

# **June 2018**

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#### From the Governor's Desk

Ripples on the Water

In the first few days of June the District Conference will be held in Schenectady, also known as the birthplace of General Electric. Albert Einstein, who vacationed in Saranac Lake and knew both of the founders of GE (Edison and Steinmetz... what *did* they all talk about?), once said:

"The world as we have created it is a process of our thinking. It cannot be changed without changing our thinking." Albert Einstein

The District Conference theme, Sparking Action in the Capital Region, includes the notion that change can serve as a spark to action, and the Conference will focus in part on change and change leadership. Whether we are considering ways to attract young professionals to Rotary, or be more relevant to our communities, or engage the highly complex issue of opioid addiction, we recognize that our clubs must change, that the ways Rotarians think about serving our communities must be more radical, and that we must focus on impacting outcomes – moving the needle – if in fact we want to change the world.

When we think about change, we sometimes focus on problem solving rather than creating the desired outcomes. We say: our clubs are getting smaller. What must we change to stop that from happening? We say: our service projects are great, but they only seem to have limited impact. How can we change the project so that our impact is more significant?

And there's nothing wrong with approaching things in this way. The answers can return our clubs to the sizes they used to be, and make our service projects more successful by many measures.

But we don't spend much time thinking about the most desirable outcome – the actual result. What would we <u>want</u> our clubs to be like? What are the fundamental issues underlying the usefulness of our service project, and what is the <u>plan that solves</u> those root issues?

Rather than getting our club to be the size is was ten years ago, a different approach would be to agree that our club should look like the community it is serving. Does this mean more diversity – racial, age, gender? Does this mean

that if our community is filled with youth who have significant needs, then the club should demonstrate capabilities to engage youth? If so, then what's the plan to start an Interact Club, Early Act club, and attract youth workers into the membership? If the club today had ten members, but seven of them were directly connected to the youth in the community, would that club be more relevant to the community and produce greater impact? If so, it barely matters how many members there are in the club.

In the same way if the opioid crisis is gripping the community, then what is the desired outcome? It could be to rid the community of opioids. Or, it could be to provide better education about avoiding addiction. Or bringing folks out from the shadow of addiction into the sunlight of treatment. Each of those is a great service project, but the plans would be dramatically different depending on the best anticipated outcome.

There is a constant in any of these scenarios, and it is that the members of the club and the community work together to identify the community needs, strategize on the plan to achieve the best outcome, and work together to implement the plan for success. In Rotary it is not about the ideas or actions of one person, no matter how astoundingly great that Rotarian is. Mother Teresa said it best:

"I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the water to create many ripples." *Mother Teresa* 

Rotary is changing the world, one person and one community at a time. Whether you know it or not, you are a change agent, and each of us has a unique opportunity to cast a stone across the water. When we join together and cast many stones the ripples are stronger and affect the shoreline more significantly. They can be seen further away, so that others know it is time to cast their stone.

See that stone over there? Bend down and pick it up. Better yet, find another Rotarian and bend down together and pick up the larger stone right next to it. Now, make some ripples!

DG Fred

### **DISTRICT EVENTS** AT A GLANCE

- June 1-3: Day of Service/District **Conference** Sponsored by Schenectady
- June 23-27: RI Convention/Toronto
- July 8: District Changeover p 2
- **September 17: GoL Golf & Bocce** Tournament pp 3, 4

#### **CLUB EVENTS** AT A GLANCE

- Now: Applications being accepted for scholarships Sponsored by Shenendehowa Rotary p 3
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- June 8: Golf Tournament by Colonie-Guilderland Rotary p 2
- June 29: Golf Tournament by South Glens Falls Rotary p 2
- July 20-22: Woodworking & Fine Arts Weekend by Northville Rotary pp 3, 7

# SAVE THE DATE!! - FRIDAY, JUNE 8



14th ANNUAL

#### COLONIE-GUILDERLAND ROTARY CLUB

Duffers, Hackers & Pros Golf Outing

Whispering Pines Golf Club, Rotterdam

Lunch & Registration at 11:30

Closest-to-the-pin Shootout Phenominal Prizes on every hole!

