



June 2017

Tom Rogers, District Governor

District Conference Issue

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District Governor Tom Rogers & Sandie
Home Club - Canandaigua, NY

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Sandie and I are happy to present this special edition of the Grapevine covering our 2017 District Conference held in Erie, PA. We had a wonderful and exciting weekend and we have been told by many Rotarians that their experience was terrific.

I will always be thankful for the organizing committee for the conference. Led by Canandaigua members Bob Palumbo and Rhoda Childs, our committee began three years ago searching for the perfect venue and we found it at the Ambassador Center. Bob and Rhoda then assembled a core team of twenty Rotarians who chaired all of the important committees that make a conference of this size a resounding success. Though no amount of accolades will ever be sufficient, I was happy to present the Co-Chairs with crystal awards at the closing general session.

I also thank the entire Rotary Club of Canandaigua for their assistance over the past many years. From the date that I approached the Board of Directors asking for their support in my nomination to become your District Governor in 2016-17, I have been encouraged by their friendship and aid. Over 50 members and spouses of Canandaigua Rotarians attended Erie and accomplished all those tasks, great and small, that insured a smooth weekend.

Thanks to Past District Governor Ellen Hughes and her team from the District Foundation Committee and friends. When I asked PDG Ellen to organize the Rotary Foundation silent auction, I knew that she would "bring home the goods" during our Centennial year. (continued)

Her efforts and the generosity of our Clubs, donors and contributors netted over \$6,300 for the Rotary Foundation. Ellen's goal for this year of annual fund share contributions of \$239,000 is this close. The current number stands at \$221,846 with three weeks to go.

"Editor's Note" - The current contribution number total \$256,991, our highest total ever.

Friday evening we tried something new. We held an exciting charity casino that benefited the Foundation. Our Rotary "pit bosses" led us through an evening of games of chance and fun at the tables. We were able to contribute an additional \$1,450 to the Foundation while having fun and laughter.

My appreciation also goes out to DGN Mike Slovak and the Bath Rotary Club. Mike organized and oversaw the exhibits of Club projects and story boards. The variety and scope of all of these exhibits was evidence that our Clubs truly showed Rotary Serving Humanity both at home and across the world.

The District Youth Exchange Committee led by Anne Morrell, Julie Carney and PDG Mark Wyse shepherded 50 exchange students through a fun filled and exciting weekend. From the moving parade of flags during Friday's general session to the Saturday evening dance, these young people provided us with a glimpse into the future. And the future is exciting after listening to their reactions to the programs and addresses that were covered over the weekend.

Rotary International suggests that we provide attendees with informative and interesting sessions over the course of the Conference. I know that our presenters of Erie naval history, shelter box assistance to disaster stricken areas, stress relief and partnerships to address the needs of our communities informed and inspired us.

Two years ago I reached out to RI Director Jennifer Jones. I ask Jennifer for a suggested President's Representative for our Conference. Unhesitant, she offered me the name of Past District Governor Carl Chinnery of Lee's Summit Missouri. And like all Rotarians, Carl was happy to say yes after we compared calendars. Carl addressed our conference Saturday morning with a humorous and informative talk of "Rotary by the Numbers". I am pleased to announce that our crowd participation was accurate and fun. But, it was Carl's main address Saturday evening that will always resound in our hearts and minds.

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DG Tom Rogers - (Continued from Page 1):

One of five boys, Carl and his brothers were stricken by polio in 1942. One brother died of the virus and another spent time in an iron lung. The letter from his mother that Carl shared with us brought home our continuing need to eradicate polio in this world NOW. We are this close.

So many people contributed to this weekend, both great and small. We want all to know that we appreciate and thank you for your hard work and dedication to an undertaking of this scope. And we thank all of the Rotarians and guests who travelled to Erie and Splash Lagoon to help us celebrate Rotary Serving Humanity.

DG Tom & Sandie

Welcome to Erie



Welcome to the Registration Desk



Left to right: DG Tom Rogers, Lynn Holcomb, Barb Fuge, Clark Kurtz, Mark & Robin Sheppard.

Welcome to Erie, Pennsylvania! Home of **Splash LAGOON** for the **Rotary District 7120 2017 Conference**



May 19-21, 2017

**Ambassador Center
Erie, PA**

**Hosted by
Rotary Club of Canandaigua
& Friends**



Celebrate Rotary Service!

