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**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

SEPT 28: ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

OCT 19: DISTRICT CONFERENCE

OCT 24: WORLD POLIO DAY

JUNE 6, 2020: RI CONVENTION, HONOLULU

Knock, Knock  
Who's There?

"Your Neighbor, with an invitation to connect you to our community and the world!"

Friends and Rotarians, does Rotary have a membership problem, or just maybe, more of an "Invitation" problem?

Each one of us was invited to connect to Rotary! In the fall of 1977, Rotarian Jack Scott knocked on his new neighbor's door and invited Randy Wilson (who knew nothing about Rotary) to come to a Sauquoit Rotary dinner meeting. Did Jack know that he would change his neighbor's life forever, by connecting him to the Rotary world? Of course not, but thankfully, Jack was being neighborly and inviting his new neighbor to meet some community leaders and learn about the good things that Rotary was doing in the local Sauquoit community.

If each of us would follow Jack's example and knock on a neighbor's door, who knows what might happen? You make a new acquaintance, and you invite that person to "come and see" your Rotary Club at a project. You invite your neighbor to help at a Rotary sponsored blood drive; to help prepare breakfast for inner city school-aged children; to help pack book bags with school supplies; to help pack meals for the local food pantry. Your new neighbor probably has some interest or passion that could be developed and empowered through Rotary connections locally and maybe even world-wide! Maybe even a new idea for a new project in your community that other neighbors will find of interest!

So take the risk, knock on a neighbor's (co-worker's, business associate's, friend's) door. Some neighbors may not answer, but keep knocking and inviting and remember our vision: "Together People Create Change".

Rotary Connects The World!  
William R. "Randy" Wilson  
District 7150 Governor 2019-2020

P.S. Register today, and come to our District "2020 Vision" Conference, October 19, in Oswego, NY

**Rotary's Vision Statement**

**TOGETHER**, we see a world where  
**PEOPLE** unite and take action to  
**CREATE** lasting  
**CHANGE** - across the globe, in our  
communities, and in ourselves."

# PLAN FOR YOUR DG OFFICIAL VISIT

Incoming District Governor Randy has most of his club visits scheduled. Do you know when he's coming to see you? [Click here](#) to download the full schedule. Please remember to set aside this meeting for DG Randy to present his vision for the coming Rotary year and to stand when he is introduced.

Here are some upcoming visits:

- Sept 3 – Kuyahoorra Valley
- Sept 3 – Mohawk Valley
- Sept 4– Little Falls
- Sept 5 – Hamilton
- Sept 5 – VVS Community
- Sept 9 – Camden
- Sept 10 – Moravia
- Sept 10 – Rome
- Sept 11 – Oriskany Falls
- Sept 11 – Sauquoit
- Sept 17 – North Utica–Whitestown
- Sept 25 – Adirondack Foothills

# ADVANCING WOMEN IN ROTARY WEBINAR

Wednesday, August 28th at 4pm

Currently, women make up 23 percent of our membership, and represent, on an average, 20 percent of leadership positions. Rotarians are ready to embrace change, as indicated by the record number of breakout sessions at the 2019 Rotary International Convention in Hamburg dedicated to the topic of women's advancement in Rotary's leadership. During one of these sessions, Rotarians Beth Keck and Todd Jenkins collected ideas from more than 500 members, both female and male, about how to take action and break down the barriers to women's advancement in leadership positions. Hear the proposals and add your voice to this critical conversation. Everyone who registers will receive access to the recording and slides.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

# MEMBERSHIP SUCCESS: EASTWOOD IS BOOMING

Eastwood Rotary came in first place in membership growth for the 2018–2019 Rotary Year! They grew their membership by 6 which is a 29% increase. What is their secret? President Alicia Zaret, "We've been blessed with a great membership chair who is not shy about inviting people to lunch and asking the question about attending an orientation. We use pre-made invitation cards, and our members are encouraged to carry them to hand out to people they meet. Once guests arrive, we always have a relevant speaker from our community, and an atmosphere of fun and community that (hopefully) makes them feel welcome. Everyone shares the greeter role and is genuinely interested in how people are doing. When we give happy dollars with our fines, we are sharing parts of our day and life with the group, with cheers for the good things and offer support for the not so good. Rotary has been an extended family for me, and I hope to encourage an environment where it can be that for others as well. **Bottom line: make people feel welcome, show gratitude for their contributions, and always share Rotary with people you meet!**"



President Alicia Zaret is pictured with her husband Jonathan, who is also a member of the Eastwood club and Advisor to the Rotaract Club of Syracuse University.



An example of the invitation business cards the club uses. Need help designing one that is on brand? Contact Public Image Chair Lizzy for assistance!

