

# Governor Jeff's District News

Rotary



## Summer Ends and Fall Begins

That was a fast summer. Hope you had the opportunity to enjoy the many events that take place in our area. August is a busy month for the District. There are many club events, our district and international grants are approved and our exciting exchange student program gets underway. August is also membership month and we are all working on ways to make Rotary attractive and diverse. Rotary is a very important force in our communities and in the world. Service above self is needed today more than ever. We should be proud of our organization and looking for ways to increase our impact in an ever-changing world.

The August issue of The Rotarian has a great article on membership. The article covers all facets of building membership. The article notes that if you want to attract Young Professionals, you have to go to where they are. This year our District is a sponsor of the Young Professional Summit that will be held in Binghamton on September 14. When you go to the web site for the Greater Binghamton Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Wheel will be visible.

September happens to be **New Generations Month**. This is a great time to think about the younger generations in our community and how we connect to them. We have four great programs to start with: Student Exchange, RYLA, Interact and Rotaract. Nurturing a strong pres-

ence in our schools through these programs instills an appreciation with the students, the schools and the parents. Over the many years we have operated these programs we have built up a significant set of contacts.

Many clubs also offer scholarships, provide mentoring and use Interact and Rotaract participants to assist in club and community projects. Promoting these joint projects provides recognition to the students and Rotary. Supporting student and Young Professional events is another way to build our influence.

September 8 is World Literacy Day. There are several club projects that promote literacy from the children's book program in Groton (get correct name), mentoring, book programs and early education. Age 0 to 3 is a very important time in the intellectual development of a child. Jesse Katen, Past President of the Binghamton Noon Rotary Club and Chair of Education and Literacy is developing a guest viewpoint for Education Day.

Flooding: Many of our communities suffered from recent flooding. Some clubs are assessing damages to see if support is warranted. The District would be interested in receiving club reports on this topic and any ideas for consideration.

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**District Goal 3:** In the last two newsletters we introduced 2 District goals:

District goal 1: promote and support our clubs and communities

District goal 2: help clubs, communities, the District and Rotary International manage change

District goal 3 is to “increase our international presence”. Clubs are already increasing our international presence in many ways:

Clubs are increasing use of International and Global Grants. The rather new international grants are much simpler to develop.

Clubs are learning to develop holistic community plans in concert with members of the communities they are striving to help.

Clubs are learning to collaborate within Rotary and beyond to make a greater impact. A great example is the Health for Haiti program at SUNY Broome which is on its fifth year. Collaboration is taking place in our own District and in Haiti to create a sustained focus that is changing lives and making a significant progress. The students involved in this accredited course believe it to be a “life changing” experience.

Clubs and the District are supporting Global Grants developed by others. Sometimes the simplest solution is to support a project that has been developed by others

Our own Global Grant on Opioid abuse in our District requires the cooperation of international partners. This Global Grant is developing a new approach to improving the wellbeing of our communities. Related topics such as foster care and sex trafficking are already in our sights.

The Ithaca club demonstrated immediate response to international tragedies with their work in Puerto Rico. They have developed new ways of increasing funds for their work.

Some of our clubs like Hancock Rotary have maintained an international partnership for decades.

PDG Richard has introduced his Japanese culture to our District through his actions

and through his unique Japanese Tree Peony project.

We are just scratching the surface of what can be accomplished. Our noted student exchange program opens up our contacts to many countries. Our eleven colleges and Universities have tremendous international contacts and in some cases are leading authorities on important topics such as growth opportunities for developing countries. Our own Polio Plus program demonstrates the value of a sustained focus. Our emerging District strategy for environmental sustainability reminds us that across the globe we are all in this together.

Celebration Zone: Celebration Zone starts September 29<sup>th</sup> in Erie Pennsylvania. This event is a forum to train the DGE and key committee leaders.

#### August Rotary Visits and Events:

Ithaca Noon Club and Board: Received draft resolution on establishing greater opportunity for woman in leadership positions in Rotary. This is an important topic that District 7170 will be addressing with Rotary International.

Ithaca Road Rally (This event ended at Greek Peak. Would Greek Peak make a good site for a District fun event?)

