

## October Events

6<sup>th</sup>-Unadilla Autumn Fest

11<sup>th</sup>-Governor-AG group meeting

19<sup>th</sup>-Dryden 5 & 10K Race

19<sup>th</sup>-YEP Passport Fair-Owego

19<sup>th</sup>-Cortland's 100<sup>th</sup> Celebration Dinner-Tinelli's

24<sup>th</sup>- World Polio Day

25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>-YEP NYC Trip

26<sup>th</sup>-Greene's Octoberfest-Silo Restaurant



I hope you are all enjoying fall and all of the activities going on in District 7170. By the time you read this I will have visited 32 clubs and I continue to discover all kinds of exciting things. Being a retired history teacher, I am fascinated by the history in our District. I am especially intrigued by the hidden treasures in Delaware county. If you have never visited these clubs, you are missing out on a lot. A special congratulation goes out to the Deposit Rotary Club for the dedication of their community's 9/11 Memorial. This project was made possible by a district community grant. There is a picture of the memorial elsewhere in this newsletter.

October is Economic and Community Development Month. What is your club doing to promote business and community development in your area? World Polio Day also occurs on Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. Are you planning a fundraising activity for Polio Plus? Several of our clubs are busy with the restaurant project being supported by the District. Remember, an activity to support Polio Plus is a part of the "Governor's Challenge" this year.

Our Youth Exchange Program is in full swing. The inbound students have arrived and are beginning to settle in. They have finished their orientation program and are looking forward to the New York City trip on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Remember that District interview forms are due to Ed Forman no later than the 11<sup>th</sup>. This year's Passport Fair will be in Owego on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

The Foundation Dinner registration is now on-line. You can find a link to register among the events listed on the District website. The committee planning this has worked hard to make it a memorable event for all who attend. The featured speaker will be Jeffry Cadorette who is the current RI director for our new Zone. His talk is sure to be inspiring. If your club receives notice that you will be recognized at the dinner, please try to have someone present to receive your award.

Several District leaders have returned from their training at this year's Zone Conference in Niagara Falls, Ontario. Training was offered to District Governor, District Governor Elect, District Governor Nominee, District trainer, membership, the Rotary Foundation, emerging leaders, public relations. If your club needs help in any of these areas all you need to do is ask. The main responsibility of the District is to provide training to its members.

Finally, I would like to recognize two of our clubs who have special

events this month. Cortland Noon is celebrating its' 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a Celebration Dinner at Tinelli's Hathaway House in Cincinnatus on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. This is open to all District 7170 Rotarians. Foundation Trustee Jennifer Jones will be the featured speaker. Colesville-Harpursville is also celebrating their 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary this month. Congratulations to both clubs for their years of service.

Until next time,  
Yours In Rotary Service,

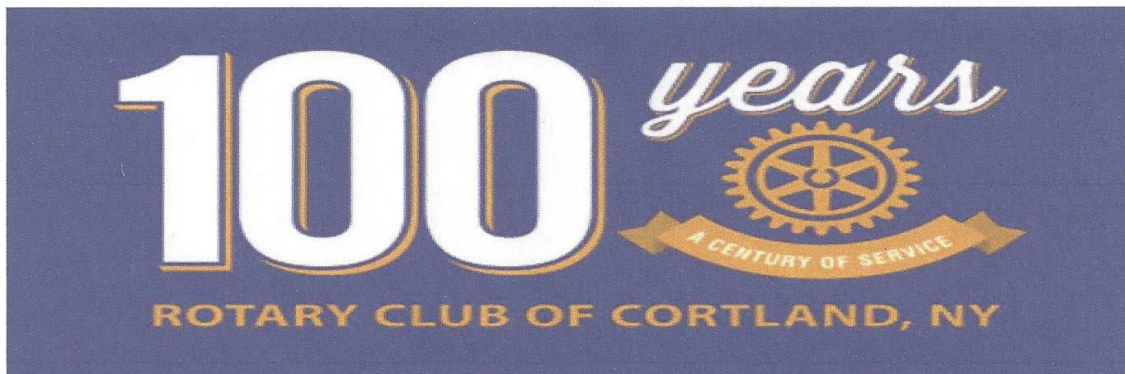
*DJ Dave*



## Deposit New York's 9/11 Memorial Dedication

On September 11<sup>th</sup>, the members of the **Deposit Rotary Club**, the Deposit Fire Department, the American Legion, the V.F.W and the Village of Deposit officially dedicated the community's 9/11 Memorial. The center piece of the memorial, shown in the picture below, is one of the few remaining pieces of the aluminum skin from one of the towers at the World Trade Center. The artifact was given to the Deposit Fire Department for their service during the days following the attack. The Deposit Rotary Club applied for and received a District Community Grant to build the Memorial display in the Village's Memorial Park. This project is an excellent example of what can be done when organizations connect and work together to achieve a goal. "Rotary Connects the World".





