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From the Governor's Desk

Pick Your Favorite Cause!

One of the great enduring strengths of our Rotary movement is that we continuously find new ways to help those in need. Clubs throughout our District, and around the world, are constantly uncovering needs and working to meet those needs.

Your generosity in the last month in supporting The Rotary Foundation is greatly appreciated, and allows us to bring peace, literacy, health, economic prosperity...the list goes on and on. I encourage you to continue that and sign up for direct, ongoing contributions. Rotarians are indeed People of Action.

It is with this in mind that we continue to seek causes to support. As I've suggested to many of you at my club visits, consider letting a new member lead a project that is close to their heart. By supporting new members, you encourage them to immerse themselves in Service, which of course is a primary method by which Rotary impacts the world.

As we close in on the halfway point in our Rotary year, I hope you take a few moments to reflect on why you joined Rotary. What lead you to Rotary? What was the point in your Rotary Life when you became a Rotarian, with all that entails? What keeps you motivated and moves you to invite others to share the experience?

We have the great privilege to be leaders in our communities and in our world. Be bold in letting others know how Rotary has changed your life and invite them to create their own experience. By getting them involved with what they are passionate about, you will be doing them – and the world – a favor!

I am yours in Rotary Service.

District Governor Larry Jones

DISTRICT EVENTS AT A GLANCE

- **December 13:** Drop the Puck on Polio *pp 3,8*
- **December 14:** Wreaths Across America
- **December 22-30:** Happy Hanukkah
- **December 25:** Merry Christmas
- **January 1:** Polio Plunge Lake George *pp 4,9*
- **February 8:** PETS President Elect Training
- **February 23:** Rotary's 115th Birthday
- **February 29:** Leap Day for Literacy
- **March 13-14:** Multi-District PETS Syracuse
- **March 26:** Foundation Dinner
- **April 4:** District Training Assembly & Grant Management Seminar
- **May 15-17:** District Conference Albany
- **June 6-10:** Rotary International Convention Hawaii
- **June 20:** District Change Over

CLUB EVENTS AT A GLANCE

- **Now:** Christmas Ornaments by Cohoes Rotary *p2*
- **Now:** Basket Raffle by South Glens Falls Rotary *p2*
- **December 7:** Breakfast with Santa *p3*
- **December 11:** Holiday Auction by Albany Rotary *p3*
- **January 25:** Amazing Race to Recovery by Colonie-Guilderland Rotary *p4*
- **February 8:** Outhouse Races by Shenendehowa Rotary *p4*
- **February 8:** Trivia Night 2020 by Cobleskill Rotary *p5*

Member Called to a Higher Service:

District 7190 bids a heartfelt farewell with prayers and very fond memories.

**Glens Fall Rotary Club
(Formerly of Scotia Rotary Club)**

Cindy Amell

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NEW MEMBERS

**District 7190 Welcomes
the Following New Members!!!**

**Ballston Spa Rotary
Brittany March
Golenne Kortz**

**Schenectady Rotary
Michael E. Lutch**

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Attention All Clubs:

Every month, kindly submit the names of your new members, and the names of your members who have passed on to .higher service, to thetoolbox7190@gmail.com.

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Looking for NEW ROTARIANS

We are starting a new club in Troy, so if you know someone working or living in the Troy area who would make a good Rotarian please send contact info to Bruce McConnelee @ Barrelbackbuilder@gmail.com.

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South Glens Falls Rotary presents
**Celebrate South Glens Falls
Businesses
Basket Raffle**

Tickets on sale NOW!

**Ticket Donation: \$2 each or 3 for \$5
Drawing to be held January 14, 2020**

The Rotary Club of South Glens Falls is raffling a basket filled with over \$1,000 in gift certificates, services, and merchandise donated by local SGF businesses.

Tickets can be purchased by contacting
Club President Jack Hills at
(518) 321-3527.

Thank you for your support!

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Cohoes Rotary presents its annual Christmas Ornament Sale

Ornament cost \$20.

Mugs cost \$10.

To purchase ornaments or mugs go to
<http://www.rotaryclubofcohoes.org> for
further information.

Ornaments are also available for purchase
at Marra's Pharmacy, 217 Remsen Street,
Cohoes.

In 2004 The Rotary Club of Cohoes started a collectible series of Christmas ornaments featuring historic landmarks in the City of Cohoes. **This year's ornament design is Matton Shipyard.**



A portion of the proceeds for the sale of the 2019 ornament will be donated to the New York State Society of the Children of the American Revolution toward the Matton Shipyard Restoration Project. Matton Shipyard operated in Cohoes, NY from 1916-1983. The funds raised will be matched 100% by the Erie Canalway Heritage Fund and go toward the restoration of the remaining buildings on the site and the creation of an educational, cultural, and recreational venue with public access to the Hudson and Mohawk Rivers.