District Finance Committee and District Advisory Council at the Binghamton Breakfast Club

RCC meeting at the Dryden Rotary Club  
Bainbridge Memorial Golf Tournament  
Trumansburg Club

Owego Club and Board

Endwell Rotary Tent at the Dick's Senior Open

Service Club night at the Rumble Ponies

Colesville Book Committee: Developing a book of invocations written by long-time member Lida Bassler

#### Community Projects and Events:

Endicott Proud community collaboration

Planning for Youth Summit

Presentation on work force development for people with a criminal record

Southern Tier 8: Preparation for 10/17 conference economic development for the

Southern Tier  
Binghamton Regional Sustainability Coalition on an Environmental Sustainability strategy for our District.

World Polio Day: Start planning on club events on World Polio Day. District is preparing a video for this year's event.

Upcoming Events:

World Literacy Day  
Youth Exchange Orientation: 9/13-15 at Cooperstown High School  
Young Professional Summit: 9/14  
Regional Membership Strategy: 9/15 in Syracuse: See Matt Adler  
Unadilla Rotary Autumn Fest  
Nominating Committee: 9/22  
Celebration Zone: 9/26 –

Jeff Smith  
District Governor

## Rotarians of the Month

Rotarians of the Month: The Rotarians of the month are **Martha and Martin Winsor of the Edmeston Club**. Both of these long-standing Rotarians have served as club President and have started our only Rotary Community Corp (RCC). The Edmeston Club has a list of over 60 community residents that can be called upon to support club projects and programs. In all of our communities there are folks that want to support their community but do not want to belong to an organization and do all of the planning that is necessary for community projects. A RCC is one way for a club to expand its capabilities and impact.

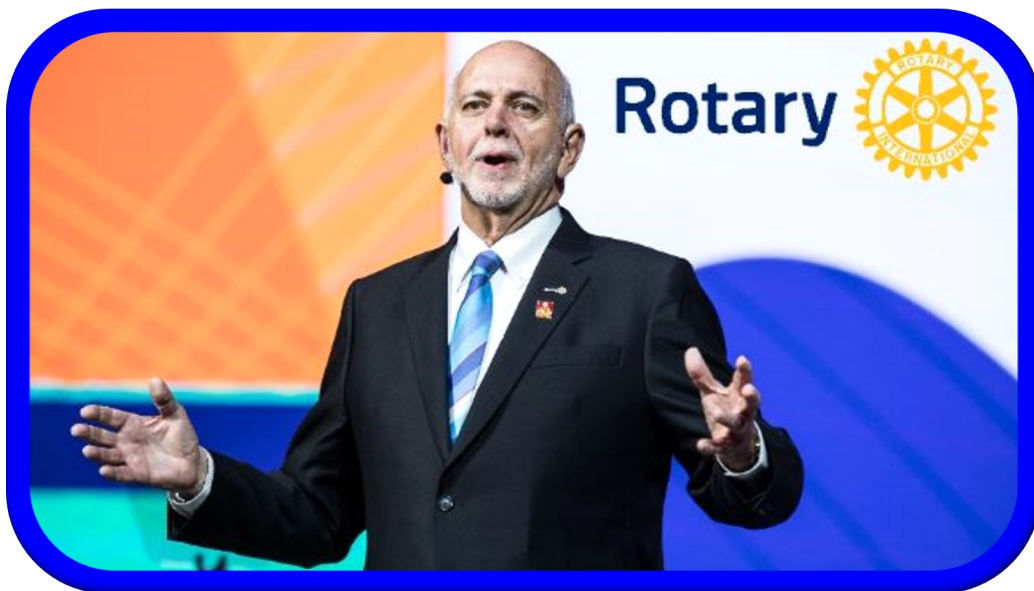
The Winsors have a passion for their community and are starting some community forums to address specific issues and opportunities. A recent forum addressed emergency preparedness and they arranged for some experts from New York State to lead the session. A future session will address the Opioid crisis. Martha and Marty recently visited the Dryden club to lead a discussion on RCCs to representatives of 6 clubs. They provided guidelines and a rather simple application process. They have fielded questions from clubs outside of our District and are happy to help your club to consider a RCC.



## Join us at the McKinley for the 2018 District 7170 Foundation Dinner.

Featuring Rotary International President **Barry Rassin**.

Monday October 29th, 2018



[Click here](#) to register on line. Note that on-line registration and on-line payment are done in different places. Full Payment instructions are included with your registration confirmation email or by using "Payment Instructions".

You should receive separate email confirmations for both your Registration and your Payment. Note: if using a GPS to get to the McKinley, use 1701 North St, Endicott NY.