Register & pay online at www.cgrotary.org or contact Kirk Pogge at 518-857-9877 or khpogge@grasslandcorp.com

We still have sponsorship opportunities available - get your company's name on a tee sign! Contact us ASAP!

Have an address update? Know someone else who needs to hear about this? Let us know!

#### **South Glens Falls Rotary presents** DAN ORSINI MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING 4-PERSON SCRAMBLE FORMAT

Friday June 29 **Airway Meadows Golf Club** 11:15 a.m. Check-In **Shotgun Start** 

\$85 Entry Fee includes Lunch on the Turn, **Beer and Dinner** 

#### BE A HOLE SPONSOR - \$75.00 FOR A SIGN ADVERTISING YOUR MESSAGE

Proceeds Will Benefit the South Glens Falls Scholarship Fund and Other Community Initiatives **Email Jaime Thompson (Secretary) at** jambini29@gmail.com

for further details and paperwork



#### **District 7190 Change Over Event**

Please join us as we celebrate District Governor Fred's year with his leadership team, and there is much to celebrate! We will also welcome District Governor Elect Tammy Heckenberg to the helm along with our Districts' Club Presidents, Assistant Governor's, Leadership team and DGN Larry Jones and DGND Rich Greische as they lead us into our new Rotary year.

Sunday, July 8, 2018...cut off for registration is June 30th

9:30 am registration and program starts promptly at 10 am and will end at noon

Dunham's Bay Resort, 2999 State Route 9L, Lake George

Cost \$32

Please register at District website

Northville Rotary presents its annual

# Woodworking & Fine Arts Weekend July 20-22

See flyer on page 7 for details.

Save the Date!

Gift of Life Golf & Bocce
Tournament
Monday September 17
Pinehaven Country Club
See flyer on page 4.

CHANGE OF MEETING LOCATION FOR GLENVILLE ROTARY

**EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, the** Rotary Club of Glenville has moved its weekly meeting location to the Homewood Suites by Hilton, 2A Freeman's Bridge Road, Glenville, NY 12302.

## **Looking for Speakers?**

Gift of Life will be glad to arrange for a member to address your club about their life saving mission.

Please contact Pat Herman at <a href="mailto:phpherman@gmail.com">phpherman@gmail.com</a>.

#### Support Gift of Life as You Shop!

Go to <a href="mailto:smile.amazon.com/ch/22-2704726">smile.amazon.com/ch/22-2704726</a> and Amazon will donate to Rotary District 7190 Gift of Life Inc. Please share this link and information with your family, friends, and social media contacts. GoL appreciates your support in the mission to save young lives around the world.

#### ABSENTEE VOTING

This is a friendly reminder to those attending the International Rotary Convention in Toronto. This year's Federal Primary is scheduled for June 26<sup>th</sup>. Depending upon where you live and what party you are enrolled in, you may have a Primary to vote in while you are attending the International Convention. Please check with your local County Board of Elections to find out if there is a Federal Primary for you to participate in. If there is, request and submit an Absentee Ballot Application. This can be done in person at the Board of Elections office or by mail. Once the application has been a ballot will be provided to you before the election date.

Call your County Board of Elections if you have questions.

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# **2018 Shenendehowa Rotary Scholarship Information**

Shenendehowa Rotary is accepting applications for a \$500 Scholarship that is awarded annually to a graduating senior in the Shenendehowa School District community. The scholarship will be awarded to the applicant who is judged to display the best combination of dedication to school, community, work and plans for the future.

Students currently attending Shenendehowa High School should contact the guidance office for an application and submission deadlines. The application form for applicants not attending Shenendehowa HS can be found at <a href="https://www.shenrotary.org">www.shenrotary.org</a>.

