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## **From the Governor's Desk**

### **Our Membership Opportunity**

One of the many things I am really enjoying during my District Governor year is the process of making the "official" DG visit to each club. I continue to be impressed with the depth of talent and scope of activity in which our many clubs engage, and I am pleased to report that throughout the District our Rotarians are the embodiment of Service Above Self. Thank you.

During the visits, I take some time to talk about our membership challenge, because like almost all Rotary clubs in the United States our membership total is drifting down. Our clubs are doing great work recruiting new members, but there are more members leaving our clubs than there are coming in, and so our District membership is slowly declining.

Most are leaving because they are moving or being transferred for work, not because there is any fundamental problem with the quality of their Rotary experience. But, as we all know some new Rotarians do just drift away, and we can do better at not letting them leave us. And, for the most part, these Rotarians tend to drift away in the first 12-18 months.

Our membership opportunity is straightforward: I encourage all clubs to track the attendance of our new Rotarians more closely and put in place a system to pair up a new Rotarian with existing Rotarians. This could include potential mentoring relationships (both ways, incidentally), as well as a discreet "partner" who is asked to simply come to know the new Rotarian and keep an eye out.

Even more important, though, is for club Board and Membership Committee members to begin working on strategies to provide meaningful engagement with these new Rotarians. What is the opportunity your club offers to engage them? Here are some of the more popular ones:

- Ask (encourage strongly) the new Rotarian to take on a real piece of the next upcoming service project - to organize that piece in a way that reflects their skills and interests. The sooner our new Rotarians *feel* the *benefit* of their service effort, the quicker they will connect to the values of Rotary - by far and away the strongest emotional connection between all Rotarians. Some clubs have programs which allow the new Rotarian(s) to develop a service project which will then receive the volunteer and financial backing of the club;
- Acknowledge and engage their vocational interests, which promotes their self-worth and shows them how their skills beneficially fit with the needs of the club. Give them a chance to be a program speaker to showcase what they do at work or in the community. Connect them with experienced Rotarians in the same or a related field, so that a two-way mentoring relationship can be developed. Ask them to use their intrinsic business skills to improve something the club does; for instance, if the new Rotarian works in human resources, then they probably have training skills. Ask them to develop or participate with a club training program.

We tend to focus our membership conversation on recruitment, but the real issue is retention. Both DGE Tammy and I are committed to develop the membership opportunity, and we have set a District wide goal of net 10% growth over the next two years. This means we will add 115 members to club roster totals, net of any Rotarians which leave our clubs.

It's a big goal, but it's also a big opportunity. With more members, our club experiences will be bigger, our service to the community will be bigger, our fellowship enjoyment will be bigger, and we can make a bigger difference in the world.

DG Fred

## DISTRICT EVENTS AT A GLANCE

- **October 12:** Lake Theater Dinner & Show *p2*
- **October 21:** RLI (Rotary Leadership Institute) *pp 3, 7*
- **October 24:** World Polio Day World Premiere of Making Polio History: A Pioneer's Story being held at the School of Public Health, Rensselaer
- **November 12:** Peace Summit for Youth *p3*
- **November 16:** Foundation Dinner
- **December 9:** Adirondack Thunder Hockey vs Admirals Glens Falls 50/50 and Chuck a Puck to benefit End Polio Now Campaign
- **January 1:** Polio Plunge
- **June 23-27:** RI Convention/Toronto *pp6,9*

## CLUB EVENTS AT A GLANCE

- **October 7:** Movie Night Sponsored by North Creek Rotary *p 2*
- **October 30:** Spaghetti Dinner Sponsored by Glove Cities Rotary *p 3*

North Creek Rotary presents its

### Movie Night

Featuring:

Warren Miller's "Journey"

Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup>  
7 pm

Tannery Pond Center

Admission: Adult (18 +) - \$10

Children (5-18) - \$5

Children (under 5) - Free

For questions please contact  
Sandy Sangster at 518 251 3978



*Proceeds of this event will help fund their annual scholarship awards to graduating seniors in Johnsburg, Indian Lake and Minerva Schools.*

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## ROTARY NIGHT

for Rotary District 7190

SPONSORED BY ROTARY AREA 1 CLUBS:  
Lake George, North Creek, Chestertown,  
Glens Falls, N. Lake George

