

Governor Jeff's District News

Rotary



Thankful for Rotary

A new chapter begins: *Evan Kurtz* of the *Dryden club* is nominated as our next District Governor for 2021-22. Evan and his wife Tracy have been active in Rotary across our District and beyond for many years. They are both life-long volunteers for their community. Evan brings a strong project management discipline to the projects and programs of Rotary.



Foundation Dinner:

October ended with our annual Foundation Dinner featuring the President of Rotary International Barry Rassin and his wife Esther. They have been touring on behalf of Rotary for 33 straight days and Endicott New York is the final stop on the way home to The Bahamas.



Barry presents a compelling vision for Rotary in the world. His motto is **Be The Inspiration**. His vision is:

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

Our District provided some inspiration as well. Total giving under Zoe's leadership reached a record high of **\$267,794.94**. We achieved our highest level of funding of the Annual Fund of at **\$147,173.56**, donated **\$48,366** to Polio Plus and received a major bequestOur Silent Auction represented over 35 offerings including a special vintage of Jack Daniels and produced a record \$7,000 for the annual fund.

Four new Major Donors were announced:

Unalam/Unadilla Silo Company, Inc. (Level 1)

Ithaca – Mary F. Berens (Level 1)

Cortland – James W. Place (Level 2)

Unadilla – Rik and Zoe van der Meulen

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Benefactors, Bequest Society Members, Paul Harris Fellows, and Paul Harris Society Members were recognized.

Eight clubs made donations over \$1,500 to Polio Plus: **Cooperstown, Cortland, Endicott, Ithaca, Owego, Sidney, Unadilla and Vestal.**

Twenty one clubs made over \$100 per capita in Total Rotary Fund giving: **Bainbridge, Binghamton, Colesville-Harpursville, Cooperstown, Cortland, Dryden, Endicott, Hobart, Ithaca, Johnson City, Milford, Nimmonsburg, Norwich, Owego, Richfield Springs, Sherburne, Sidney, Stamford, Trumansburg, Unadilla and Vestal.**

We had a change at the top of Top Three Per Capita Clubs in Annual Fund Giving:

Third Place: **Cortland** at \$222.92

Second Place: **Trumansburg** at \$333.68

First Place: **Unadilla** at \$1,047.46

Three clubs had 100% participation in the Rotary Foundation's TRF Giving and \$100 or more giving average giving to the Rotary Foundation: **Milford, Trumansburg and Unadilla.**

Two clubs achieved a minimum \$100 in per capita giving and 100% contributing some amount to the Annual Fund: **Trumansburg and Unadilla.**

Three clubs earned the Presidential Citation Award: **Binghamton, Cortland and Unadilla.**

Inspiration at the beginning of the event is provided by our parade of flags where Vera Sosnowski expertly introduces each of our exchange students.

Assistant Governor and member of the **Cortland Club, Gina Sikora**, sang the National Anthem for the Bahamas and for the United States.

Lana Rouff's narrated video on Foundation Grant Projects highlighted our exciting project agenda.

The event ends with a singing of "Let There Be Peace On Earth"

In the words of Foundation Chair Doug Larison, "**Thank you, Thank you, Thank you**"

Doug reminds us that November is Foundation Month.

Many hands contribute to produce this event: Zoe and Doug led the planning; Mark Kriebel served as MC; Tony Salerno and Sheila Abbey coordinated registrations, Lana Rouff, Jackie Sands and Michael Sands produced the Foundation Grants Video; Vera Sosnowski and Kathleen Overbaugh handled student registrations and the entire Youth Exchange Committee created the impressive Parade of Flags; Rik van der Meulen organized the silent auction and Daisy Dawson handled public relations.



Many of our community partners were invited to the event: Health for Haiti, Endicott Proud, Southern Tier Eight, Cortland Communities That Care, Addiction Center of Broome County, Kowalik and Associates, Industry Building

Blocks, Tier Energy Network, and Binghamton Regional Sustainability Council.