Cost per person is \$48.

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Foundation





# Rotary Salutes

The lady, on the right, in the picture, is a 6-month new Rotarian from Delaware and she gave a donation to the Deposit food pantry to get one of our shirts, so Brenda did one better and had ***Deposit Rotary*** President give it to her and had a picture taken. She was beyond thrilled and was talking about how proud she was to be a Rotarian.



L to R Brenda Lee, Club President Jim Ficurilli and Sue Nilsson from Selbyville, Delaware.



DG Jeff met Wouter De foort  
Exchange Student to Deposit  
24 years ago

## Rotary Salutes cont.

### Oneonta Rotary Club Volunteers at Saturday's Bread

On Saturday, July 28, 2018, **The Oneonta Rotary Club** served as volunteers to staff Saturday's Bread, a hot meal program that provides dine in and/or takeout meals without cost for those in need. Club members greeted guests, cooked, sliced desserts, served food, refilled beverages, packed takeout items, set and bussed tables, and cleaned up after guests had finished. Laughter filled the air as club members worked together with Saturday's Bread staff to ensure that guests had an enjoyable dining experience. Oneonta Rotary Club is slated to volunteer again at the end of August. Thank you to Erik Kjellquist of Saturday's Bread for the photo.



Oneonta Rotary Club at Saturday's Bread. Check out our awesome yellow shirts and stylish head gear -- hair net, diner hat or ball cap anyone?

(from l. to r.: Alan Sessions, Lynne Sessions, Kathy Schofield, Rosalie Higgins, Eric Wilson, Sarah Patterson, Paul Patterson, Scott Davis, Kathy Davis, and Bill Davis. Not pictured: Alan Donovan who was cooking in the kitchen.)

### Oneonta Rotary Operation Warm Scratch Off Madness Fundraiser

The Oneonta Rotary Club will be at Balloon Fest in Neahwa Park in Oneonta from 2 pm-9pm on Saturday, September 1<sup>st</sup> selling raffle tickets for the Operation Warm Scratch Off Madness Fundraiser. Proceeds will be used to purchase new, warm coats for children in need. Tickets are \$5 for one and \$10 for three. The winner receives \$500 worth of scratch off lottery tickets. The drawing will be held on Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm on Oneonta's Main Street during the Catskill Choral Society's Grand and Glorious Garage Sale. Last year, the Oneonta Rotary Club purchased and distributed over 240 coats. To purchase tickets please contact any Oneonta Rotarian or email [oneontarotarysecretary@gmail.com](mailto:oneontarotarysecretary@gmail.com). Ticket holders do not need to be present to win.



A new coat for winter. Priceless.  
(2017 Operation Warm)



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](mailto:csburger@frontiernet.net) or (607) 692-3442. **Let's be the inspiration!**

Cindy Burger

2018-2019 District 7170 Grants Subcommittee

# Grant Money Awards

Club	Name of Grant	Amount Approved by Committee
Bainbridge	School Desks Liberia	\$2,500.00
Binghamton	Hearing Loop The Forum Theatre	\$1,500.00
Binghamton	Ghana Marketplace	\$4,000.00
Cooperstown	Accessible Fishing Pier	\$1,500.00
Cortland	YWCA Basement Renovation	\$1,600.00
Cortland Breakfast	Refrigerator	\$1,000.00
Dryden	Café Rejuvenation	\$1,875.00
Endwell	Fence for Filtration System Haiti	\$3,000.00
Franklin	Library Safety Fence	\$1,912.00
Greene	Trips for Kids	\$1,750.00
Hillcrest	Exhaust Fan	\$1,710.00
Ithaca	Days for Girls	\$1,750.00
Johnson City	School Desks Liberia	\$2,500.00
Owego	Garden Newark Valley	\$1,675.00
Richfield Springs	Library Children's Area Supplies	\$2,000.00
Sherburne	Multigas Detector	\$1,800.00
Sidney	BackPack Program	\$ 750.00
Sidney	Toothbrushes	\$1,000.00
Trumansburg	Reforestation Fairgrounds	\$2,000.00
Unadilla	Classroom & Wash Station Lesotho	\$4,000.00
Vestal	B.U.S. Bucks	\$1,500.00
Totals		\$41,322.00





## Tree Peony Club Order Sheet

Name:

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Rotary Club:

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Address:

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Phone Number, E-mail Address:

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\$20 before September 15, 2018

*Price increases to \$25 from September 16, 2018 – March 30, 2019*

Color	Price/Plant	Quantity	Sub-Total
Pink	\$20		
Red	\$20		
Purple	\$20		
White	\$20		
Yellow	\$20		
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 | 607-770-9428 |  
dg7170.2016@gmail.com

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## GOLF TOURNAMENT



**Saturday, September 8th**



HARDWOOD HILLS Golf Course, Route 8 Masonville, NY

**Day of Tournament - Check in @ 8:00 am until Shotgun Start at 9:00 am**  
**CHICKEN BARBECUE and Awards Ceremony to follow**

*Sponsored by The Deposit Rotary Club*  
All proceeds to benefit Rotary Charities

### Golf Tournament Prizes

- Team placement prizes...  
1<sup>ST</sup> - \$200.00 2<sup>ND</sup> - \$100.00 3<sup>RD</sup> - \$80.00
- Closest to the Pin (Mens and Ladies)
- Longest Drive (Mens and Ladies)

### RAFFLE

**\$200 CASH**  
+ more prizes!

*Buy your raffle tickets from  
any local Deposit Rotarian NOW!*

Please complete this registration form by Sept. 1st and mail with payment made out to:  
Deposit Rotary Club c/o Mark Tucker PO Box 83 Deposit, NY 13654



Sign up is at Hardwood Hills or send in the form as indicated.

**\$260.00 per team or \$65.00 each, Includes Golf, Cart, and Chicken BBQ**

Team Name \_\_\_\_\_

Captain Name \_\_\_\_\_ Crew member 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Crew Member 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Crew Member 3 \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions, Please call Mark Tucker: 467-2066 x221 or email marktucker@ezrec.com

# BINGHAMTON BREAKFAST CLUB CHICKEN BBQ FUNDRAISER



Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>

11 am – sold out

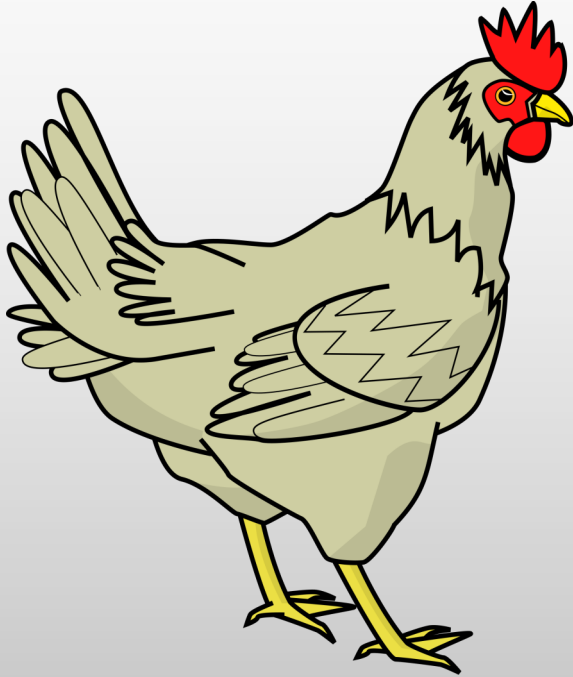
At 1326 Upper Front Street in Binghamton

(by Lowe's Home Center)



# NIMMONSBURG ROTARY CLUB

## CHICKEN BBQ FUNDRAISER



Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>

10:30 am – sold out

Stop by the BBQ tent in front of Lowe's Home Improvement,  
1318 Upper Front Street (corner of Front Street and Route 11/  
Castle Creek Road).



# ONE ROTARY SUMMIT

Attention enthusiastic Rotarians! ONE ROTARY SUMMIT joins together Rotary leaders to exchange ideas on energizing and boosting your club for growth, service and public interaction. Rotarians are Leaders! Engage fresh new thinking and take home hands-on tools to strengthen membership, public image and involvement in Foundation programs.







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International Conven-  
tion June 1-5, 2019

[Hamburg 2019](#)

Save The Date



*Foundation Dinner*

*Monday October 29th, 2018*

*RI President Barry Rassin will be guest speaker*

*The McKinley*



*District Conference*

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

*DoubleTree Binghamton*



*District Pass the Gavel*

*Wednesday, June 19th, 2019*

*TBD*