### Lake Theater Show and Dinner

Thursday October 12<sup>th</sup>

6:15 pm

\$58 per person

Holiday Inn Resort

Lake George, NY

**"THE GREAT KOOSHOG LAKE"**  
**(HOLLIS MCCAULEY)**

**-FISHING DERBY-**

By Norm Foster

The regional premiere of this new comedy by the "Canadian Neil Simon", finds businessman James Bell stranded in a sleepy rural town during its annual fishing derby. It's a touching and funny play about much more than fishing in a small town where the inhabitants just might be wiser and ore worldly than James thinks. Sprinkled with a bit of romance, KOSSHOG LAKE is a funny, wise, heart-warming, and clever new comedy.

**Show and Dinner:** \$55.00 (includes Tax and Tips) plus a \$3.00 ticket service charge per ticket which is \$58.00 total **which is still a \$14 savings over standard prices.**

**This is being planned in advance, please mark your calendars.** it is anticipated we will have 100% Rotarians in attendance. Let's make it happen. Let's make it a truly Rotary Evening. It was a fun time last year.

**Call & Reserve Early!!**

**DINNER MENU:** **NOTE: Meal Choices are Due at Time of Reservations**

- **MEDALLIONS OF BEEF** with Bordelaise Sauce served with Roasted Potatoes
- **OVEN BAKED CHICKEN BREAST** with spinach, artichoke & cream cheese topped with roasted red pepper sauce, served with roasted potatoes (Gluten Free)
- **BROILED ATLANTIC SALMON** with lemon, white wine and caper sauce served with rice pilaf (Gluten Free)
- **VEGETARIAN PASTA** with sautéed vegetables over penne pasta

*All entrees served with Salad, Rolls, Vegetables, Dessert & Coffee or Hot Tea*

**Call Sharon Reynolds to make your reservations and dinner selection**  
**518/668-5762 ext. 421 or**  
**sreynolds@turfhotels.com**

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## Rotary Leadership Institute RLI

**Saturday October 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**University at Albany**  
**7:30am: Registration & Breakfast**  
**8:00-3:30pm: Classes**  
**\$75 per person**  
 Details on page 7.

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On November 12, 2017, District 7190 Rotarians will host a **Peace Summit for Youth** in Mechanicville.

For more than 110 years, Rotary members have been addressing challenges around the world and acting as ambassadors for peace. In today's global climate, our youth are anxious. Anxious about international relations, terrorism, America's position in the world, their personal future, and how they fit in. The Peace Summit for Youth will provide a forum to express their concerns and work collaboratively to consider pathways to peace – peace in their schools, on their streets, and in the world.

The District 7190 Peace Summit for Youth, organized using the World Café Model, will encourage our youth to explore deeper thought and awareness regarding the issues affecting peace worldwide. The objective is to create an environment where the youth generate all the content and develop the relevant outcomes for the day. Our keynote speaker will be Anne Kjaer Riechert, a Rotary Peace Scholar. Riechert is owner and managing director of an IT training school for Syrian refugees in Berlin, West Germany.

The Summit is open to high school students throughout the greater Capital Region, including our nine Interact clubs, Youth Exchange, and Rotary Youth Leadership. The intent is to reach into every high school where there is a Rotary club in the community. This not only provides students the ability to participate through Rotary sponsorship but also affords a learning opportunity about Rotary.

Funds are being raised and volunteers are being recruited. If you are interested in knowing more, please contact DG Fred at [dgfred2017@gmail.com](mailto:dgfred2017@gmail.com).

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**Spaghetti Dinner**

\$8 per Dinner  
Delivery is available to Tractside and GHA with advanced notice

**TAKE OUT ONLY 4PM-7PM**

**MONDAY Oct. 30th**

Proceeds benefit  
**Glove Cities Rotary Club**

**Tickets Available**  
from your friendly Neighborhood Rotarian  
at Al's Pizza & Pasta  
or message us on facebook

**201 North Main Street - Gloversville**

## Gift of Life Thanks You!

The Gift of Life District 7190 would like to thank all the golfers, volunteers, event sponsors, tee sign sponsors, and the staff at Pinehaven Country Club for their support in making this year's tournament a Great Success.