Women Advancing to Positions of Leadership in Rotary International: The issue for having greater opportunity for women in the highest levels of Rotary is an important issue for our District and others. The latest Rotarian was devoted to letters to the editor on this subject. Our Ithaca Noon club has developed a resolution on this topic that will be reviewed by the District Advisory Committee on November 7 and shared with all clubs. Our December newsletter will address this issue and our plans.

A Book of Club Invocations: Lida Bassler of the Town of Colesville has been producing invocations for her club for over twenty years. These touching works have covered special events, holidays, seasons of the year and important Rotary concepts. A book has just been published that Colesville Rotary is selling for \$35.00. This reference can help you create inspiring messages for your club. I have purchased my autographed copy.



Lida Bassler

November is Pancake Month: November 6 is Election Day. That week is also pancake day in our District with 5 events on Election Day. Please consider the following venues for your dining pleasure:

Nov. 6: Bainbridge 7 am to 7 pm at White Church on the Town Square

Nov. 6: Cooperstown 7 am to 7 pm at Vets Club on Main Street

Nov. 6: Both Cortland Clubs 7 am to 7 pm at Elks club on Groton

Nov. 6 : Ithaca 7 am to 7 pm at Coltavare

Nov. 6: Waverly 11 am to 2 pm, 4 pm to 7 pm at Sisters



The following five members won the fall photograph contest



Margaret Rosenheck - Number one winner with view of Owego in the valley



Jim Ford - Runner up -
Autumn in Upstate NY



Don Tuttle - Runner up - Autumn Sunlight



Michael Jerome - Runner up -
Display at Farmer's Museum



Larry Halbert - Runner up - Sidney
Center Along the River

Over 30 photos were provided and it was difficult picking out the top five. These five won a free ticket to the Foundation Dinner



Transforming our Communities And Rotary

May 10-12, 2019

Binghamton NY Doubletree Hotel

- Our 30th annual District Conference will be an opportunity for Rotarians and community members to celebrate progress, exchange ideas and take action on the future of our communities and Rotary
- Transformation experts from across the country will speak as well as regional Rotary and community leaders.
- Fun events will be sprinkled throughout the weekend including:
 - Drone tour of District 7170
 - Taste of New York room
 - Polio Plus fun walk and riding tour
 - Exhibits: clubs, Interact, Rotaract, Partnerships, Exchange Students
 - Virtual Reality and the story of LUMA FEST
 - Running tour (5k fun run) of Binghamton, Golf
 - Biking tour of Binghamton
 - Fun raffles and door prizes
 - Musical performances from our exchange students and others

***We want to showcase all of our communities
Local clubs, communities, service providers and RI will have marketing space.***



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Transforming our communities will transform Rotary

Topics to be addressed include:

The art of community collaboration
Making your club irresistible and creating new clubs
Creating resources through Interact, Rotaract, Rotary Community Corp, Friends of Rotary, Community Collaboration and Partnerships
Raising funds inside and outside of Rotary
Transforming communities around the world
Environmental sustainability strategy
A strategic plan for our smaller communities
Arts and culture in District 7170
Needs assessment of our District with expert panels
Building the “people of action” brand
Vision 2025
New Generations

Other topics can be suggested by Rotary and community partners. Our entire District is invited to participate in the design of this event

Look for **Early Bird** special.



District Governor Nominee Designate Is Announced

I am proud to announce that **Evan Kurtz of the Dryden Club** will be the District Governor Nominee Designate for our District. Evan's term as District Governor will be 2021-22. Serving as District Governor is a four-step process including DGND, DGN, DGE and then DG. Our DGE is David Bensley from the Sherburne Club. Our DGN is Matt Adler from the Owego Club.



Tracy and Evan Kurtz

Evan has served at Club President twice. He is currently a Foundation Area Director and has served as an Assistant Governor. Evan and his wife Tracy have been life-long volunteers within and outside of Rotary. Please congratulate Evan in his new assignment.