Congratulations to Eastwood Rotary for inducting 3 new members in July! (District Governor Randy Wilson; new members Christine Corbett, Anna Hartwell, and Charles Harkola; and Club Membership Chair Bernie Bregman)



# SEEKING NOMINATIONS: VETERANS ACHIEVEMENT

District Veterans Services Chair Ziggy is seeking nominations from clubs who have sponsored projects that serve a veteran need in their community. The winning club will receive 1,000 Paul Harris Points from the district to honor a member of their choosing, and an award plaque to display at club meetings for the year. Nominations are due by September 30th and the winner will be announced at District Conference. [Click here](#) for the details on the award criteria and the form your club will need to submit.

## IS YOUR CLUB INCLUSIVE?

Rotary is a diverse organization with members from all walks of life, but how inclusive are we? Diversity is not effective unless we embrace all members and value their contributions. On the previous page, the Eastwood Club taught us that the first step to membership growth is asking people to join. [Click here](#) to get three helpful tips on how to make sure to be an inclusive club once those new (and hopefully diverse) members join you!

## KNOW WHO COULD BE THE 2022-23 DISTRICT GOVERNOR?

It's the time of year when the district seeks nominations for our future leader. [Click here](#) to read more about the qualifications for a candidate for District Governor and a nomination form.

**Deadline is September 15th!**

## WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU SAY YES TO ROTARY...

Here is a great article to share on your club's social media – the testimony of 17 people on how joining Rotary transformed their lives. This diverse group of members shared what inspired them to join and why they now drink the Rotary kool-aid. [Click here](#) and then share on your personal Facebook page, as well as your club's page!

## SAVE THE “NEW” DATE!

### 94<sup>th</sup> Eastern Cities Fellowship Dinner

Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>

Joseph A. Floreano Riverside Convention Center



**Keynote Speaker:**  
**Holger Knaack**  
RI President Elect 2019-2020  
RI President 2020-2021

[www.rochesterrotary.org](http://www.rochesterrotary.org)

## THREE NEW WAYS TO GIVE

You can now connect with your social network by using Facebook to fundraise for The Rotary Foundation! Your fundraiser can either support the World Fund which provides vital funding for our highest priority activities around the globe or polio eradication. Simply select either Rotary International or End Polio Now as your nonprofit and share with your friends.

With more than 1.2 million members worldwide, Rotarians are on the ground and ready to take action to help communities recover when a natural disaster strikes. A donation to our new Disaster Response Fund will help Rotary clubs provide disaster recovery and supports rebuilding efforts where the need is greatest. Contributions are combined into one fund and made available through Rotary Disaster Response Grants; they cannot be directed to a specific disaster. [Click here](#) to donate.

In communities worldwide, Rotary and Rotaract members work side by side to take action through service. To support these initiatives, it is now more important than ever to encourage philanthropy with our young leaders. The new Rotaract Giving Certificate recognizes Rotaract Clubs who annually give at least \$50 to The Rotary Foundation from five or more members. [Click here](#) to learn more!

# RLI IS COMING!



Saturday, September 28  
Vernon Verona Sherrill High School  
8am-3:30pm

\$85/person - Online Registration Required  
Offering Parts I, II, III and Graduate

Includes  
breakfast &  
lunch!

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

## District Conference 2019

a one day  
conference!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

Lake Ontario Conference Center

Engaging keynote speakers  
Fun fall activities  
Delicious, local treats  
Bring the whole family!

*\$50/person to register*

**NEW**

Flexible meal plans  
Great hotel prices  
Discounts & group tours of local museums  
A fun SU party with Rudy's Texas Hots

IT'S SO  
EASY!

STEP 1

Register online OR  
update an existing registration to  
add a meal plan with the link below

STEP 2

Contact either hotel to book  
your stay Friday or Saturday  
night (or both!)

➔ *Click Here to Register Online* ➔

HONOLULU  
HAWAII 2020

**BOOK NOW**

Join tens of thousands of Rotarians on a beautiful island June 6-10, 2020. Register & book your hotel now before they are sold out!





Saturday October 26, 2019

15 MILE & 5K RACE  
10:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.

STARTS AT  
TOWN OF SULLIVAN PARKS & REC  
707 LEGION DR, CHITTENANGO

REGISTER ONLINE

[www.eriecanalrun.com](http://www.eriecanalrun.com)

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## DEWITT INVITES ALL TO MUSICAL EVENING

Front Row Players, organized by Deb Kavanagh, has gained a following that continues to grow. This musically talented group of young adults performed for the DeWitt Rotary Club last year drawing 100 attendees. On October 7th, DeWitt Rotary Club will have an evening meeting at Drumlins beginning at 5:30 p.m. The buffet dinner will be followed by special selections from this troop of gifted people with different afflictions, bound to bring smiles and tears based on our experience last year.

