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From the Governor's Desk

A Solid Foundation

Imagine you were charitably inclined. You decided that you wanted to help others, and you looked for charities that would help with basic human needs, from food to water and health, especially for children. You understood the importance of peace, community economic development and the role of literacy.

You might look for a series of charities that addressed each of those needs, and there are many specialized charities eager to put your money to work. So you find a reliable arbiter of charity integrity, such as Charity Navigator, and you search for your 6 or 7 charities that provide good work in the areas you decide to support.

You would quickly realize that many charities have excellent reputations, but don't seem to put enough of your money to work. They have substantial overhead, as they are not only in the business of doing good, they are also in the business of raising money in order to do good. Raising money can cost up to half of a charity's income.

What if there were an organization that held the highest rating from Charity Navigator, and gave almost all of the money donated to those directly in need? And what if it held not only the highest rating, 4 stars out of 4 stars, but also a perfect score of 100? And, in most years, 100% of the money raised is spent on the beneficiaries of the donation, because of a combination of volunteer implementation and a unique method of paying for the overhead?

We Rotarians know, of course, of such a charity. It's called The Rotary Foundation. We have done such a great job of building and

managing this fantastic organization, but we have forgotten to brag about how good it is.

If every Rotarian in our District signed up to donate just \$10 per month to TRF, we would raise over \$130,000 each year for our Foundation. Every club would qualify for special recognition as an EREY club (Every Rotarian Every Year).

Will you do your part? Remember, not every Rotarian can contribute. Within your club, are you willing to step up your donation to make up for those who can't?

The Rotary Foundation is the global philanthropic arm of our local clubs. Ask your club leaders how you can help continue the great work this solid foundation does.

I am yours in Rotary Service.
District Governor Larry Jones



DISTRICT EVENTS AT A GLANCE

- **November 7: Open Membership Meeting** pp 3,6
- **November 9: Rotary Day at the United Nations**
- **November 28: Thanksgiving Day**
- **December 13: Drop the Puck on Polio** pp 3,7
- **December 14: Wreaths Across America**
- **January 1: Polio Plunge** Lake George pp 4,8
- **January 25: PETS President Elect Training**
- **February 23: Rotary's 115th Birthday**
- **February 29: Leap Day for Literacy**
- **March 13-14: Multi-District PETS** Syracuse
- **April 4: District Training Assembly & Grant Management Seminar**
- **May 15-17: District Conference** Albany
- **June 6-10: Rotary International Convention** Hawaii

CLUB EVENTS AT A GLANCE

- **Now: Basket Raffle** by South Glens Falls Rotary p2
- **November 5: Apple Pie Festival** by BHBL Rotary p3
- **November 19: Community Service Mixer** by Hudson Shores Rotary p3
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NEW MEMBERS

District 7190 Welcomes
the Following New Members!!!

Burnt Hills Ballston Lake Rotary

Ryan Baker
MaryEllen Symer

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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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New Support from the District

We are pleased to announce that Bonnie Keller of the Schenectady Club has agreed to serve as the District Necrologist. If a member of your club has passed on to higher service, please sent information to Bonnie at: BKeller418@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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The Rotary Club of South Glens Falls
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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Burnt Hills Ballston Lake Rotary
presents its annual

Apple Pie Festival

Election Day

Tuesday, November 5th

5pm-8pm

Tickets:

Adults - \$7

Students - \$6

Children 5-12 - \$5

Children under 5 – Free

O'Rourke Middle School

Lakehill Rd Burnt Hills

Local apple pie, ice cream, cider, cheese, hot beverages. Music by the Burnt Hills Melody Makers and DOOR PRIZES donated by local businesses.

