





### September **Events**

Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> Brooks BBQ (Binghamton Breakfast Club) Sept 11th 911 Memorial Day Dedication (Deposit) Sept 12-14th **YEP Student Orientation** (Cooperstown) Sept 14<sup>th</sup> **District Nominating Com**mittee (Binghamton Club) Sept 14<sup>th</sup> Great Ithaca Bake-Off Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> Ironman Golf Tournament (Deposit Club) Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> Dryden Open House Sept 17th-21 Zone Conference (Niagara Falls, Ontario) Sept 20th Dryden Fall Dash Sept. 21st **Cauliflower Festival** Margaretville Pavilion behind Foodtown on Bridge Street. Sept 23rd **Eastern Cities Fellowship** Dinner (Rochester) Sept 28th Chicken BBQ (Nimmonsburg) Sept 28th Casino Night (Colesville-Harpursville)

It doesn't seem possible, but here we go into the third month of the Rotary year. By the time vou read this I will have finished my official visits to 26 clubs. In addition to my formal club visits, I have been making trips to several special club events. I am seeing places I have never seen before and learning things about clubs that I had never known before. I have been very impressed with everything I have seen. The clubs of Rotary District 7170 are alive, well and "Connecting the World". Big or small, the world needs you all! I have been especially honored to have participated in awarding Paul Harris Fellowships while at Margaretville and Ithaca Sunrise. There are many plans in the works for events during the month of September and the following months. The events are listed in the calendar to the left and some have advertisements elsewhere in the Newsletter. One of my main goals for ler Hotel in Ithaca on Sunday, this Rotary year is to help our clubs connect with one another. Look over the events and try to find at least one sponsored by another club that you can attend. Let's make a conscious effort to find out what each other are doing. You might even find an activity that your club could do. Don't forget to send me pictures of your events for use at the District Conference in May.

This year I am also issuing a "Governor's Challenge" to all the clubs in District 7170. The challenge has four parts as fol-

lows: 1) A net gain of 1 member. 2) Per capita giving to the Foundation's Annual Fund of \$50. 3) Per capita giving to Polio Plus of \$50. 4) Completion of a Polio Plus activity during the week of October 24<sup>th</sup>. Clubs which meet the challenge will be recognized at the District Conference next May. All parts of the challenge must be completed no later than April 1, 2020.

One of Rotary's most successful youth programs is RYLA. Jack Sullivan of the Owego Rotary has chaired the RYLA committee for many years. Jack has made the decision to step down from this role. Jack's leadership will be missed. Jeff Henry of the Green Rotary has stepped up to replace Jack. Jeff has served as vice-chair of the committee for several years. I wish them both the best of luck in the future.

Finally, this year's Foundation Dinner will be held at the Stat-November 10<sup>th</sup>. You will find more information and a link to register for this event elsewhere in this newsletter. I would like to give a special thank you to Jean Cadwallader for her hard work in finding the speaker for this year's dinner. Until next time,

Yours In Rotary Service

DG Dave



## **District Grant Tidbit**

When the Grants Committee Chair submits the District Grant request to The Rotary Foundation, each project must fit under one of the following categories: **Community Development** (general, construction/renovation, volunteer services, community needs assessment), **Education** (general, literacy, scholarship, volunteer services), **Food/Agriculture** (general, volunteer services), **Health** (general, disease, volunteer services), **Peace** (general, volunteer services) or **Water** (sanitation, supply/access, volunteer services). These are very close to Rotary's Six Areas of Focus: Peace and Conflict Prevention/ Resolution, Disease Prevention and Treatment, Water and Sanitation, Maternal and Child Health, Basic Education and Literacy, Economic and Community Development.

In June 2020 the District Grants Committee will consider how closely grant applications fit into these categories. Keep these in mind as you think about projects for 2020-2021.

## Rotary Salutes!!!

1<sup>st</sup> Annual Sausage and Brew Festival sponsored by the *Hobart Rotary Club*. As you can see from the photos, it was a huge success. Kudos to the Hobart Club for all of their hard work.