To select a new DG, the District forms a nominating committee. Clubs may nominate candidates. The committee interviews the candidates and makes a recommendation. Clubs have two weeks to review the recommendation and make a challenge.

DG Jeff

Rotarian of the Month

Our Rotarian of the month is **Alan Lord**, immediate past President of the **Greene Rotary Club**. Alan is founder of the innovative 5:45 club that organizes resources in the community to support club projects. This program is great for incorporating some of the younger members of our communities in service. Alan would be happy to share his clubs experiences.

The Greene Rotary is adding community excitement, through its ever popular Oktober Fest at the silo restaurant. Many clubs and community members are drawn to this fun evening. Alan and his wife Maryanne host their club annual meeting at their cottage in the summer for a great evening of fellowship and inspiration. Things are happening in Green NY and Alan Lord plays a big role for his club and community.



ROTARY HOSTS ELECTION DAY PANCAKE MEAL

45th annual event raises money for International Student Exchange Program

The Ithaca Rotary Club's 45th annual Pancake Day will be held on Election Day, Tuesday, November 6th from 7:00 am – 7:00 pm. The event will take place at Coltivare, located at 235 South Cayuga Street in Ithaca. Tickets are \$9 for adults – kids under 12 eat free! – and may be purchased at the door or from Ithaca Rotarians. Cayuga Radio Group will be on hand between 7am and 9am, while ESPN Ithaca's Between the Lines (BTL) will be live from Coltivare from 4pm to 6pm.

Pancake Day has become an Ithaca Election Day tradition where friends and neighbors gather to eat, speculate on election returns, and generally have a good time. The traditional meal will include blueberry and plain pancakes, fruit, and yogurt, along with scrambled eggs, sausage, hash browns, coffee, tea and orange juice. Cooked and served on site by Rotarians and Rotary Youth Exchange students, your meal will be hot and delicious!

The Ithaca Rotary Club is grateful to partner with TC-3 and Coltivare for Pancake Day 2018, which is held this year in honor of long-time Rotarian Joe Metz. Ample parking is available in the Cayuga Street garage.

Proceeds from this special event are used to fund Ithaca Rotary's International Student Exchange Program. Please help sustain this important cultural immersion opportunity to promote international understanding and good will.

The Rotary Club of Ithaca gathers every Wednesday for luncheon meetings held at Coltivare at noon. The public is welcome to attend to learn more about Rotary; cost is \$15 at the door. Ithaca Rotary's motto is "Service Above Self." Membership is open to all community members who share in this belief; new members are accepted year-round.

Address questions about Pancake Day to June Losurdo at 607-351-8473, or Geoff Dunn at 607-280-5953. Additional information about the Rotary Club of Ithaca may be found online at www.ithacarotary.com. For more information about joining the Ithaca Rotary Club, please contact Membership Chair Ron Provus at 607-351-8539 or



ROTARY Pancake Day



the **Rotary**



Clubs of Cortland
ELECTION DAY, NOV. 6th, 2018

CORTLAND ELKS CLUB

9 Groton Ave, Cortland, NY 13045

7:00AM - 7:00PM

New Hope Mills Pancakes ★ Real Maple Syrup ★ Eggs ★ Sausage ★ Juice ★ Milk

Ice Cream ★ Coffee courtesy of *Coffee Mania*

\$8.00- Adults \$4.00 - Kids 7 & Under

proceeds used to support local projects

Rotary Salutes

FRUITS OF OUR LABOR

The **Rotary Club of Bainbridge** and the Jericho Garden Club of Bainbridge collaborated on a special Intergenerational Community Garden activity, funded by a generous grant from Rotary International. This grant-funded project supported a full year cycle, start to finish, of a gardening and preserving experience consisting of mentoring groups, building and preparing raised garden beds, composting, planting, weeding and tending, harvesting and preserving.