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Twin Bridges Rotary presents its annual
Breakfast with Santa & Mrs. Claus

Saturday, December 7th

8:30 to 11:30 am

Clifton Park Elks Club

695 MacElroy Road Clifton Park

In addition to a full breakfast, also offered are photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus, a 50/50 raffle and crafts and games for the kids. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$3 for kids—no charge for those under 3 years old. “This wonderful event always attracts several hundred parents and families,” said Cindy Schmehl, President of Twin Bridges Rotary. More information about the event is available at www.twinbridgesrotary.com.

Questions may be directed to info@twinbridgesrotary.com or (518) 328-8358.

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Drop the Puck on Polio

Friday December 13th

7pm

\$15 per person

COOL Insuring Arena

Glens Falls

See flyer on page 8.

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The Rotary Club of Albany presents its

Holiday Auction

Wednesday, December 11th

Noon – 2 pm

at the American Legion Hall

Everett Road, Albany

Lunch reservations are required.

The cost to attend is **\$25 per person** if you register online at

<https://albanyrotaryholidayauction2019.eventbrite.com> by December 3 or \$30 at the door. Please contact me to reserve your spot and/or to let me know if you are providing an auction item.

All proceeds from the auction will benefit Rotary's Gift of Life program, which provides life-saving heart surgery for children around the world with congenital heart disease.

This event features a live auction, silent auction and raffle with all items donated by Rotary members and community supporters of the Gift of Life program. It's a fun afternoon of good food, Rotary fellowship and an opportunity to support one of Rotary's finest philanthropic endeavors. And, it's a great chance to find some unique holiday gifts including hand-made items, theatre and concert tickets, gift baskets, and much more.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Yours in Rotary, Terry Tyson, Holiday Auction

Chair Terry.tyson49@gmail.com 518-783-5348

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SAVE THE DATE!!!

**Support the Insanity | Join the fun
District 7190**



**Family Polio Plunge
Wednesday, January 1st
Shepard's Park**

Lake George NY

Tammy Heckenberg, District 7190 Polio Co-Chair

Doug Ford, District 7190 Polio Co-Chair

More Information to Follow

Pledge sheet on page 9.

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Colonie-Guilderland Rotary Club
Presents its 2nd annual

Amazing Race to Recovery 2020

Saturday, January 25th

9am-2pm at Crossgates Mall

The 2019 Amazing Race to Recovery was a success. Thank you to Crossgates Mall, Lucky Strike Social, Second Chance Opportunities, 117 participants, 39 volunteers, 14 vendors, 13 stores, all sponsors, and 4 speakers. We raised awareness of the addiction crisis, showed support for people in recovery, 32 of which participated in the race, and raised over \$10,800 for the Community Recovery Center at Second Chance Opportunity.

Notify Sue Mahar (Colonie-Guilderland Rotary Club) at suzanne@blueskiestravel.com for more information or to volunteer.

<https://www.amazingracetorecovery.org/>

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Cobleskill Rotary presents
Trivia Night 2020!!!
Saturday, February 8th

Elks Lodge

Cobleskill, NY

Doors Open at 6:00 pm

Play Begins at 7:00 pm

Maximum Six-Person Teams

\$120/team, \$20/person, \$10/Spectator

PRIZE FOR WINNING TEAM:

\$300 CASH / Trophy

Proceeds go to the Youth Programs at CRCs

Play: There are five rounds for everyone. Answers and team scores given after each round. Rounds One, Two, and Three – Twenty questions with 30 seconds to record the answer. Rounds Four and Five – Ten Question "Lightning Round" with 15 seconds to record the answer. There will be a two-point bonus question for every round. Tie breakers will be used if needed.

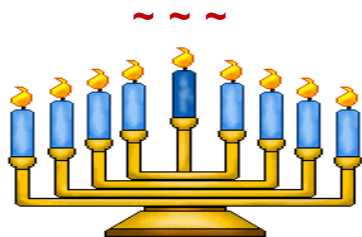
Rules: Student Teams allowed. Adult teams may be made up of students and adults.

No more than six can play at one table. (a team can consist of one to six players.) While answers may be challenged, such challenges will be handled by an arbitrator independent of the scorers and will be judged against the source used by the question preparers. If there are any challenges, the source for the answer being challenged will be made available. Arbitrator's decision on challenges is final. There are NO refunds. This event is for charity. Player substitutions are allowed until the emcee starts the questions.

Elks Club will sell hamburgers & hot dogs, chicken wings. Cash bar/sodas, pizza, popcorn and coffee available. Complimentary snacks and desserts during play.

Please register by 2/3/20!

Make checks payable to Cobleskill Rotary Club. To Register: Submit your team name and contact person's name with \$120.00/team (6 people) to: Milan Jackson - P.O. Box 370, Richmondville, NY 12149 [Questions? (518) 294-6717]



Is the Spirit of Thanksgiving Still Alive?

Twin Bridges Rotary Club's annual "Spirit of Thanksgiving – No One Spends the Holiday Alone" was crippled with the closing of Salty's Pub in September 2019. The Club was unable to get another restaurant to step in and help continue the 13-year annual tradition that served over 500 meals each year in the Clifton Park area including over 100 home deliveries to shut-ins and first responder locations on Thanksgiving Day.

