RUTARY IN THE NEWS CREATING OUR IMPACT



Interact Days were a success! We brought back a tradition this year and we had over 70 students attend events at Pine Bush HS or Ketcham HS. These students came from Pine Bush HS, Crispell MS, Northern Academy, Goshen HS, Warwick Valley HS, Clarkstown South HS, Brewster HS, John Jay HS, Hudson, FDR HS, Ketcham HS and Highland HS.

During the two days, we had over 15 advisors and many Rotarian volunteers. We received \$2800 in sponsorship funds from the following clubs: Warwick Valley, Wappingers Falls, Minisink Valley. New Paltz, Brewster, Goshen, Cairo, Wallkill East, Liberty, Coxsackie Athens and Hudson, A BIG THANK YOU to these clubs for their support!

SHOUT OUT TO CARRIE & TODD FOR ORGANIZING!



Applications are now open for the 2024-25 Interact Council. Students and Advisors are looking forward to more opportunities to get together for team building and service in the new year.



Contact Us www.rotarydistrict7210.org

LEADERSHIP. EDUCATION. GROWTH

START YOUR ENGINES NEW LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AHEAD...

Our District Team is looking to fill the positions of:

- * District Foundation Giving Chair
- * District YEX (Youth Exchange) Chair
- * District Youth Chair
- * Assistant Governors Teams for our Regions



For anyone who is interested please reach out to Leo Kaytes, DGE at ² rotary@kaytes.com

SHOUT OUT



Rhinebeck Rotary picked up over 70 bags of trash! WOW!!!

Kingston Rotary prepared 96 sandwiches, along with 48 meals for the Blue Fridge at the Clinton Avenue Methodist Church!





Nominations are open for our 2023-2024 awards. Simply go to the District Website and click "Awards" to nominate a Rotarian or Club in our District. Nominations will close May 15th, 2024.

The awards ceremony will be held on the End of the Year Party on June 27th. The following categories are open for nominations starting today:

Rotarian of the Year (3 Rotarians)

New Rotarian of the Year (up to 3 Rotarians)

President of the Year (2 Rotarians)

Service Project of the Year

Fundraising Project of the Year

Community Engagement Award (2 clubs)

Rotary Hall of F<mark>ame (up to 5 Rotarians)</mark>

Any questions please reach out to Todd Bowen or Beau Loendorf.



SHARE THE GOOD WE DO! If you have a story or picture we can use, please send it to our Public Image Chair, Beau Loendorf at beauloendorf@gmail.com #ROTARYSHARES

SAVE THE DATE, COME CELEBRATE!



CELEBRATION

June 27, 2024

Nostrano 14 Gala Ln Milton, NY 12547

6PM-9PM

(\$) \$30 Per Person

Music, Food, Awards, Fellowship, and FUN! You will not want to miss out.

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More Info: https://www.rotarydistrict7210.org/

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Rotary (Hudson Valley, New York) District Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.



RYLA New Application Deadline: MAY 22ND



Minisink Valley's Free Prom Gown & Suit giveaway was successful once again. This event was open to all students looking to attend Prom from anywhere in our District! This year, they provided over 587 Outfits (Gowns, Suits, plus shoes, handbags, ties, accessories, etc) to students. Minisink Valley estimates the total value of the goods provided is now over \$293,500!





Rotary 8





Cairo-Durham participated in the Irish parade in East Durham. A tradition that was brought back after many years away.

What is Rotary?

Did you know?

Wappingers Falls members wore purple to raise awareness for Foster Care Awareness Month.

SHARE YOUR CLUB SUCCESS

The PI Committee has resources you can now use. Here is how we can help you:



Create marketing materials for events or recruitment



Help with Social Media training and content.



Support with Graphic Design



Provide examples of successful marketing strategies to grow members and Rotary events

Contact our chair of the Public Image: Beau Loendorf, beauloendorf@gmail.com







REGION 5 & 6 SPRING PICNIC

A weekend in May brought over 100 members & guests to the first annual Region 5 & 6 Spring Picnic. From yard games to music and great food, everyone had a great time. Rotarians and friends shared a variety of dishes that everyone truly enjoyed! Thank you to everyone who came out to enjoy in the fun and a big thank you to Fancher-Davidge Park for hosting us. We cannot wait for this event to grow next year.











FROM SUFFERN ROTARY CLUB WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S

It was a chilly and overcast fall day on Sunday, October 15 when the Suffern Rotary Club team rallied to support and participate in the "Walk to End Alzheimer's", the premier Alzheimer's fundraiser in Rockland County and other walks across the United States. Captained by our former club President Bob Nachbaur, a dozen dedicated Rotarians walked to raise research funds towards finding the cure to this cruel disease. Unfortunately, many of our club walkers have close family members and friends that are afflicted or succumbed to Alzheimer's Disease, and this made their commitment to the event much stronger.

In addition to our club's walkers, the Suffern team had a booth that made available information pamphlets on joining the Rotary and included the description of its various community service activities. And all walk participants were able to grab water bottles to help quench their thirst during the day's events. As usual the club was proud to display the inflatable Rotary wheel that attracted inquiring walk participants.

Our Suffern Rotary Club was not only very eager to participate in the walk, but we have done so with distinction on both a team and individual basis. On a team basis, the Suffern Rotary was the #1 fundraising team in Rockland County with over \$30,000 raised (approximately \$220,000 was raised for the walk). Also, two of our teammates ranked in the Top 10 individual fundraisers, with David Hendler being the #1 individual fundraiser in the county (over \$20,000 raised). And the accolades go on as the Suffern Rotary Club was the #1 Rotary fundraising team in the entire United States. On the personal achievements side, two of our team members ranked in the "Top 10" individual Rotarian fundraisers in the United States. As well, David Hendler was the top Rotarian fundraiser in the United States as a member of our Suffern Rotary Club team! The entire team and the club was pleased by our achievements and we hope to exceed the funds raised in the upcoming 2024 walk.