*Please come and help us celebrate 100 years of service to the Cortland Community!*

*Our celebration will be October 19, 2019*

*At Tinelli's Hathaway House at 3960 State Route 41, Cincinnatus*

*Let the celebrating start at 5:00 PM, dinner at 6:00 PM*

*Our special guest for the evening is Foundation Trustee Jennifer Jones*

*Music by Steve Daniels and Friends*

*Cost is \$50 per person*

*Make your reservation today!*

*Final date to register is October 8, 2019*

There are only 300 seats available. We will accept reservations on a first come first accepted.

If you are a Paul Harris Fellow we would ask that you wear your medallion, as well as your pin.

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### *Reservation Form*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Contacts telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

Badge Name \_\_\_\_\_ Badge Name \_\_\_\_\_

Club name \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a PHF \_\_\_\_\_ Is your guest a PHF \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any special dietary needs? \_\_\_\_\_

Mail your check &  
reservation to:  
The Rotary Club of  
Cortland  
PO Box 5248  
Cortland, NY  
13045



Turn your wounds into wisdom. Oprah Winfrey

# Rotary Salutes!!!



The **Groton Rotary** ongoing project at the Revolutionary War Easthill Cemetery project got a needed boost of help from the Groton football players. Their coach, Sgt. Joe Manning graduated from Groton and was happy to help Rotary with some strong backs! He offered to come back in May to continue and hopefully finish the heavy lifting. A nice group of young men.



**Trumansburg Rotary** sold out of their famous Chicken BBQ at the Trumansburg Middle School Open House on September 19th.





## Rotary Salutes!!!!...continued...

### Oneonta Rotary Raises Over \$3300 for Operation Warm

Oneonta Rotary's raffle raised over \$3,300 for Operation Warm which provides new winter coats for children in need. Dr. Kathy Knox, owner of Otsego Family Dental P.C. and president of Unadilla Rotary, won the raffle. Clark Smith, son of Oneonta Rotary's Chad Smith, drew the winning ticket for \$500 worth of scratch-offs and gift certificates at the Grand & Glorious Garage Sale on September 7, 2019. We want to extend a big thank you to everyone that helped out by selling and buying tickets and spreading the word and to Dr. Knox who generously donated her winnings to Operation Warm. Coats will be given to area school children later this fall.



While standing in front of the prize board, Operation Warm fundraising chair Dave Rowley holds a buckets containing the raffle tickets while Clark Smith makes the selection.



Oneonta Rotary president, Lynne Sessions (L) delivered the prize to Dr. Knox, DDS at her practice, Otsego Family Dental P.C.

In August, *The Wall Street Journal* reported that the country of India is “running out of water!” Their groundwater reserves are rapidly depleting and according to a 2018 report by NITI Aayog, a government policy think tank – 40% of India's people could lack drinking water by the end of the next decade.

Our District 7170 has joined the Rotary Club of Kodungallur, India is helping alleviate this problem through a global grant. The club has identified a source of potable water in the Padanna, a coastal area in Kerala State and is beginning to build a pumping station with an overhand tank to alleviate the lack of clean water. Pipelines are being laid to each house in the community that do not have a source of potable drinking water. This will serve 250 families and students in a nearby school.

How amazing that a district in Upstate New York can make such a difference for people in our world! Your contribution to the Rotary Foundation allows us to make that difference.