With a little luck, a new friendship with Just Because, a community minded group from Schaghticoke has been formed and the partnership will now host the event Thanksgiving Day, November 28, in their community. Thanks to Just Because, Twin Bridges will be able to make the meal deliveries to the people who are not able to go out or cook for themselves and frequently rely on Meals on Wheels which does not deliver on the holiday.

Food donations are coming in from many local businesses in the Schaghticoke area and the partnership will provide meal delivery. In addition, for those looking for company, the partnership has arranged for The American Legion Post 731 at 181 Main Street, Schaghticoke to open their doors for two seatings on Thanksgiving Day (reservations required) for a traditional turkey day meal with all the fixings and dessert!

YES, the Spirit of Thanksgiving is Still Alive! Twin Bridges Rotary Club covers the Southern Saratoga County region and meets weekly for lunch at Grecian Gardens, Route 9 in Halfmoon. For more information on what they do and how you can join them, check out the website: TwinBridgesRotary.com.

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Welcome to the District's Newest Interact Club!



Schalmont High School Interact is sponsored by Rotterdam Sunrise Rotary and their school advisor is Craig Couture. They have already elected officers and are working on their first project.

Rotarian speakers and mentors are invited to be guests at Interact meetings around the District.

If you are interested in becoming more involved with the Rotary youth programs, please join this Facebook group:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/InteractDistrict7190/>



Pumpkin Challenge

On October 22nd the Twin Bridges Rotary Club and the Scotia Rotary Club held their First Annual Pumpkin Challenge at Delmonico's Restaurant in Clifton Park. Each club brought decorated pumpkins that were judged by a team of 4 independent judges. Scotia won the challenge and the members of the Twin Bridges club will be serving lunch to the Scotia members at one of their upcoming meetings. Fifty decorated pumpkins were delivered to the pediatric unit at Albany Medical Center Hospital. The clubs hope to have the challenge again next year and grow it to include other clubs.



Ballston Spa Rotary News

We hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving with their family and were able to give back to their Community in some way. Those folks that are in need of food in each of our towns number more than you realize. We know there are food pantries to help out but what are ***YOU or your Business*** doing to help? Take up a collection, have your employees bring in food donations, pledge a small amount each week of the year, sponsor a family in need...Anything helps. Come up with your own ideas. They all work.

And ***Welcome*** to our 2 newest members- Brittany March and Golenne Kortz. So glad to have them on board. Doing our part to help with membership...



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...providing employment.**



An Amazing Story of How "Rotary Connects the World"

Scotia Rotary's President-elect Kim Talbot heard that Pookie's Fabrics in Troy was closing and that they might be willing to donate fabric to the MoonCatcher Project. President Vic & April Friedman went to the store and were able to obtain over 60-bolts of fabric, worth in excess of \$2,000 for free! **MoonCatcher Founder, Ellie von Wellsheim**, thanked the Rotarians writing, *"I am still reeling from this unexpected and amazing gift. All that fabric will help so many girls to stay in school. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. -Ellie"*

If you haven't heard about the fabulous **MoonCatcher Project**, schoolgirls in destitute areas are provided with MoonCatcher kits that provides them with a way to handle their menstrual flow. Instead of being sidelined for 5-days each month, girls can stay in school, which helps break the cycle of child brides, too many children, and all the ills that accompany generational poverty. Did you know that Global Scientists rank educating women higher than solar panels and electric cars! Experts agree that **educating women is the silver bullet** for climate change, over population, poverty & injustice. Period.

Scotia Rotary has connected with the Rotary Club of Namugongo with the goal of providing 10,000-girls in Uganda with a free MoonCatcher kit. The MoonCatcher design is perfect for a place like Uganda where the girls can't even afford underwear. **You can connect with this grant by (1)** emailing a pledge to Scotia Rotarian Phillip.Falconer@gmail.com, and/or **(2)** by bringing this to a vote at your club's board meeting or **(3)** scheduling a speaker by contacting Scotia Rotarian Helen.Penna@yahoo.com at 518-858-1333.

MoonCatcher's Mantra:

"We Keep Girls in School"



ROTARY DISTRICT 7190 INVITES YOU TO JOIN THEM

Drop the Puck on POLIO

ADIRONDACK THUNDER HOCKEY NIGHT



FRIDAY - 7PM
DECEMBER 13TH
COOL Insuring Arena
1 Civic Center Plaza • Glens Falls



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50/50 Raffle & Chuck-A-Puck
To Benefit The Polio Foundation!

Tickets are \$15 each.

For more details and to purchase tickets, contact District Polio Chairperson, Doug Ford:
ford@curtislumber.com or 518-365-4958



POLIO PLUNGE | January 1, 2020

Name	Club/Address	Phone Number	Pledge Amount

Checks payable to: Rotary International/Polio

Doug Ford & Tammy Heckenberg Polio Co-Chairs