**Tickets available at the door
or at MailnMore.**

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Open Meeting on Membership

Thursday November 7th

6:30-8:30pm

First Reformed Church

10 North Church St

Schenectady

***See flyer and registration directions
on page 6.***

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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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Hudson Shores Rotary Club Announces its

**Community Service Mixer:
What Does Our Community Need?**

Please join us for a **Community Mixer**

on Tuesday, November 19th

from 5:30-7:00 pm

at the Purple Pub

2 Cohoes Road in Watervliet

In order to **better serve our area**, we'll listen to **YOUR ideas** and tell you about our current service projects. **In addition to local service projects, especially serving our youth, we also help provide assistance for national and international needs.**

Hudson Shores Rotary serves Watervliet, Menands, Green Island and Maplewood and is near other communities such as Cohoes, Loudonville and Latham. While we have a long and active history, due to dwindling membership, we are faced with the prospect of dissolving our club. With help from DG Larry and the District Membership Committee we are holding a Mixer on November 19. Hopefully this will generate interest and awareness.

We are hoping that some of our District Clubs and members might help in this effort. Do you know some individuals and/or businesses who are in our areas? We'd appreciate it if you would let us know about them so that we could send them a personal invitation or if you would let them know about this event. Here is the basic information about the Mixer if you wish to let potential helpers or members know.

If you have questions or can't make it on November 19th please contact Mel Horowitz <melsrotary@yahoo.com> or Bill Sage <wpsagebros@aol.com>.

Thank you for any help/ideas you can provide.

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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



SAVE THE DATE!!!



**Support the Insanity | Join the fun
District 7190
Family Polio Plunge
Wednesday, January 1st
Shepard’s Park
Lake George NY**

More Information to Follow

Pledge sheet on page 9.

Doug Ford, District 7190 Polio Co-Chair

Tammy Heckenberg, District 7190 Polio Co-Chair



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/>

**Visit with Chituka Village Project
Founder and Niskayuna Rotarian –
Kenji Banda via YouTube**



Go to: <https://youtu.be/da3vitpOqBs>



Ballston Spa Rotary Club News

October was a successful fundraising month for our club. We held our first Chicken BBQ in conjunction with the Malta Rotary, The Brookside Museum, Community Emergency Corps, and Malta/Stillwater EMS to raise funds to benefit the Ballston Spa Central School District's Backpack Program that provides much needed food on weekends for children that otherwise may not eat. 100% of the profits from this event went directly to the program and that total was over \$3,000.

The following week, Ballston Spa had its Annual The Way We Were Car Show which brought in over 400 vehicles and another \$130 was raised via our Mayonnaise Jar coin drop at both our food booth and the demo booth provided by Community Emergency Corps. That brought our total raised for the



Backpack Program to over \$5,000 for the year. People in this town can be VERY generous.

We are also proud to have inducted 2 new members to our club. Brittany March and Golenne Kortz were both welcomed as members and we look forward to having them work closely with all of us to help accomplish all the great projects that our club brings to our community.

By Ray Otten



Rotary
District 7190



Open Meeting on Membership

Thursday, November 7th

**First Reformed Church
10 North Church St
Schenectady
6:30pm—8:30 pm**

As we all know, attracting new members and keeping our current members engaged is critical to our Rotary motto: **Service Above Self**. When we have more members, we can do more and be more effective when we serve our communities and RI projects around the world.

A few weeks back the District received a letter from Rotary International, expressing their concern that our membership was shrinking. *Over the past 5 years we have lost 13% of our members*. Certainly we've attracted many new members as well, but even more have aged out, moved out or not renewed their membership.

Rotary International has asked District 7190 to submit a plan which will stabilize our membership and reverse the trend. For the past month 9 Rotarians have been meeting and creating the plan.

Our work is not yet complete, and it won't be complete until we get feedback and additional ideas from you. Please attend the Open Meeting on Membership on Thursday, November 7th from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. [**Please register to attend the meeting by clicking here.**](#)

You will soon receive by email a copy of the plan. **We will not have time to share a meal, so please eat something before the meeting. There is plenty of parking in lots and on the streets around the location.**

Thank you in advance for attending this important meeting.

PDG Fred Daniels

cc: Committee members: PDG Tammy Heckenberg, PDG Dave Hennel, PDG Melissa Ward, DG Larry Jones, DGE Rich Griesche, DGN Bruce McConnelee, District Membership Chair Kim Talbot, Doug Ford

[**Click here to register!**](#)

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



VS



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