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# **SAVE THE DATE**

WHEN: 10:30 AM

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2018** 

WHERE: PINEHAVEN COUNTRY CLUB

**GUILDELAND, NEW YORK** 

# SUPPORT THE GIFT OF LIFE

OR PLAY BOCCE BALL
OPEN TO ROTARIANS, GUESTS & PUBLIC
PUT A FOURSOME TOGETHER
MANY DOOR PRIZES, RAFFLES & MORE
DELICIOUS FOOD, WITH LUNCH & DINNER

**ENTRY FORMS AVAILABLE IN JUNE** 

# **Rotary District 7190**



#### 20th Annual Golf & Bocce Tournament

Monday, September 17 2018 Pinehaven Country Club 1151 Siver Road Guilderland, NY 12084

The Tournament this year will be played In Memory of True Rotarians And Distinguished Gift of Life Board Members:



David Rey Richard Hodge

10:30 AM Golf Registration 11-12:30 Lunch on the Patio 12:30 PM Shotgun Start 2:00 PM Bocce Registration 5:00 PM Happy Hour 6:00PM Awards Dinner & Raffle

For more information contact: Tournament Chairman, Dennis McGlauflin (518) 495-4712

JOIN THE FUN!!!



#### Opioid Seminar Salem Rotary Club Team

On April 25, the Salem Rotary Club hosted an opioid forum for the public at the Salem Volunteer Fire Department building. Chaired by club President Charlie Duveen, 67 people, including Rotarians from other clubs, learned from Washington County District Attorney, Tony Gordon, about county efforts to educate the public and to provide family support. Those attending heard personal stories from those experiencing family opioid problems. A film concerning the opioid threat was shown and a question and answer session was held afterward. The next day three Salem Rotarians attended a family support group at the Salem Methodist Church to learn about the use of the opioid antidote Narcan.

The support group workshop included Narcan training. The Task Force members who took part in workshop were: Rotarians, Herb Perkins, David Higby, Gracie Lynn Besse, trainer Keith Kelley, and a member of the Salem Rescue Squad. They learned how to recognize overdose victims, elements of the protocol (e.g. call 911) and how to administer Naloxone (Narcan). Participants received a kit that included two Narcan doses. The kits can be seen in the photograph. After the Narcan training, a meeting was held for anyone interested in recovery (family members, people in recovery, people interested in entering recovery).

Last month at the District Conference at Skidmore College on April 7, Salem Rotarian David Higby and Gracie Lynn Besse spoke to the assembled Rotarians about the Salem opioid project. Pictured are members of the Salem Rotary Club Opioid Team. From left to right are Town Supervisor Sue Clary, President Charlie Duveen, Gracie Lynn Besse, Dave Higby, and Charlie Perry. Absent was Herb Perkins.

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#### Niskayuna Rotarian Provides Continued Sports Opportunities for Girls and Boys in Malawi:

#### **An Open Letter**

Dear Friend and Supporter,

I wanted to briefly touch base and update you on the Banda Bola Sports Foundation Activities and thank you for your continued support. We had lots of good news in 2017.

I am proud of the commitment shown by teachers, coaches and students to the league. We are in 3 zones and 30 schools are fielding one girls and one boys team. We are having an impact on more than 1,500 children.

Coaches Across Continents (CAC) came for the  $3^{rd}$  year in a row. Their clinics promote health, education and self-directed learning. They have been invaluable for our volunteers. CAC held a week of clinics for the teachers and mentors running our after school program and a second week of clinics for approximately 60 coaches and teachers involved in our scholastic league.

Thanks to KickinBack in Poughkeepsie, NY, we distributed our 4<sup>th</sup> container of soccer equipment to the 30 primary schools and several secondary schools. Every school in the 3 zones received one complete set of kits for each team of girls and boys, 12 pairs of cleats (6 girls and 6 boys) and 8 soccer balls.

And finally, Make Your Own Ball Day Foundation (MYOBD) sent 16 coaches from Indiana to run clinics at all of the primary schools in the three zones. During the week they were in Malawi, they also gave out soccer balls to hundreds of local children.