### INTERNATIONAL SERVICE REPORT

Last April, District 7170's Finance Committee agreed to support a project in Thessaloniki, Greece. With \$5, 431 in District Designated Funds (DDF), it joined Rotary clubs in Serbia, Greece, Pittsburgh, PA, Lake Forest, Illinois, and Turkey to help a public hospital in the northern area of Greece. The hospital treats middle-to low income patients and immigrants who are arriving daily. They are in urgent need of modern toilet facilities that will help reduce possible health problems. The objectives of the project are to: (1.) Construct twelve (12) toilets in the facility to prevent cross contamination among patients, staff and visitors; (2.) Construct a much-needed ramp at one of the entrances to the hospital. This will facilitate patients' access and immediate evacuation in case of emergency such as an earthquake and/or fire. (3.) Publish and display illustrated pamphlets and signage in three languages (Greek, English and Arabic) instructing the proper use of the toilets and (4.) Conduct courses for the healthcare personnel on personal hygiene, handwashing and the prevention measures to avoid the spread of hospital infections. The entire project cost was \$40,478 which included \$19,090 from Rotary's World Fund.

The grant was approved in July and work has begun! 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.

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

June through August of 2019 has been very busy for Oneonta Rotary.

In June, Cindy Struckle's President's Project (2018-2019) resulted in the presentation of a check for 1,000 plus baskets full of personal care items to Laurens School Special Education instructor Lindsay Gifford to create a "Hygiene Closet" at Laurens Central School. The program will provide these items to students who would otherwise go without. Throughout the month of June, Oneonta Rotarians filled buckets and baskets with toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, soap and deodorant to stock the Hygiene Closet. The project is scheduled to open this fall. *Photo* #1

On June 20, outgoing president Cindy Struckle, "passed the gavel" to incoming president Lynne Sessions. The ceremony, which was held at the Morris Complex, SUNY Oneonta, also featured a special presentation by Charlie Nicosia to Sam Koury-- a new, annual scholarship in Koury's name to honor his lifelong commitment to community service. The scholarship will go to a graduating student from Oneonta High School that best exemplifies this spirit of community service. *Photos* #2&3

In July, Oneonta Rotary president, Lynne Sessions recognized Ed Forman as a 3x Paul Harris Fellow at a club meeting. *Photo #4* 

Oneonta Rotarians and their family members volunteered at Saturday's Bread, a hot meal program for anyone who would like one, housed at First United Methodist Church in Oneonta, in both July and August. *Photos* #5&6

Finally, Oneonta Rotary kicked off fundraising for Operation Warm on August 3, at the City of the Hills Arts and Music Festival in a cooperative effort with the Unadilla Rotary. Zoe Vandermeulen from Unadilla suggested that Oneonta Rotary share a tent with Unadilla at the event. The cooperative arrangement worked beautifully as Unadilla Rotary promoted their Autumn Fest on October 6 and the Oneonta Rotary sold raffle tickets for a board of \$500 worth of lottery tickets to raise funds to purchase new, warm coats for children this winter. Despite a roaring thunderstorm at the end of the day, the event was a success! *Photo* #7

Oneonta Rotary's Operation Warm: There are two more chances to purchase raffle tickets for our big board of lottery tickets. Oneonta Rotary will be selling tickets on August 31 at Balloon Fest in Neahwa Park, Oneonta and again on Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at the Grand and Glorious Garage Sale, Main St Oneonta. Drawing is at 2 PM on the 7<sup>th</sup>. You not need to be present to win. Tickets are also available by emailing <u>president@oneontarotary.org</u>. Last year, through Operation Warm, Oneonta Rotary donated coats to students in Oneonta, Laurens, Charlotte Valley, Schenevus and Worcester. *Photo #8* 

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Photo #1 Cindy Struckle, Alan Sessions, Pete Miller, Lindsay Gifford



Photo #2 Cindy and Lynne



Photo #3 Sam Koury, Cindy Struckle, Charlie Nicosia



Photo #4 Ed and Lynne





Photo #5 &6 Saturday's Bread



Photo #7 Dave Rowley (O), Meghan Sheehy (O), Alan Sessions (O), Lynne Sessions (O), Scott Davis (O), Zoe Vandermeulen (U), Al Grust (O) and Kathy Knox (U).