Each group, consisting of youth and adults, chose and planted their produce and shared in the excitement as they nurtured and cared for their gardens. Everyone had a successful yield, producing blue potatoes, tomatoes, carrots, radishes, lettuce, beans, decorative cabbage and more. When it came time to preserve, much of the produce had already been harvested, so the group decided to can applesauce and make raspberry jam. Experienced canners from the Jericho Garden Club demonstrated the art of preserving food and everyone was able to take home a jar of applesauce and a jar of raspberry jam.

The Intergenerational Community Garden experience was sweet to the soul, healthy for our bodies, stimulating to our minds and good to the last licked-bowl! An appreciative "Thank You" goes to the Bainbridge Rotary Club and Rotary International for their support bringing project to



tion!

Bainbridge Rotary Club Continues Tradition of Serving Election Day Pancakes on November 6th

For as long as people can remember, Rotary Pancake Day has been held on Election Day in Bainbridge. Rotary Pancake Day has taken place for over 54 years; that's over half a century! Rotarians urge everyone to get out and vote on Tuesday, November 6th and then stop by the Bainbridge First Presbyterian Church between 7 AM and 7 PM for a delicious pancake meal! The menu includes all you can eat pancakes with Upstate Harvest maple syrup, sausages, applesauce and beverages. Raffle baskets, donated by many area businesses and Rotarians, will be available. All proceeds support Bainbridge Rotary service projects.



Bainbridge Rotary Club President, Mike Wilcox, is shown serving up pancakes in 2017.

Rotary Salutes cont.

Rotary International Grant Success

Dr. Anthony Donkor sent pictures from a district international project in Ghana. They are building a roof over a market place in Ghana for women to sell their goods. The following clubs as well as our district enabled this to happen: *Ithaca, Owego, Binghamton, Cooperstown, Groton and Greene*. How exciting.



MARKET ROOFING AND TOILET PROJECTS.

SPONSORS

Rotary District 7170, New York, USA.
Apam Rotary District 9102, Apam, Ghana.
Dr. Anthony Ephirim- Donkor, Binghamton, New York, USA.



Your Help Is Needed

Clubs in our district are invited to participate in humanitarian and educational projects in Kosova (Southeastern Europe) by “adopting” a specific need. Minimum contribution for each project is \$500; there is no maximum. You can –

Adopt a Student by providing braille classes, computers or watches for blind children; support purchase of wheelchairs, toilet chairs, sports chairs, crutches, diapers and first aid kits for children with disabilities; Help put handball leagues into 10 elementary schools arounds Gjakova; fix a window, a door, or a portion of a leaking roof and provide supplies for autistic children and other educational supplies for special needs populations; support educational learning tools such as science labs and equipment, chairs and tables, computers, and laptops for a medical high school, technical high school, intermediate school, or elementary schools. (Adopting a student for any of the above supports the basic education and literacy, disease treatment, and peace and conflict resolution areas of focus.)

Adopt a Beekeeper by promoting the apiology career through early education “Bee Week” programs; Help support addition of bee hives and bee colonies to support local economies. Adopting a beekeeper supports the economic and community development area of focus.

Adopt a Firefighter by providing boots, gloves, helmets, flashlights, flame resistant clothing, breathing apparatuses, jaws of life, and handheld fire extinguishers. Adopting a firefighter supports the economic and community development area of focus.

Adopt a Medical Professional by supporting the acquisition of X-Ray equipment technologies for various hospitals and clinics; providing technologies and supplies to create dental appliances in safe and environmentally friendly manner; establish a program to improve access to qualify health care for RAE mothers and children; promote proper hygiene pre-and post-natal care, vaccinations, and nutrition education for RAE mothers and children. Adopting a medical professional supports focus areas of disease treatment and prevention and child and maternal health.

Adopt a Woman Becoming an Entrepreneur – help create 11 new women-owned businesses in Kosova – Adopting a woman who wishes to become an entrepreneur supports the economic and community development area of focus.

Should your club be interested in any of these projects – contact Rotary International Director Elect Stephanie Urchick at saurchick@gmail.com.