I am returning to Malawi at the end of May to meet with construction workers to discuss building a soccer field complex. MYOBD has donated seed money so work can begin. My hope is to create a facility that can be an example for other regions - a field with proper latrines and a changing room for players.

Thank you again for your support of the Banda Bola Sports Foundation and our programs in Malawi. You can follow the Foundation on Facebook. Please stay in touch. Sincerely,

Kalekeni Mtalika Banda

Niskayuna Rotarian

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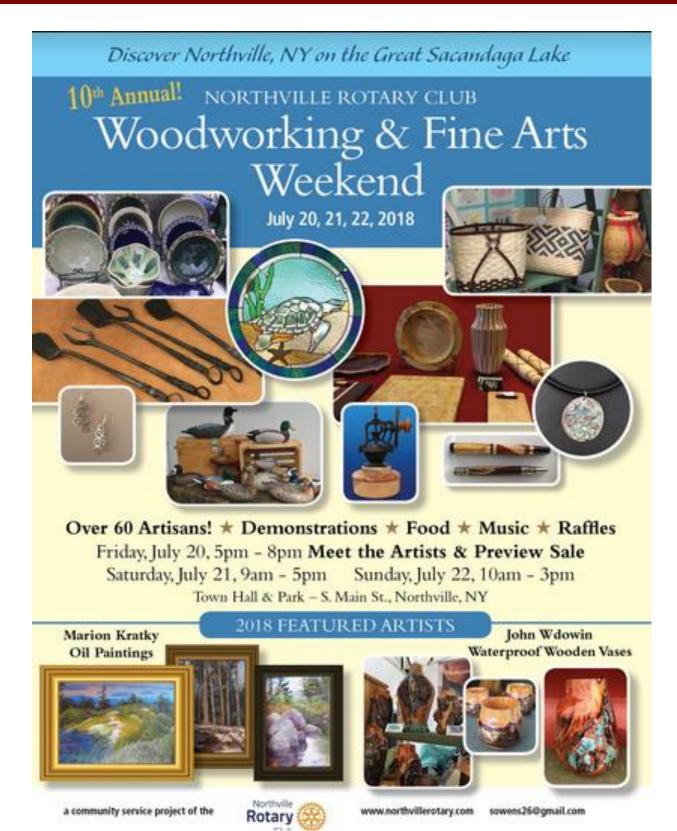
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#### North Creek Rotary Will Award Three \$1,000 Scholarships

For the first time, qualified home-schooled students are invited to apply.

The North Creek Rotary Club will award 3 scholarships of \$1,000.00 each to deserving local graduates. Seniors of the 3 area schools, Indian Lake, Johnsburg and Minerva, including those being home schooled in these districts are invited to apply.

Due to the membership of the North Creek Rotary's support of the Rotary International Foundation, the Club was able to attain a matching grant from the Foundation to make it possible for the Club to make the \$3,000.00 in scholarships available. In addition, the Clubs annual raffle for a Hornbeck canoe contributes to the ability to offer these scholarships to students in our community. Applications will be available at the Guidance Office at each school as well as specifics related to the application and review process.

"Once again, this year we are proud to announce that we have applied for and received a grant from Rotary International to double the amount of the Scholarship to \$1000.00 for each recipient. Our 3 awards, which recognizes leadership as well as scholarship are given to the 3 students we think are the outstanding graduates who applied for our scholarship" remarked North Creek Rotary Co-President, Phil Sangster.

Bruce Merchant, the club's other Co-President made a point of the fact that the Club's membership is very proud to make these 3 scholarships available locally and that it was the support of the membership for the Rotary International Foundation that has made it possible to acquire these extra grant funds. It allows the Club to become the conduit to funnel the funds into our local community for the educational benefit of 3 worthy graduates.

For more information contact: Ellen Schaefer e-mail: ellen.schaefer@frontier.com



# Thank You District Governor Fred Daniels for a wonderful year of service!!!



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