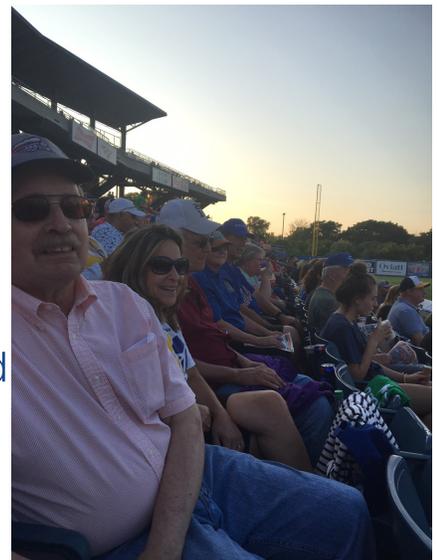
Cost is \$20/person and only those pre-registered can attend. RSVP before September 27th to Leo Eisner at 315-637-9551 or (315) 415-9551. Reserved tables for club members from other clubs available.

This likely will be a sell out performance!

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**WORLD POLIO DAY** **OCT 24**

## MULTIPLE CLUBS CHEERED ON THE METS

Members from several clubs came out as part of Baldwinsville Rotary's group outing to a Syracuse Mets game at NBT Bank Stadium on a beautiful Thursday night. They enjoyed \$1 hot dogs, \$2 beers and a truly spectacular fireworks display. To top it all off, the Mets won the game! Thanks to Rotarians from DeWitt, Syracuse Inner City, Marcellus, and Baldwinsville clubs for taking advantage of discounted group tickets and an opportunity for fellowship. We also welcomed their families and friends. We hope to get even more at next year's baseball outing, so be sure to read your newsletter for another invitation in 2020!



## B'VILLE ENJOYS SERVICE & FUN

Baldwinsville Rotarians have been busy this summer – busy having fun! Their first service project was mid-July and was easy to coordinate with the Elden Elementary PTA. A team of Rotarians volunteered to help with their new playground build (photo on left). It was a fun way to give back to the community without the club having to do any of the planning. They have also enjoyed several social outings, including happy hours (photo on right), club in a pub where they checked out a brand new business and enjoying the community's free summer concert series together (even when it was pouring rain!). There is still more fun to come in August and another service project. Check out [www.BaldwinsvilleRotary.org](http://www.BaldwinsvilleRotary.org) for a schedule so you can join them!



## DEWITT HOSTS BLOOD DRIVES YEAR-ROUND

The Rotary Club of DeWitt co-sponsors six blood drives annually in conjunction with DeWitt Community Church. DeWitt Rotarian Cheryl Matt helps to promote the blood drives by displaying posters, sending emails to donors and setting up appointments for the event. The Rotarians volunteer with members of the church the day of the event, at the check-in table, refreshment table and they donate blood.

The next DeWitt Rotary co-sponsored Red Cross Blood Drive is Sat., September 7th, 8am- 1pm.

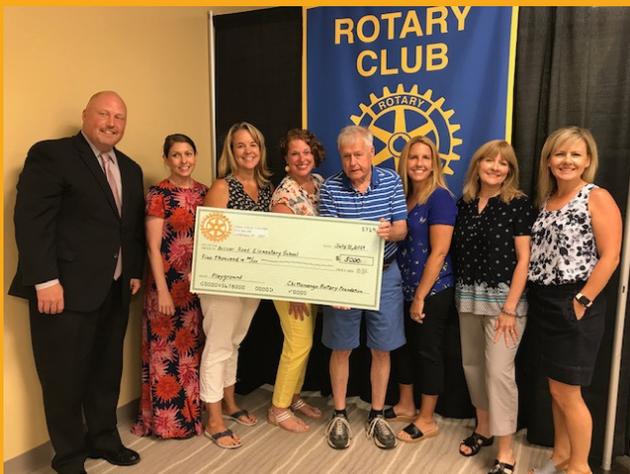
All are welcome so please plan to donate!

Photo submitted by Cheryl Matt- back row DeWitt Rotarians Keith Robisch- DeWitt Rotary president, and Mark Strodel. Seated JoAnn Grower and Mark Matt



## CHITTENANGO DONATES TO NEW PLAYGROUND

Past President of Chittenango Rotary Fred Cholet, accompanied by Rotarians Mike Eiffe and Dana Kent, presented a check for \$5000 to the Bolivar Rd Playground Committee to be used toward a new state-of-the-art playground at the elementary school. President Cholet chose to designate his President gift of \$1000 to this project, in addition to \$4000 raised by the club.



## FULTON SUNRISE WELCOMES DG IN WESTERN STYLE

At a recent Fulton Sunrise Rotary meeting, AG Jerry Sequin, right, and President Abby Wiertzema introduced District Governor Randy Wilson to our Sunrise Rodeo Rotary. Randy joined Rotary in 1978 after retiring as the Branch Manager of Rome Savings Bank. He has been deeply involved with Rotary's youth exchange program and is very passionate about it. His vision is to have joint adventures with other Rotary Clubs and apply for grants for community projects. If you are curious about the western attire, listen up when DG Randy visits your club for his rodeo story!