Thank you,  
Dennis McGlaufflin  
Tournament Chairman



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## The Spirit Moves Rotarians and Interactors to Action

### Salem Rotarians Clean Historic Tombstones

The Salem Rotary Club recently has taken on the task of cleaning with an approved biodegradable product the gravestones in the Salem Revolutionary War Cemetery. This cemetery is the oldest in the town of Salem, dating back to 1769. In addition to Salem's earliest pioneers buried here are two French and Indian War soldiers of Rogers Rangers, 105 Revolutionary War soldiers, and five War of 1812 soldiers. The burial grounds were designated as a National Historic Site in 2004 and are a popular attraction to those interested in the history of the Revolutionary War or are searching for an ancestor. Shown in the photograph are Salem Rotarians, club president Charles Duveen, and member William Eberle.



### Local Interactors Clear Overgrown Historic Cemetery

During the summer months, most of our youth programs are either dormant or quietly planning for fall. Twin Bridges and Shenendehowa Rotary are proud of our Interact's cleanup of a historic cemetery on Waite Road, known as the Jones Cemetery. Pictured in the attached photograph are key members of the club and the product of their planning and labor. A "before" picture, if we had one, would be a mass of foliage. The pile of brush in the foreground is the second of two loads hauled away by the Town of Clifton Park. The project was the brain child of club president Joe Archambeault (on the left) and Thomas Moehring (not pictured) who live in the Waite Road neighborhood. This proved a memorable summer project and the club is hitting the ground running in September with an aggressive recruitment campaign. We also hope to invite the Town historian to one of our Wednesday evening meetings for a bit of history of the cemetery and life in town in the early 1800s.





## Ballston Spa Rotary's 9/11 Memorial Dedication Huge Success

Ballston Spa Rotary's dedication of the 9/11 Memorial in Ballston Spa was a huge success. About 200 people attended including many of their members, police, firefighters, EMS, local politicians, and business leaders. It was a moving ceremony and meant a lot to everyone there.

Their food tent will be set-up near the old Monaco's on Front Street during the Way We Were Car Show on October 8th. Drop by and say hello while you enjoy the hundreds of classic and specialty vehicles on display.

They will also be fundraising at the Curtis Lumber Community Day on October 21st. Come enjoy delicious food and beverages and know that all profits will go right back into the community to help those in need.



## The Rotary Foundation: Planned Giving

Through a planned gift, donors can provide ongoing support to Rotary programs. Donors can choose structured gifts to be made after their lifetimes, and take advantage of financial and tax benefits, which vary by country.

### Worldwide Giving Opportunities

The most common gift structure is a provision in an estate plan. Worldwide opportunities include:

- A provision in a will including codicils
- A provision in a trust
- Insurance beneficiary designations
- Real estate and other asset transfers
- Gifts of retirement plan assets or other financial accounts

### United States Tax Benefits

Individuals who reside in the United States or who benefit from U.S. tax opportunities can structure gifts that may provide financial and tax benefits, such as:

- Charitable Gift Annuities (immediate and deferred)
- Charitable Remainder Trusts
- Pooled Income Fund
- Donor Advised Fund

### More information

To learn more about making a planned gift to the Foundation, contact your district Rotary Foundation chair at [KateToombs@gmail.com](mailto:KateToombs@gmail.com) or (518) 688-2846.

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## A Message from Your RI President

One of the best parts of any Rotary convention is the sheer diversity of the people you see there. Whether you're heading into a breakout session, exploring the House of Friendship, or sitting down for a bite to eat, you'll meet people from every corner of the world, in all kinds of national attire, speaking just about every language. It's a lot of fun, and it's a big part of what makes Rotary great: that we can be so different and still find ourselves so at home together.



That spirit of warm community that is so central to Rotary also defines Toronto, our host city for the 2018 Rotary International Convention. Toronto is one of my favorite cities. It's a place where half the population is from another country where over 140 languages are spoken by 2.8 million residents, and where no one ever seems to be too busy to helpful. In addition to being clean, safe, and friendly, Toronto is a wonderful place to visit, with its attractive Lake Ontario waterfront, great restaurants, one-of-a-kind museums, and interesting neighborhoods to explore.

