue Paradez
	Anthony Donkor	Sue Paradez



Wear out, don't rust out.



**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

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 the Foundation Dinner.

Become the most positive and enthusiastic person you know.

## **Richard's Tree Peony Planting Project (4th & the Last Year)**

From PDG Richard Matsushima, 3405 Almar Dr., Vestal, NY 13850

Phone: 607-770-9428 E-Mail: [rdkampai@stny.rr.com](mailto:rdkampai@stny.rr.com)

### **Re: Fundraising Opportunity for Your Rotary Club**

This is my 4th year and the last to import Japanese Tree Peonies directly from Japan. Help me to help you. Here is how it works:

Color choices: **Pink**, **Red**, **Purple**, White and **Yellow**

Prices: \$25/plant

Please collect orders and money from your Club members/friends If checks, payable to your Rotary Club.

You'll keep \$10 for each plant sold for your club. Your Club makes a check payable to Kampai for \$15/plant.

Shipment: Your order will be delivered to your meeting location/or pre-arranged convenient location. I've reserve up to 700 tree peonies for this Rotary Special.

Thank you for your attention. I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely Yours In Rotary Service,

*Richard Matsushima*

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# 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](#).





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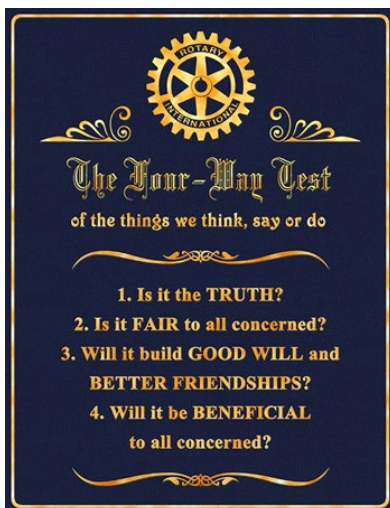
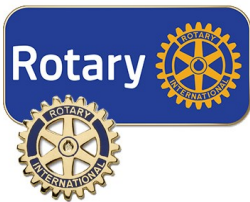
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