Photo #8 Meghan Sheehy, Alan Sessions



#### September:

4-Stamford (6:00 pm) 5-Oxford (5:30 pm) 10-Endwell (6:00 pm) 12-Richfield Springs (5:30 pm) 24-Cooperstown (12:15 pm) 25-Edmeston (6:00 pm) 26-Trumansburg (6:30 pm)





### 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) 22-Lansing-Ithaca (12:15 pm) 23-Unadilla (6:00 pm) 24-Oneonta (12:15 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.



## 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 <u>7170Calendar@gmail.com</u>. 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.

My name is Jennifer Cower and I am a Rotarian from the *Colesville Rotary Club*. I am reaching out to other area Rotary clubs to see if you will join me in supporting the:

## FIRST ANNUAL BACK PACKS FOR SASHA Memorial School Supply Drive

We are collecting back packs and school supplies to be given in Memory of Sasha to students at Westmere Elementary School in Guilderland where she attended Kindergarten, and local schools in the Binghamton Area.

## Our goal is to collect enough money or supplies for 50-100 backpacks

#### A little backstory

On May 17, 2019 Sasha Melville was tragically killed by her mother in a murder/suicide. She was five years old. Sasha loved school. She thrived in school. And had a smile that would light up a room and fill your heart with wonderment.

With such a tragedy our family has been struggling since there is no understanding as to why this happened. To be honest we will never know why. In an effort to give our family something positive to focus on we decided to do something that will help the children of Sasha's school and others in the Binghamton area, in her name, and in her memory. Our goal is to raise money or get enough supplies to make up 50 to 100 backpacks. Even more would be better as we would be able to help so many others.

Please consider helping to support this event. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach me at 607-727-4212 or you can email me at <u>jcower@nbtbank.com</u> or <u>jjcower@aol.com</u>.

Thank you for the consideration.



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



# District Grantee named CNN Hero for 2019

The <u>SAKALA community center in Cité Soleil</u>, Haiti has been getting a lot of good news lately.

In July they learned that the grant proposal by the *Nimmonsburg Rotary Club* for solar power lighting at the center was approved by the District 7170 committee (yay Nimmonsburg and District 7170). The additional lighting that is not dependent on the often-failing public electricity will enable SAKALA to hold more educational, athletic, gardening, and community activities later in the day.

Then, at the beginning of August, CNN officially named SAKALA's leader, <u>Daniel Tillias, as one of its CNN Heroes</u> <u>for 2019</u>. Only 20 are chosen every year from hundreds of nominations. With Daniel having been a guest speaker at the Nimmonsburg club's meeting last year, this makes this local news.

The next step in the CNN Hero process is for a CNN panel to choose its Top Ten for the year. Keep your fingers crossed because if Daniel is chosen, CNN viewers can then vote for the CNN Hero of the Year. The winner will be announced at a celebrity gala hosted by Anderson Cooper in December.

So, stay tuned, because in a couple of months we may be coming back to ask you to vote. In the meantime, SA-KALA will get started on installing its new solar lights. Just another example of the great partnerships – with talented folks near and far – that Rotary fosters.



CNN filming Daniel Tillias working with students in SAKALA's tutoring program in June in preparation for his CNN Hero 2019 story.





Date: Saturday September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Time: 11 AM Until 2 PM (or Sold Out)

Location: 1326 Upper Front Street Binghamton, NY 13901 (by Lowe's)

### Chicken Dinner

\$10.00 includes half chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, dinner roll & butter, hinged container and plasticware kit

Sponsored by the Binghamton Breakfast Rotary Club

Proceeds are used to fund our Rotary Youth Exchange





## Presents

## The Second Annual Great Ithaca Bake-C



## **Cookies / Brownies**

## 10:30 am to NOON Saturday, September 14, 2019, at the Ithaca Tompkins Regional Airport

## **Airport Day**





Loaves & Fishes of Tompkins County

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For Competition Rules, see over