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 discounted price of \$395! This is good until December 15, after that it will be \$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



Neuschwanstein Castle at sunset in Bavaria, Germany



A question for every Rotarian – do you contribute to The Rotary Foundation (TRF)? Whether you do or don't, are you aware that some of your donation is returned to our District three years later?

Each year our District learns how much money will be coming back from the donations we made three years earlier. Our 44 clubs then apply to our District Grants Committee for grants to fund local or international projects.

I encourage every Rotarian to look for opportunities in their community that could benefit from a \$500 to \$2,500 grant. Think about local organizations that have needs that their own budgets are not able to cover. Do you belong to other groups besides Rotary? How would a Rotary grant support their missions?

The local projects we have approved for 2018-2019 include assisting the hearing impaired and the physically challenged, improving spaces for youth mentoring and community gathering, purchasing new equipment for fire departments and a food pantry, providing food and hygiene items for youth, and replacing trees.

Our District grants fund projects in other countries. The Grants Committee approved grants to four projects for this year – school desks in Liberia, a marketplace roof in Ghana, a water system fence in Haiti and classrooms in Lesotho. International grants can range from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

In addition to the local and international projects that we fund, our clubs and District can participate in Global Grants. These are projects that involve clubs or districts in at least two countries. This means that a large project in your community (minimum budget of \$30,000) can qualify for a Global Grant if your club can identify a club or district in another country that will work with you.

Bottom line – dream big! If you have an idea but aren't sure how to begin, contact me at csburger@frontiernet.net or (607) 692-3442. **Let's be the inspiration!**

Cindy Burger

2018-2019 District 7170 Grants Subcommittee

Resistible vs Irresistible

On Saturday September 15th a regional membership seminar was held in Syracuse, New York for our Rotary District 7170 along with Districts 7120, 7150 and 7190. Presenters included the four District Membership Chairs along with Zone 29 Coordinator Bill Gormont.

Key Presenters were Doug Logan PDG from District 7820 and Louisa V.B. Horne, the District 7820 trainer and DGE.

Doug and Louisa were presenters at a breakout session held in Toronto for the International Convention.

As we all know, membership is a hot button topic, but Doug and Louisa argue that simply looking for and asking more people to join Rotary is not the answer. Rather, clubs need to look within and examine ways that they themselves can change and improve to become:

SIMPLY IRRESISTABLE to non Rotarians.

As we all know, Rotarians are People Of Action. Therefore, we must consider being

- A Agile and adaptive
- C Collaborative and community minded
- T Tenacious with resilient leadership
- I Impactful
- O Open minded
- N Nurturing

Breakout sessions were held as follows:

Concurrent Interactive Breakouts

- Methods for Managing Membership Leads
- Considerations for Determining “Is Your Club Healthy?”
- Techniques for Attracting New Members
- Ideas to Kick-start Your New Member Orientation
- Approaches to Become Flexible, Innovative and Diverse Strategies

Many ideas and thoughts were taken away from this successful event. Actions plans are being developed as well as a District Membership Strategic Plan.

Matt Adler

District Membership Chair and DGN 20-21



Tree Peony Club Order Sheet

Name:

Rotary Club:

Address:

Phone Number, E-mail Address:

\$25 September 16, 2018 – March 30, 2019

Color	Price/Plant	Quantity	Sub-Total
Pink	\$25		
Red	\$25		
Purple	\$25		
White	\$25		
Yellow	\$25		
Total			

Make check payable to: Rotary District 7170

Send check and club order form to: Tony Salerno, District Treasurer
8 Hanford Dr.
Dryden, NY 13053

\$10 from each plant sold by your club will be donated to the Rotary Foundation in your club's name. Your club will receive the per capita credit and Foundation points.

Your order will be ready to pick-up at the District Training Assemblies and Grants Management Seminars in spring 2019.

**Tree Peony Planting Project | Richard Matsushima | 3405 Almar Dr. | Vestal, NY 13850 |
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Save The Date

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District Conference

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

DoubleTree Binghamton

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District Pass the Gavel

Wednesday, June 19th, 2019

TBD

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

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