It's not how much you have that makes people look up to you, it's who you are. **Elvis Presley**



L-R Evan Kurtz (Dryden), Dave Jones (Cortland), Joe Bowers (Dryden), Grant VanSant (Cortland), Mike Stone (Cortland), Brain Buttner (Dryden)

Over this last Labor Day weekend eight Rotarians from two clubs (Dryden & Cortland) showed up to help with work on 2 houses for *Habitat for Humanity of Tompkins & Cortland Counties*! For 3 hours six Rotarians hauled shingles and started laying them. Three other prepped the new foundation of the old farm house for future sealing. The weather was great and the company as good!

There is another opportunity for Rotarians from the clubs of Tompkins and Cortland Counties to help on **Saturday, 26 Oct, from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM.** As before, an RSVP is appreciated but not required. [emkurtz56@gmail.com](mailto:emkurtz56@gmail.com)

For other Rotarians and clubs in our District here are their regional Habitat offices contact information! Reach out and see how you might partner with Habitat in your community!

#### **Broome County Habitat for Humanity**

Endicott: Amy Winans, Executive Director  
[awinans@broomehabitat.org](mailto:awinans@broomehabitat.org)  
607-239-4783  
[www.broomhabitat.org](http://www.broomhabitat.org)

#### **Habitat for Humanity of Delaware County**

Delhi: an all-volunteer affiliate  
Phone: 607-746-9987  
[www.habitatdelawarecounty.org](http://www.habitatdelawarecounty.org)

#### **Chenango County Habitat for Humanity**

Norwich: an all-volunteer affiliate  
607-334-7492  
[habitat.chenango.org](http://habitat.chenango.org)

#### **Habitat for Humanity of Otsego County**

Oneonta: an all-volunteer affiliate  
607-432-7874  
[habitatotsego.org](http://habitatotsego.org)  
[habitatotsego@gmail.com](mailto:habitatotsego@gmail.com)

#### **References:**

[www.rotary.org/en/rotary-partners-habitat-humanity](http://www.rotary.org/en/rotary-partners-habitat-humanity)  
[www.rotary.org/en/about-rotary/partnerships](http://www.rotary.org/en/about-rotary/partnerships)  
[www.habitat.org/](http://www.habitat.org/)



Doug & Rene Larison, Cortland, help prep the new foundation under the old farm house



Shingling the 1,200 sq foot, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, new house. First of two being built



Kim Allan, Cortland, helps clean up new foundation under the old farm house.



I fear not the man who has practiced 10,000 kicks once, but I fear the man who has practiced one kick 10,000 times.

Bruce Lee



## Governor's Official Visitation Schedule for 2019-2020



### October:

- 1-Norwich (12:00 pm)
- 2-Deposit (5:30 pm)
- 3-Waverly (12:05 pm)
- 9-New Berlin (6:00 pm)
- 10-Whitney Point (6:15 pm)
- 16-Dryden (6:00 pm)
- 17-Sherburne (12:00 pm)
- 17-Oxford (6:15 pm)
- 22-Lansing-Ithaca (12:15 pm)
- 23-Unadilla (6:00 pm)
- 24-Oneonta (12:15 pm)
- 25-Schenevus-Worcester (12:00 pm)

I will meet with club board of directors for 1 hour after morning meetings and for one hour before noon and evening meetings.

I will also need 15 to 20 minutes of your meeting time to do my presentation.

## District Grant Tidbit

October 2019 District Grant Tidbit

The District Grant application asks for a budget for your project with quotes to document your expected expenses. The quotes do not have to be exact or current, but they shouldn't be too old, either. Quotes are to show you have a complete understanding, in terms of dollars and required items, of the cost of the project.

## Get Your Club Events on the District 7170 Calendar!

**Let other 7170 Rotarians know what your club is doing and maybe have additional participants!**

### **How do you do this?**

**If your club has a Club Runner account**, which many do, it is very simple. After you have logged on to your club website go to the 'Member Area', look down the left-hand list of options and, under 'Website Manager', select '**Edit Events 2.0**'.

Whether you are creating a new event for your site calendar or editing an existing event the simple step to have it posted to the District calendar is the same. At the bottom of the page, where you are creating or editing the event, you will see a radio button labeled '**Show Event in District Calendar?**' simply select 'Yes' and... done! Your event, and all its information, is now visible on the District 7170 calendar!