The 2018 convention already promises to be one of our best ever. Our Convention Committee and Host Organization Committee are hard at work lining up inspiring speakers, great entertainment, fascinating breakout sessions, and a wide variety of activities across the city. There will be something for everyone in Toronto, and Juliet and I encourage you to do what we'll be doing – bring your families along for the fun. If you plan early, your convention experience will be even more affordable: **The deadline for discounted early registration is December 15.** (There is an additional \$10 discount for registering online.)

As much as Toronto offers to Rotarians, the true draw is, of course, the convention itself. It's a once-a-year opportunity to recharge your Rotary batteries, to see what the rest of the Rotary world is up to, and to find inspiration for the year ahead. Find out more at [riconvention.org](http://riconvention.org) – and find **Inspiration Around Every Corner** at the 2018 Rotary Convention in Toronto.

Ian H. S. Riseley

President 2017-18



## DG FRED DANIELS INVITES YOU TO ATTEND ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

**NEW LOCATION!!.....NEW LOWER COST!!**

**LOCATION:**  
GEORGE EDUCATION CENTER  
UNIVERSITY OF ALBANY

**EAST CAMPUS**  
1 UNIVERSITY PLACE  
RENSSELAER, NY

**DATE: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2018**  
**REGISTRATION and BREAKFAST 7:30am,**  
**CLASSES FROM 8:00am to 3:30pm**

**COST: \$75.00 PER PERSON**



**Registration closes soon!**

**Register today!**

### WHY ATTEND RLI:

ATTENDANCE AT RLI IS A GREAT START FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT TRAINING. IT IS RECOMMENDED AS WELL FOR CLUB VICE-PRESIDENTS AND OTHERS WHO WANT TO BECOME MORE INVOLVED

**YOUR YEAR AS CLUB PRESIDENT WILL BE ONE OF THE BEST YEARS IN YOUR LIFE, PREPARATION WILL MAKE IT FANTASTIC!**

**YOUR LEADERSHIP WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS, BOTH NEAR AND FAR**

**AS A CLUB PRESIDENT YOU'LL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPAND YOUR CIRCLE OF FRIENDS IN ROTARY AND THE COMMUNITY THAT WILL STAY WITH YOU FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE**

**RLI IS A THREE-PART PROGRAM CULMINATING IN GRADUATION AT PART III. YOU'LL BE SHARING IDEAS FOR NEW AND BETTER PROJECTS FOR YOUR CLUB, AND LEARNING FROM CERTIFIED ROTARY FACILITATORS ABOUT WHAT IT TAKES TO MAKE A SUCCESSFUL CLUB**

**MEET ROTARIANS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT AND DISCUSS WHAT THEIR CLUBS ARE DOING ABOUT MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE AND OTHER CLUB ISSUES**

**DEVELOP LEADERSHIP SKILLS THAT APPLY IN ANY ORGANIZATION OR BUSINESS, AND IN PEOPLE'S DAILY LIVES**

***CATCH THE PASSION OF ROTARY!***

**REGISTRATION AND MORE INFORMATION AT [www.rlinea.org](http://www.rlinea.org)**

**Other questions? Contact PDG Bill Nathan at [bbnathan@outlook.com](mailto:bbnathan@outlook.com)**

**We NEED you.**  
**Can you HELP?**



The Polio Committee is looking for team members who are passionate about ways to assist our clubs and the district with our Polio efforts.

#### Events

- Polar Plunge
- Bowling for Polio
- Night at Thunder

#### Fundraising assistance for Rotary clubs

- Hannaford Clynk Program
- Quarter holders

If you are interested in joining this team-please contact either-

Doug Ford at [ford@curtislumber.com](mailto:ford@curtislumber.com) & 518-490-1434

Sandy McAlonie at [smrotary1213@gmail.com](mailto:smrotary1213@gmail.com) & 518-339-9904



# REGISTER EARLY AND SAVE!

Our convenient online system makes registering easy for all Rotary members, Rotaractors, and Rotary club and district employees.

**Register today at [riconvention.org](http://riconvention.org).**

## Deadlines

Deadline	Fee (US\$)	
	Rotarians	Rotaractors
15 December 2017	\$345	\$70
31 March 2018	\$420	\$100
After 31 March 2018 until the convention closes	\$495	\$130

Cancellation deadline: 30 April 2018

**New this year!** Receive \$10 off your full adult registration fee if you register online by 31 March 2018.



1413 Clifton Park Road  
Schenectady, NY 12309

## The Youth Exchange students have arrived!!

