

The Toolbox



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From the Governor's Desk

Rolling Into the New Year

As I write this, I am preparing for the New Year's Day Polio Plunge. I haven't done it yet to this point in my Rotary life, stay tuned to see how it goes!

For many people, this is a time to slow down and "hibernate," staying in to watch movies with loved ones. For Rotarians, the work we do doesn't slow down, it adapts to the season. Take a look in this Toolbox at the interesting things our clubs have planned to raise money and spirits to help those in need in our communities!

We have a very busy few months ahead of us from the District perspective. In mid-January, some of your club leaders will be trained on how to tell the Rotary story, and trained to teach you the same thing. This is a major initiative to equip our members to recruit potential new members. The work of Rotary needs many hands, and we want to expand our work as well! We hope that each member will invite someone to participate with their club!

Please keep a few other dates in mind as well, details and registration information coming soon:

February 11 – Tuesday 5-7 pm Rotary Means Business Organizational Meeting.

February 23 – Sunday 1-4 pm Rotary's 115th Birthday Party! A family friendly event with a Hawaiian theme; including a service project!

March 26 – Thursday – Rotary Foundation Dinner at the Glen Sanders Mansion!

April 4 – Saturday – District Training Assembly and Grant Management Seminar

May 15-17 – Friday thru Sunday – District Conference, at the Albany Capital Center

June 20 – District Changeover (Continued)

If you haven't had the opportunity to attend District Functions, consider attending one or more of the above. We are an organization of like-minded people, you'll have a lot of fun at any one of these events!

Happy New Year and Happy Rotary Half-Way Point!

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DISTRICT EVENTS AT A GLANCE

- **January 1: Happy New Year!!!**
- **January 1: Polio Plunge** Lake George *p2*
- **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: Basket Raffle** by South Glens Falls Rotary *p3*
- **January 25: Amazing Race to Recovery** by Colonie-Guilderland Rotary *p3*
- **February 7: Ziti Dinner** by Glenville Rotary *p3*
- **February 8: Outhouse Races** by Shenendehowa Rotary *p3*
- **February 8: Trivia Night 2020** by Cobleskill Rotary *p4*
- **May 30: Annual Winery Tour** by Glenville Rotary *p5*

**Members Called
to a Higher Service!**

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

**Fort Ann Rotary Club:
Gayle Hall**

**Scotia Rotary:
Bob Clark**

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New Member!

District 7190 Welcomes
the Following New Member!

**Schenectady Rotary:
Joanne DeVoe**

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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.

Thank You

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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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**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

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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!



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/>



Glenville Rotary presents its 31st Annual
Ziti Dinner

**Friday, February 7th
 4:00-7:30 pm**

**Tickets: \$8 in advance*
 \$10 at the door**

**Glenville Senior Center
 32 Worden Rd Glenville**

Eat-in or takeout available.

In addition to a full dinner with dessert, we offer entertainment and raffle prizes.

This event raises money for the Northeast Regional Food Bank, Scotia-Glenville Food Pantry and other Rotary projects.

*Purchase advance tickets at Charlie Palmer State Insurance; Beth Kissinger CPA; or any Glenville Rotarian.

For more information please contact Kris McMore by email at krismcmore@gmail.com or by phone (518) 491-3081.



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]



Chituka Village Project

Dear Friends,

I’m writing to you in regards to a new project Banda Bola Sports Foundation is undertaking. We conquered the first challenge, of allowing the girls to play soccer. We’re breaking barriers, BUT we’re facing a new challenge.

Girls have been playing in dresses and skirts. They don’t have a place to change into shorts comfortably. We provide them the shorts, but they change in the bushes or behind trees. Many of them are embarrassed and would rather play in the dress than get changed in this environment. This makes them feel undignified.

We need to build a space for them. We need to build a changing room and toilets to further empower these girls to play soccer and stay in school. We need your help.

15,000 bricks are required to build this structure. We have secured the land, it is currently being prepared for excavation, but we need the bricks. It costs \$1 per brick. We need \$15,000 to make this happen. We’re calling this campaign - “A Buck for a Brick.”

Thanks to the graciousness of our supporters, on Giving Tuesday (12/3), we were able to raise \$810 of the funds, leaving \$14,190 to go!

[We have started a GoFundMe page, here.](#) If you have the ability to donate toward this project, I would truly be grateful.

Also, if you would share this link on your social media pages and/or through email to those you think who would support this mission, I would appreciate any support you are able to give in this undertaking, to help empower girls and give them the dignity they deserve.

Thank you very much for your support,

Coach Ken Banda

Niskayuna Rotarian

Chituka Village Project

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



Schenectady Rotary Inducts New Member



From the left is Kimberly Rainey (sponsor), Mark Sheehan (performing the induction ceremony), President Margaret Holoday and our newest member Joanne DeVoe.

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Save the Date!!!
Glenville Rotary presents its
11th Annual
Winery Tour
Saturday, May 30th
Details to follow!



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Fuel Funds Raised For those in Need

The Salem Rotary Club recently held the first of two dinners to raise money for the local Michael Keyes Memorial Fuel Fund Dinner, a fund intended to assist those in need of fuel this winter. A total of \$3848 was raised by this dinner, the fuel fund is managed by the Salem Methodist Church.



Pictured above (from left) are Head Start Counselor Gracy Lynn Besse, and Rotarians President Dave Higby, District 7190 Youth Exchange member Tom Rogers, New York State Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner, dinner manager Herb Perkins, Salem's Belgian exchange student Alex Allard, past president Al Cormier, Treasurer John Hickland, Salem Town Supervisor Sue Clary, and Salem Exchange Student Advisor Nancy Artz.

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Ballston Spa Rotary

Christmas Trees Are Us!!! Somehow, we managed to overcome a number of obstacles this year (Unbelievable snow at the beginning of our selling season that led to almost zero sales for 2 days, rainy weekends, etc.) but you came through for us and we **sold out** again. The trees were some of the most beautiful, full, and fragrant trees we've ever had. Special **THANKS** goes out to Curtis Lumber for the use of their property, Bob's Trees in Galway for being our supplier this year, and (as usual) to all of our dedicated Rotarians (not just from our club), family members, and others for their awesome help in assisting our customers, moving trees, cleaning up, shoveling, and brushing snow off the trees. Remember, all the money we earn goes right back into our community and other places to help those in need. And don't forget to donate to our collection jugs for the Ballston Spa Schools **Backpack Food Program**. You'll find our jugs at various businesses throughout the area and every dollar helps feed a kid on weekends.

Thank you,
Ray Otten



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