**If your club does not have a Club Runner account**, your event can be entered directly onto the District calendar by anyone who has the appropriate access privileges. "Who would that be?" you ask. That is the real question! For now, send the information to [7170Calendar@gmail.com](mailto:7170Calendar@gmail.com). This must include title, date, times, location, event description, and the name of a club member as a point of contact for the event (*if not provided it will be the President...*). Because of limits on the website, and limits on people's time, events must be directly related to your club. Large events that your club is participating in will not be posted.

# Extra, Extra, Read All About It!!!!

I was super excited to get The Rotarian magazine today because our club's event, Autumn Fest, was included on the Oct. events page. I have to brag, a little, because it **is** our event...but, I wanted to point out to every club that it isn't too hard to get your club's event listed in The Rotarian. You have to know well ahead of time, I emailed them in March, but I'm proof that it does work to email the address they list on that page. Hopefully more clubs in the District will submit their news this way, because I know we have a lot going on.

Best,

Zoë O. van der Meulen



Everyone should look in their October Rotarian and see what is going on.....there is also another item written by another of your District Rotarians.....you never know who may be in an issue that we know or some article that might spike your interest to do something about. This is all part of your dues and you should take advantage and see what a wonderful organization we all belong to!!!

Editor Cindy

***Rotary In Motion***





A vibrant autumn-themed poster for 'Autumn Fest 2019'. The background is a collage of seasonal imagery: large orange pumpkins, a wooden crate filled with hay and smaller pumpkins, and a field of bright yellow chrysanthemums. The text is overlaid on this background. At the top, 'AUTUMN FEST 2019' is written in a large, white, hand-drawn, chalk-like font. Below this, the date and time 'Sunday, October 6 10 AM - 4 PM' are displayed in a clean, white, sans-serif font. Further down, the location 'Covered Bridge Farm Market Unadilla, New York' and the website 'unadillarotary.org/autumn-fest' are listed in the same white sans-serif font. In the bottom left corner, a yellow circular graphic contains the text 'MUSIC FREE FUN FOR KIDS FARM MARKET + MORE' in a bold, white, sans-serif font, arranged in five lines.

**AUTUMN  
FEST  
2019**

**Sunday, October 6  
10 AM - 4 PM**

**Covered Bridge Farm Market  
Unadilla, New York  
[unadillarotary.org/autumn-fest](http://unadillarotary.org/autumn-fest)**

**MUSIC  
FREE FUN  
FOR KIDS  
FARM MARKET  
+ MORE**



## **Calling all Clubs in Rotary District 7170**

### **Challenge!!!**

### **Create a Restaurant week in your community to support the End Of Polio!!**

#### **Step One:**

Clubs will go out to restaurants in their community and ask if they would sponsor one night the week of October 24, 2019 World Polio Day. A sponsor would donate five percent of their gross receipts for that day to The Rotary Foundation, in the name of the sponsoring Club.

#### **Step Two:**

Once Clubs have secured restaurants their names would be submitted to the District. A District wide advertisement would be created, and published throughout our District, so everyone would know who is offering the deal each day that week.

#### **Step Three:**

Go out for dinner at participating restaurants the week of October 20 through 26th to support the final eradication of Polio!!





## BREW TASTING FOR HOSPICARE

- When: Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3 to 5 pm
- Tickets: 4 tastes and appetizers - \$20
- Where: Crossroads Bar and Grille –  
3120 North Triphammer Rd., Lansing



Sponsored by Lansing-  
Ithaca Rotary Club

Proceeds donated to  
Hospicare



## **Whitney Point Rotary 12th Annual Lobster Fest**

Saturday, November 2, 2019

**5 - 7 PM • Lisle Fire House**



### Lobster and Clam Dinner • Raffles

#### Menu includes:

1 1/4 lb. Fresh Maine Lobster  
1 doz. Fresh Clams • Salt Potatoes  
Coleslaw • Dessert  
Coffee • Tea • Water

**BYOB**

(Bring your own bottle)

### Tickets:

**\$30.00 PER PERSON**

Contact Whitney Point Rotarian

Go to: [www.wprotary.org](http://www.wprotary.org)

Please support Whitney Point  
Community projects with your  
attendance!

Lobsters express delivered live from the  
Maine docks to Whitney Point.