Friday Golf Tournament - at the Crab Apple Ridge Golf Course



Pictured above, left to right: PDG Charlie & Jan Clemens (Elmira Heights Rotary) and Patrice & President Bo Lysell (Naples Rotary)



Pictured above, left to right: Pieter Smeenk (Fairport Rotarian), Kevin Kelly (Major Gifts Officer, Zone 29, Rotary International), Maureen & PDG John Hall (Fairport Rotary).



District 7120 District Conference Golf Tournament



Pictured above, left to right: Jody Schmidt & Eric Schmidt - (Rush-Henrietta Rotary); Jim Devaney and John Watson - (Geneva Rotary).



Pictured above, left to right: Jeff Anthony, Donna Cator, Beth Smythe and Doug Lowden (Canandaigua Rotary).

Friday Evening at the Conference

Bob Palumbo, Master of Ceremonies (pictured) called the meeting to order. He introduced District Governor Tom Rogers who then introduced the procession of Club Presidents and Assistant Governors (and spouses/partners) that were present at the Conference.



Current Presidents - 2016-2017:

Tom Vonglis & Laurie	Avon
Chris Wood	Caledonia-Mumford
Ellen Polimeni	Canandaigua
Bill Boland	Corning
Ron Shaw	Elmira
Liz O'Brien	Elmira Heights
Rich Messenger	Gananda
Tim Hayes & Carole	Geneseo
Keith Rockcastle	Greece
Joe Rosenshein & Alana	Honeoye Falls-Mendon
Therese Corrigan-Bastuk	Irondequoit
Ebo Ocran & Martina	Monroe County South
Bo Lysell & Patrice	Naples
Kevin Mooney & Lynne	Newark
Kim Clement & Mark	Palmyra-Macedon
Jack Best & Kathy	Penfield
Jeff Crawford	Red Jacket
Paul Minor & Judy	Rochester Northwest
Kathy Gessner	Rush-Henrietta
Stephen Beals & Karen	Seneca Falls
Kathy Magin & John	Spencerport
Jim Crane	Victor Farmington
Kathy Sigrist & Bill	Waterloo
Bill Phoenix	Watkins-Montour
Brain Winslow & Amy	Webster

Current Assistant Governors:

Jean McMillan	Area 3
Betty Emerling	Area 4
Susie Rose & Michael	Area 5
Mary Green & Kirby	Area 6
John Watson	Area 7
Dan Cole & Carol	Area 8
Daryl Christiansen & Mary Beth	Area 10

Youth Exchange



Pictured above is the Youth Exchange students that were present at the Conference. In the front row are the outbound Exchange Students who are receiving their jackets from DD Tom Rogers assisted by DGE Don Milton.



DG Tom presents Canandaigua Rotarian Lynne Holcomb (at right) a Paul Harris Fellow.



Nancy Laughlin of Watkins-Montour is recognized as a Major Donor to The Rotary Foundation.



Jeff Anthony of Canandaigua announces the winners of the Golf Tournament.



DG Tom and District Rotary Foundation Chair PDG Ellen Hughes recognize Clubs for their Foundation successes.

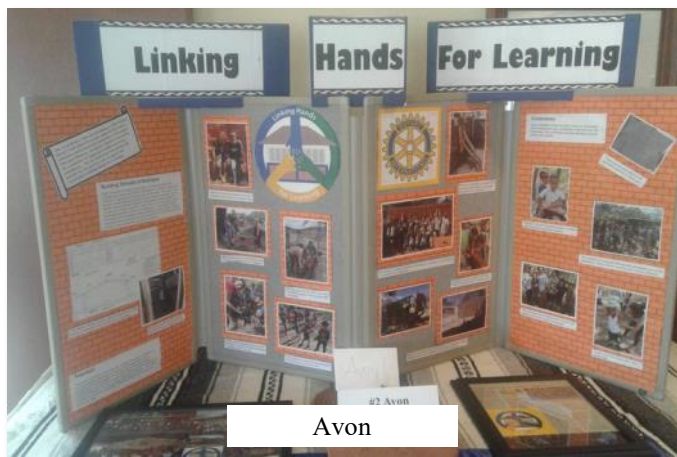


Pictured above, left to right: Kit Palumbo, Conference Co-Chair Bob Palumbo, Conference Co-Chair Rhonda Childs, DG Tom and Sandie take the stage.