With the Rotary International's Mental Health Initiative being a priority in the current 2023-2024 club year, the Suffern Rotary Club has made a tangible contribution towards increasing Alzheimer's Disease awareness regarding this widespread mental health condition. And the club was proud of raising vital funds needed to seek the medical and therapeutic cures that hopefully will be realized in the not too distant future.

PROFILE OF A ROTARIAN!

NAME: Alfonso "Al" Lotrecchiano

PROFESSION: Commercial Printer, Retired

ROTARY CLUB: Carmel (Initially Lake Mahopac Carmel Rotary Club)

ROTARIAN SINCE: 1963

ROTARY POSITIONS HELD: President, Vice President, Director, Bulletin Editor, District Conference Secretary (twice)

REASON FOR JOINING ROTARY: "I believe in the ideals of Rotary: The Four Way Test and Service Above Self. Rotary is my 'vehicle' to help make a difference locally, nationally and internationally."



BEST PART OF BEING A ROTARIAN: "The satisfaction that I have helped to make a difference in the lives of those in need. Not looking for accolades, but just trying to make the world a better place."

SERVICE PROJECT PASSION: Alternative Sentencing Program with the Town of Carmel Court

February 23rd marked Al's 61st anniversary of being a Rotarian. During those years, he says he has seen many changes—in his own life, in Rotary, in his community, and in the entire World. He has also seen a wide variety of projects come and go for one reason or another. One of the most rewarding projects he recalls was a program run by the Town of Carmel Court System, which was named "Alternative Sentencing." Through this program, when town judges were sentencing cases of teenagers, both male and female, for offenses such as drug possession, driving infractions, fighting, property damage, and similar, rather than incarceration, they would be required to complete community service hours. The Carmel Rotary Club agreed their members would supervise the individuals on weekends doing area beautification, landscaping, and painting types of service. Al was the chairperson of the program and was also responsible for maintaining attendance records and reporting back to the Town. He also worked with his fellow Rotarians to schedule members to assist with the supervision of workers. There were typically between two and seven individuals reporting for service. Sometimes it was a challenge managing the many different personalities of the individuals "doing their time," but AI said it was rewarding to see their attitudes change as they saw how the Rotarians worked right alongside them—not because they had to do it, but because they wanted to make their community a better place. Al was able to see a change in those serving their alternative sentences by the time they completed their hours of service. Al feels the program gave those individuals a sense of responsibility and the reward in seeing a completed task. Unfortunately, the program was discontinued when the judges who committed to the program retired and the new judges didn't have the same level of interest in continuing it. Al says that occasionally, he will see one of the individuals who was in the program. He is sometimes gifted with a cherished reward when they share that their life was changed for the better for having been a part of the community service program and being given a second chance. This is another example of how Rotary changes lives.

ROTARY REFLECTION: With more than six decades of Rotary experience, Al knows what it takes to be a successful Rotarian. When he first joined Rotary, his club represented the hamlets of both Lake Mahopac and Carmel. Shortly after, membership had expanded to the level where it was able to become two separate clubs. Al initially remained a member of the Lake Mahopac Club (where his business was located) until 1972, when he transferred into the Carmel Club (where he lived and his children attended school). His advice for those new to Rotary is simple: get involved. Al still recalls being a young Rotarian at a District Conference in the early 1960s, and being inspired by then Rotary International president Nitish Chandra Laharry's (1962-63) presidential theme of "Kindle the Spark Within." That theme still resonates with Al and now burns as a bright flame within. "Be energetic, don't sit back and go with the flow," advises Al. "Step up and ask if you can do something." For if you do, you too can kindle the spark within yourself to make a difference.

THANK YOU AL FOR YOUR ROTAR<mark>Y SERVICE!</mark>

EVENTS COMING SOON

CONGRATULATIONS TO MONTICELLO FOR 100 YEARS



More than 500 Rotary clubs, over 15,000 Rotarians, and thousands of community volunteers spanning 5 States and 3 Countries will give back to their communities on Saturday, May 18, 2024.

AVE THE DATE DAY OF SERVICE Saturday, May 18th 2024

ALL DAY SHARE YOUR PICTURES! We are setting a new record-breaking 'Rotary Day of Service, collecting clothes for the homeless, refurbishing parks, building shelters, and much, much more. It is up to you on how big of a project you want to plan to impact your community.

ROTARY EVENTS

12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Care Packages for Troops:	Rotary Day of Service (High	and)				
	Full Membership Committee Meeting		Hudson Valley Gives (Wallkill East)	Golf Scramble (New Paltz)	Spring Yard Sale (Ramapo Valley)	Cleaning Road (New Paltz)
			Hudson Valley Gives (Wappingers Falls)	Blood Drive/Weekly Meeting (Suffern)		Day of Service at the YMCA (Wallkill East)
				Sprirt of Service Awards (Rhinebeck)		+8 more
19	20 Golf Tournament (Pawling) Golf Tournament (Wappingers Falls)	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 2024 Youth Fishing Derby (Southern Ulster)
2	3	4	5	6 Cigar Dinner Fundraiser (Southeast)	7 Service Above Self Dinner (Highland)	8
9 Mutt Strutt (Kingston Rotary)	10 Innovative Club Committee Meeting	11	12	13 Halifax Harbor Hopper - District Conference Add On	14	15 Veterans Family Fun Day (Southern Ulster)



For more details on each event, please visit the district calendar <u>https://www.rotarydistrict7210.org/eve</u> <u>nts/calendar</u>