## Save The Date



Prompted by Rotary International's concern about Human Sex Trafficking in our world, Rotarians Linda Biemer and Lana Rouff (The Rotary Club of Binghamton) have been attending for the past two years the local, state-funded Safe Harbour Critical Task Force meetings. The group focuses on the prevention of sex and labor trafficking in the Southern Tier. It meets monthly and is part of the local Crime Victims' Assistance Center. The meetings are attended by representatives from social services, local law enforcement, county government, the Children's Home, church advocacy groups, mental health organizations and Family Planning of So. Central NY.

In addition, there is a much larger Southern Tier Task Force that is made up of AGs, State Police, local law enforcement, NYS Dept of Labor representatives, human services agencies, county govt. departments., educators, community volunteers, religious organizations, etc. from seven Southern Tier counties. Sex trafficking DOES exist right here in Rotary District 7170, but many still do not believe it does.

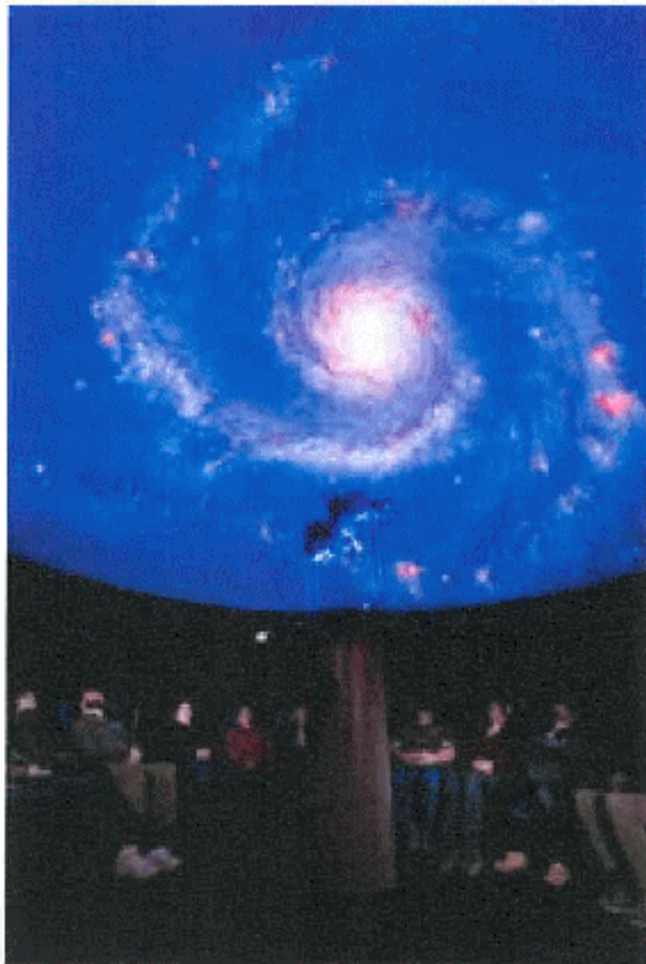
**On November 7 & 8** the Broome County Child Advocacy Center will present a workshop on Human Trafficking entitled "It Takes a Village." We are delighted that The Rotary Club of Binghamton and Rotary District 7170 has been able to financially support the event through Binghamton Charities & a district grant. As the time grows closer, volunteers will be needed to handle registration and additional administrative duties during those two days. Please mark your calendar and say "yes" when asked in October. For more information, see the website below:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/broome-county-cac-presents-it-takes-a-village-tickets-68479789895>





# **Join Groton Rotary for “An Evening at the Planetarium” on SUNY Cortland’s Campus.**



All are invited !

Join Groton Rotary Club as we host a unique community event entitled, ***“An Evening at the Planetarium”.***

**WHERE:** Meet at Bowers Hall on the SUNY Cortland Campus (off Graham Ave)

**WHEN:** Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2019 at 6:00 PM

Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 5:00.

**COST:** **Free** (includes free parking)

**FOR A PREVIEW, GO ONLINE TO:**  
[www2.cortland.edu/departments/physics/planetarium.dot](http://www2.cortland.edu/departments/physics/planetarium.dot)

RSVP TO MONA FORNEY  
at: [monafoney@aol.com](mailto:monafoney@aol.com)

**Rotary**  
Club of Groton



## Polio Report

Most Rotarians within our District 7170 are well aware of Rotary's commitment to eradicate polio worldwide. Our effort was initiated in the 1980's and for more than 30 years, it has made incredible progress in the fight to rid the world of the disease forever. Along with its partners – World Health Organization, UNICEF, Center of Disease Control and the William and Melinda Gates Foundation, it has helped immunize more the 2.5 billion children against polio in 122 countries. Through their efforts polio cases have been reduced by 99.9 percent worldwide.

