

DISTRICT 7210, 12.28.23

# ROTARY MINUTE

**DECEMBER THEME:**  
DISEASE PREVENTION &  
TREATMENT Month



**Learning Center Live! March 2, 2024**

In person Rotary knowledge for everyone!  
More information to come!





**YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS OUT!  
IT'S GOING TO BE SO MUCH FUN!  
BOOK ON DISTRICT WEBSITE**

**100% Foundation Giving Club**

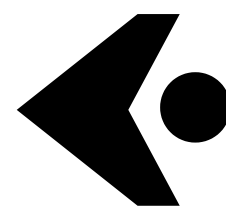
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**DID YOU KNOW?**

**STAY CONNECTED!**

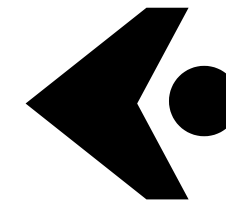
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**MEMBERSHIP**

How are we getting out & recruiting new members? **SHARE. INVITE. JOIN THE TEAM.** Rotary's success is on our ability to bring likeminded folks to help us make a difference. Give them the ROTARY VIP Experience- get them involved.

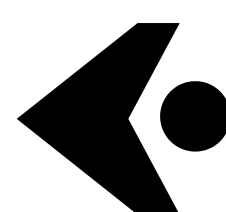


**PRE-PETS** (for President Elects & 2-term Presidents)

**Save the Dates:** Jan. 22nd (Kingston)

Jan. 23rd (Woodberry Commons)

**Virtual-->** Feb. 6, Feb. 20, March 5, March 19



**STORYTELLING CONTEST**

Do you have time for a little fellowship and fun over the winter months? We are holding a Storytelling Contest to take place in the months of January and February, with a final competition on March 8.

**2024**  
**SAVE THE DATE**

**PRE-PETS:** See Above

**Storytelling:** Region 1 & 2 (Jan. 18)

**Storytelling:** Region 3, 4 & 7 (Feb. 1)

**'24-'25 District Team Training:** Feb. 3 (*invites to come*)

**Storytelling:** Region 5 & 6 (Feb. 8)

**Storytelling:** Region 8 & 9 (Feb. 15)

**Membership Meet-Ups:** Feb. 26- March 1st

**Learning Center Live:** March 2nd

**Storytelling Final:** March 7th

**PETS:** March 21-23rd

**District Learning Assembly:** April 27th

**District Grants are Due:** May 15th

**Day of Service:** May 18th

**District Conference:** June 11-15th

**New Rotary Year Start Date:** July 1st

**RYLA:** July 7-11th

*Happy Holidays*



# CLUB OF THE WEEK: **WARWICK VALLEY ROTARY**

This is the 9th year the Warwick Rotary Club has participated in this event which in part is a collaborative effort between our club and Warwick Lions Club. There are 2 different parties the same day, in the same location; Rotary hosted the morning party and Lions hosted an afternoon party. Rotary hosted 78 children ages 5 to 12 years old.

The party began with the children being assigned to an Elf guide (about 25 members of our Interact Club). Our Elves guided the children through seven activities. In addition to the activity rooms, we also had a roaming artist to do face-painting of Holiday designs on the children's faces.

The activities the children participated in were:

- a hot breakfast cooked by Rotarians on site
- a craft room where each child picks out a holiday craft to put together with the help volunteers in the craft room
- a game room with a version of musical chairs. Children pass around a game or gender neutral toy wrapped eight times



- the child that unwraps the last of the wrapping paper wins the toy/game
- a gift shop full of donated man and women's gifts for them to pick up a gift for their parents and extended family that live with them.
- a gift room of toys for various ages for each child to pick up for sisters or brothers.
- a wrapping room where volunteers help them wrap the gifts for their family.
- Culminating in a meeting with Santa to receive a bag of gifts for themselves. The Giftbag includes an outfit of clothes, hat, gloves, shoes, socks, toy, a card created by an artist (also Rotarian) and a \$25 Shoprite gift card. A digital picture is taken of each child receiving their gift bag from Santa which is then emailed to the parent.

Two months of planning, the collaboration between two Community service organizations, communication with the school, fundraising, 50+ volunteers including Interact; so many components of this party all came together to create a memorable, heartwarming event for the 78 children that attended our party.

I've had the privilege to chair for seven of the nine years we have participated in hosting this event. My favorite part is seeing the excitement on each child's face when coming in to sit with Santa after having gone through all of the activities; and how happy each was as they left with bags of holiday gifts for their family as well as for themselves.

## Way to go