#### **Competition Rales**

- Fee per competitor is 550 plus a refundable deposit of \$100. Two separate checks should be made payable to the Idiaca Sumise Rotary Club, Competitors may enter a maximum of three categories (Cakes, Pies, Cookies/Brownies), but must pay a separate entry fee for each one.
- The Bake-Off will take place in the lhaca Tompkins Regional Airport during Airport Day open house, which will include various events such as the 5k Run, a display of a World War II B-17 Bomher, a pancake breakfast and many other features that will attract large crowds.
- Each competitor will be allocated a 6-foot trestle table with table covering, halloons, and other decurations. A large bauner will be displayed outside at the entrance to the airport hangar. Table locations will be drawn from a hat. Table set-up begins at 9:30an.
- Baked items should not contain ingredients that will spoil without refrigeration.
- Competitors will supply their own signage to identify themselves, plus sample dishes, cups, napkins, and/or any other appropriate items and materials. Preparation of samples should be done alread of time.
- The lthace Sumise Rotary Club will sell tickets at the door for mombers of the public to sample the various categories. Tickets will be .50¢ per sample (with a minimum of \$5 for 10 samples). Raffle tickets to win one item of the various categories will also be sold for .50¢ per ticket. A sample tray will be provided for those purchasing 6 or more samples.
- While competitors will provide samples of the respective categories for public consumption, they will retain one complete item that will be used, in part, by the judges and then will become a prize in the raffle contest
- The Ithaca Suncise Rotary Club will produce flyers, PSAs, regular and social media advertising to promote the event. Names of paid competitors will feature prominently in these materials
- The trhaca Sunnse Rotary Club will sell tickets to the general public for sampling and sell raffle tickets for the competitors' baked items. The majority of the proceeds will go to Loaves and Fishes of Trompkins County.
- There will be a three-person jury which will judge each of the three categories. Prizes will be awarded to each winner.
   Runners up will be named but will not be eligible for a prize. Results of the Bake-Off will be sent to the local media for publication.

Send entry form with checks to			
Ithaca Sunrise Rotary, PO Box			
Email: IthacaSumriseRotary@g Deadline to enter is August 12t			
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Nothing will work unless you do. - Maya Angelou





## Chicken Barbecue

## September 28

10:30 till gone

In front of the Lowe's on Upper Front Street

\$10.00 includes 1/2 chicken, cabbage salad, baked beans and a rolls

Sponsored by Nimmonsburg Rotary

It is catered by



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## Sunday, October 6 10 AM - 4 PM

Covered Bridge Farm Market Unadilla, New York unadillarotary.org/autumn-fest



#### If you judge people you have no time to love them. - Mother Teresa



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

### Challenge!!!

### Create a Restaurant week in your

### community to support the **End Of Polio**!!

#### Step One:

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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 eradiation of Polio!!



## **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!!



## **Please Welcome New Members**

Club Margaretsville Owego Groton Colesville-Harpursville Marie Dauphinais Cooperstown Cooperstown Cooperstown Hillcrest Cooperstown

Member Judith Swartzstein **Ron Pasto** Lewis Robinson John Webb Nelson Mondaca **George Friend** Paula Perna Thomas Russo

**Sponsor Cathy Hinkley** Patrick Ousterout Nasar Khan Al Dauphinais **Richard Sternberg Richard Sternberg Richard Sternberg** Jason Aurelio Transfer from Scotch Plains, NJ





Rotary Tee Shirts are available for \$15 each. These shirts were produced by women in

India as part of the JHoole project formed by Hannah Warren, a speaker at our District

Conference. Hannah formed this project to empower women to raise funds to support their families. District 7170 supported this Global Grant. Now the project sells their merchandise globally. \$10.00 goes to the JHoole project. \$5.00 goes to the Rotary Foundation. Hannah is developing a larger manufacturing space in India .

Size options are: Double Extra Large, Extra Large, Large, Medium, Small, and Extra Small

Neck options are: Crew neck in navy blue, V neck in both colors shown above

Send orders to Jeff Smith at jsmith1532@aol.com

Send payments to Jeff Smith, 3600 Lorne Drive, Endwell NY, 13760

We will ship or deliver your shirts at no charge.

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Register for Hawaii International Convention June 6-10, 2020

<u>Honolulu, Hawaii</u>





**District Conference** 

Friday, May 1st through Sunday, May 3rd, 2020 Marriott, Downtown Syracuse



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