Casino Night



Some of the Many Club Displays



Saturday Evening at the Conference

The Governor's Ball

Saturday evening festivities was called to order by Master of Ceremonies Bob Palumbo. Bob introduced the procession of Recent and Future Rotary International Officers:

Carl Chinnery and Jean	Past District Governor and President's Representative
Charles S. Turner and Marian	Past District Governor 1998-1999 and Aide to the President's Representative
Jack Best and Kathy	Past District Governor 2000-2001 and Past Rotary International Trustee
Tom Rogers and Sandie	District Governor 2016-2017
Roger Ressman and Barbara	Past District Governor 1991-1992
Robert W. Hunt and Cindy	Past District Governor 1994-1995
Mahendra Shah and Usha	Past District Governor 1995-1996
Robert C. Gaffney and Pat	Past District Governor 1999-2000
Teresa E. Hall	Past District Governor 2003-2004
Charles H. Clemens and Jan	Past District Governor 2004-2005
Eric S. Parker and Peggy	Past District Governor 2005-2006
John E. Hall and Maureen	Past District Governor 2007-2008
Mark A. Wyse and Linda	Past District Governor 2009-2010
Jeffrey P. Krans and Diane	Past District Governor 2010-2011
Norma Madayag-Reilly and Gary	Past District Governor 2011-2012
Ellen Hughes and Jim	Past District Governor 2013-2014
Scott MacDonell and Vivian	Past District Governor 2015-2015
William F. Gormont and Helen	Past District Governor 2015-2016
Don Milton and Ruth	District Governor Elect 2017-2018
Mike Slovak and Jo	District Governor Nominee 2018-2019
David Hannan and Pam	District Governor Nominee Designee 2019-2020

Rotary District 7120 2017 Club Awards Presentations

Jerome Johnson, Awards Committee Chair

Club Bulletin Awards

Coordinator - Pat Overmoyer

Division I

- 1st Place - Avon Rotary
- 2nd Place - Brighton Rotary
- 3rd Place - Canandaigua Rotary

Division II

- 1st Place - Bloomfield Rotary
- 2nd Place - Rochester Latino Rotary
- 3rd Place - Spencerport Rotary

Division III

- 1st Place - Lima Rotary
- 2nd Place - Gorham Rotary

Club Website Awards

Coordinator - Tom Brown

- 1st Place - Newark Rotary

Honorable Mentions

- 1. Brighton Rotary
- 2. Irondequoit Rotary
- 3. Geneseo Rotary

Club Social Media Awards

- 1st Place - Elmira Rotary

Honorable Mentions

- 1. Bloomfield Rotary
- 2. Rochester Southeast Rotary
- 3. Newark Rotary

Club Literacy Awards

Coordinator - Shelley Matthews

Avon	Monroe South
Bath	Naples
Bloomfield	Newark
Canandaigua	Nunda
Clifton Springs	Ontario-Walworth
Dundee	Palmyra-Macedon
East Rochester	Penfield
Elmira	Perry
Elmira Heights	Rochester Latino
Fairport	Rochester NW
Greece	Rochester SW
Hammondsport	Rush-Henrietta
Honeoye Falls- Mendon	Spencerport
Honeoye Lake	Wolcott
Irondequoit	

Club Service Awards

Coordinator - J. J. Johnson

- 1st Place: Victor Farmington - Media Project to Promote Awareness of Rotary
- 2nd Place: Lima - Rebirth of Rotary
- 3rd Place: Newark - Progressive Dinner

Club Community Service Awards

- 1st Place: Bath - Shopping for the Elderly
- 2nd Place: Watkins-Montour - Community Benches
- 3rd Place Tie: Honeoye Lake - Refurbishing Community Courts
- Chemung County Sunrise - Pumpkin Express

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Club Vocational Service Awards

1st Place: Victor-Farmington - Jordan Pappas Service Above Self Award

2nd Place: Watkins-Montour - Student of the Month Recognition

3rd Place: Newark - Community Readers

Club International Service Awards

1st Place: Newark - Drinking Fountains for Rural Schools in Mexico

2nd Place: Honeoye Lake - Hemophilia Treatment in Katmandu, Nepal

3rd Place: Victor-Farmington - U.S. Law Enforcement

Club Youth Service Awards

1st Place: Red Jacket - Youth Camp - NYS Sheriff Association

2nd Place: Lima - 2nd Chance Sports Equipment

3rd Place: Newark - Family Fun Literacy Night

Club Annual Attendance Awards

Coordinator - Marc Kreuser

Jack King Award

Awarded to the club with the highest percentage increase in membership growth from May 1, 2016 to February 28, 2017:

1st Place: Nunda 33%

2nd Place: Lima 31%

3rd Place: Wolcott 29%

Howard and Mary Fischer Award

Awarded to the club with the highest percentage attendance from May 1, 2016 to February 28, 2017:

3-Way Tie: Belmont 100%

Nunda 100%

Perry 100%

Club Annual Attendance Awards

Given to the top three clubs, in each division, with the highest percentage attendance from July 1, 2015 to February 28, 2016:

Division B (300 to 399 members)

Rochester Rotary - 49.70%

Division D (100 to 199 members)

1st Place: Canandaigua Rotary 64.33%

2nd Place: Newark Rotary 64.24%

3rd Place: Corning Rotary 47.78%

Division E (50 to 99 members)

1st Place: Perry 100.00%

2nd Place: Geneva 71.70%

3rd Place: Fairport 70.82%

Division F (25 to 49 members)

1st Place: Spencerport 97.39%

2nd Place: Bath 94.43%

3rd Place: Palmyra-Macedon 86.80%

Division G (Under 25 members)

1st Place: Belmont 100 %

2nd Place: Nunda 100 %

3rd Place: Lima 90.90%

Biking Around Presque Island in Erie



Maureen & John Hall and Pieter Smeenk were joined by Rush-Henrietta Rotarian Bob Owens for a bike ride around Presque Isle.

Time to Relax and Have Fun



Some Rotarians and family members spent their free time at Splash Lagoon in Erie.

Victorian Princess Lunch Cruise - Saturday Afternoon

Rotarians and guests were transported to the dock where we were to board the Victorian Princess for the luncheon cruise.

It was a nice sunny day for the luncheon cruise aboard the Victorian Princess - however it was a very windy day - cool at that. So, for the safety of everyone we had the buffet luncheon dockside. We did have a good meal and a history lesson about Lake Erie.



Waiting to board the Victorian Princess



Upper Deck of the Victorian Princess



Lower Deck of the Victorian Princess

Monroe County South



At the district convention, members of Monroe County South represented by Martina and Ebo Ocran (President), Amanda Hughes (Secretary) and Deborah Hughes (Literacy Chair) met and mingled with other Rotarians and two of the outbound ambassadors. At right is Jean McMillian, AG for Area 3.

Red Jacket



Pictured above are attendees from the Red Jacket Rotary Club

Geneseo Rotary



Geneseo Rotary members and their spouses at the District Conference, left to right: Susan Kelley, President Elect Stephen Kelley, President Tim Hayes, Carole Hayes, Past President John Lanpher and Linda Lanpher.

Special Thanks to Jack Kellogg of the Canandaigua Rotary Club for supplying the majority of the photos for this publication

Shelter Box



Pictured above is a Shelter Box that was on display at the District Conference.

Pictured at right is Rich Comins of Webster and Past District Governor Teresa Hall



Celebration of Life Memorial Service

Remembering The Remarkable Rotarians
Who We Lost During The Past Year



Charlie Pease
Avon



George Blickwede
Spencerport



Claude Creswell
Bloomfield



Eileen Filkins
Prattsburgh



Alan Rosbrook
Victor Farmington



Pete Walborn
Clifton Springs



Elmer VerPlank
Palmyra-Macedon



William Zell
Rochester



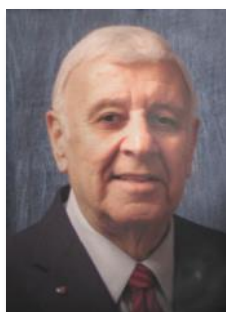
Herbert Schwartz
Rochester



John Lawless
Rochester



Dr. William Bowan
Rochester



Leonard Zwick
Rochester



Norman Leenhouts
Rochester



John Thoman
Rochester



Aldo Fioravanti
Canandaigua

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Celebration of Life Memorial Service

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Harold Densmore
Canandaigua



Malcolm O'Malley
Canandaigua



Michael Shipley
Canandaigua



William Rayburn
Canandaigua



Anita Billings
Perry



Lewis Serventi
Perry



Wally Ashnault
Penfield



PDG Ed Cullen
Watkins-Montour



Michael Yuhasz
Watkins-Montour



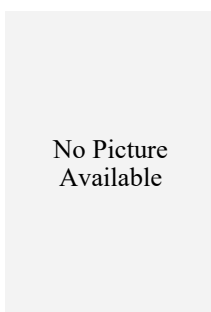
Stephen Murphy
Ontario-Walworth



Philomena Cammuso
Seneca Falls



John Miller
Seneca Falls



Bernie Horle
Seneca Falls



Dr. Bruce Godsave
Geneseo



Dean Johnston Jr.
Geneseo

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Celebration of Life Memorial Service