To date Rotary's members have contributed more than \$1.8 billion to fight the disease and countless volunteer hours in immunization efforts. It has come very close to eradicating the disease. However, and unfortunately, figures are rising in two of the endemic countries – Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Mike McGovern, Chair of Rotary International's End Polio Now recently sent this update:

*We anticipate a certification this Rotary year that a second of the three strains of polio, "Type 3" will be certified as eradicated. This will occur around October 24th with an announcement in Geneva. Originally there were three strains of polio and this upcoming declaration will mean that two are gone.*

*We also anticipate this Rotary year that the AFRO region of the World Health Organization will be certified free of the wild polio virus. (Type 1) This is an amazing accomplishment when you consider the breadth of the continent and the lack of public health resources when we began this initiative with our partners. It is Type One polio that we have presently most focused on.*

*We also have and will have some cases of vaccine derived polio for a few years in Africa and in a number of countries. While this is of concern and is costly, these are not the cases we have traditionally focused upon. Yet tomorrow, (July 19), I am leaving for a few days in the Democratic Republic of the Congo to meet with our partners and the President of the country. We hope that they continue to focus on squashing these cases even as they deal with an ebola outbreak that was in the news yesterday.*

*The main point you ...Rotarians ... focus on are the case counts for Type 1 polio in Afghanistan and Pakistan,*

*As you have surmised, we are disappointed with the case counts in both countries. I could go on for thousands of pages listing the challenges and issues that have arisen but several aspects are in place that still give me confidence.*

*Afghanistan does continue to be plagued with access issues in three of its larger provinces that are largely controlled by anti-government elements. We have neutral*

*parties talk with the Taliban and have understood that opening up the areas to some immunizations is imminent. We had heard this week, but it has not yet occurred. I of course can not make promises but can indicate that every effort is being made without providing any accommodations that would be detrimental to support of the donors for the program. Put more simply, we are not going to give anything that would make Rotarians upset.*

*Pakistan has been close to eradication before but seems to have slippage in and around each quadrennial election. We were seeing this slippage as new personnel came in as the government changed hands a year ago. Then a couple of months ago, we faced the biggest challenge since the alleged doctor visit to Abbottabad. Some rogues in a number of schools in one city asked kids to fake illness after receiving polio drops. They filmed it all for Facebook and What's App and it immediately went viral. Some estimates said that before the day was out over 200,000 children showed up at hospitals with worried parents. The government confiscated some phones and found tapes of the perpetrators instructing the kids on how to act sick. The government also permanently closed the schools where this happened. Nonetheless, the damage was done and the level of vaccine refusals skyrocketed when the most recent vaccination activity was conducted less than a month ago. Great efforts are now underway to get things back on track including the Gates Foundation providing \$10 million for communication efforts.*

*I wish I could give exact dates for the complete eradication but past history persuades me not to do so.*

*I hope this is helpful.*

Our continued financial support is necessary to meet Rotary's goal to End Polio Now. Your generosity is so important and with your help we will fight the battle and achieve the goal. Please participate in the upcoming Restaurant Week during the week of October 20 -26<sup>th</sup>. More on this to follow!!







**SAVE THE DATE**

**WHEN: May 1,2,3, 2020**

**WHERE: MARRIOTT SYRACUSE  
DOWNTOWN**

**WHY: "CELEBRATION 2020"**  
(District 7170's 31<sup>st</sup> District Conference)

**CELEBRATE OUR SUCCESSES  
LEARN NEW THINGS  
HAVE FUN!!!!**



*Dave Bensley  
District Governor  
2019-2020*

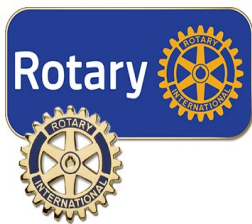
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Register for Hawaii  
International Conven-  
tion June 6-10, 2020

[Honolulu, Hawaii](#)

# Save The Date



## District Conference

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

**Marriott, Downtown Syracuse**