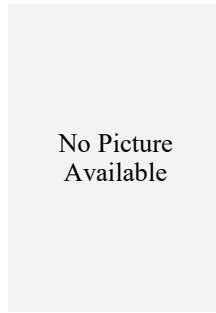
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Julian McFarland Jr.
Geneseo



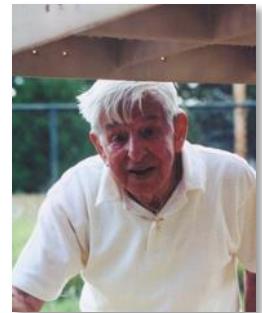
Daniel Hedberg
Greece



Edward Jenner
Geneva



Dr. Russ Gugino
Irondequoit



Pat Torre
Irondequoit

"At the end of life, what really matters
is not what we bought but what we built;
not what we got but what we shared;
not our competence but our character;
and not our success, but our significance.
Live a life that matters. Live a life of love."

-Author unknown



District Award Recipients



Pictured above, left to right: Victor Farmington Rotarians Judy Luitweiler, President Jim Crane, Galen Powers, Ross Perrin, Karen Parkhurst and Dave Luitweiler accept District Awards.

Time to Relax



This couple took timeout to catch their breath between activities. It was a busy weekend.

Foundation Silent Auction



Were you one of the successful bidders? The Auction brought in over \$6,000 for The Foundation!

We're Racing to Saratoga Springs!



Rotary
District 7120

*Taking place on "Derby Weekend" –
the 143rd running of
the Kentucky Derby*

**Rotary 7120
District Conference
May 4-6, 2018
Saratoga Hilton
Saratoga Springs, NY**

**Hosted by
Penfield Rotary Club**



**ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**

From your Editor - Howard Selleck



Pictured above - Howard Selleck receiving an Appreciation Award from DG Tom Rogers

Little did I know that when I agreed to do the governor's newsletter for DG Teresa Hall in 2003 that I would be doing it until the end of the 2016-2017 Rotary year.

The name of the Governor's newsletter has changed several times over the years in District 7120. In Teresa Hall's year as governor (2003-2004) it was called "Hall Talk". The following two years it was as follows:

2004-2005 - DG Charlie Clemens - "Be-Twain the Lines"

2005-2006 - DG Eric Parker - "Parker's Penings"

Starting with Jim Holden's year as District Governor is was changed to its present name - "The Grapevine".

2006-2007 - DG James Holden

2007-2008 - DG John Hall

2008-2009 - Michael Leone

2009-2010 - Mark Wyse

2010-2011 - Jeff Krans

2011-2012 - Norma Madayag-Reilly

2012-2013 - J. Gaven Hurley

At this point in time I thought it was time to hang it up - however - - - - it was onto the next year for:

2013-2014 - DG Ellen Hughes - and

2014-2015 - DG Scott MacDonell - and

2015-2016 - DG Bill Gormont - and for sure I thought that it was the end - but, as Tom Rogers stated, we had lunch and what could I say - - - -

2016-2017 - DG Tom Rogers.

To all the District Governors that I served under - **"Thank You"** for your support and confidence in me. And to be honest I enjoyed every bit of it. Marge & I have enjoyed the friendship that we have established with each and everyone one of you.

Thanks to all that have sent me articles, pictures, calendar items which helped to make the newsletter what it became to be. I also welcomed your feedback - good or bad - criticism is good as it makes for improvement - as I was surely informed of the horrendous misuse of the word "its/it's".

In DG Jeff Kran's year as District Governor he wanted a Foundation newsletter. That is when "The Arbor" publication came along. It is published twice a year with information about how and what we are doing in the District for the Foundation as well as The Foundation internationally. I will continue to be the editor for that publication for the District's Foundation Chair PDG Ellen Hughes (yup - she twisted my arm).

Thanks to my wife Marge. She would help me proof read each publication and we could both overlook the same error. Funny how that happens. She is the one that would come to my computer desk and ask, "Are you coming to bed tonight or tomorrow". About 99% of the time it would be tomorrow.

Now you have a new editor for The Grapevine. The new editor is Marilyn Lyon of the Geneseo Rotary Club. I want to thank her for coming forward - volunteering to be the editor. She will do a great job as she has done a great job for her club.

Send your items to Marilyn for The Grapevine at:

7120news@rochester.rr.com

Phone: 585-346-2570

Thanks again to all for your kind and appreciated comments and support.

Howard