

Speakers Bureau

Presenters Available to Rotary District 7150 Virtual Club Meetings During the 2020-2021 Rotary Year
rotary7150.org (Resources and Membership)

Topic: Honor Flight Syracuse

Presenter: Rear Admiral John F. Paddock, Jr., USN (Retired), Skaneateles Rotary

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John Paddock is the President & Co-founder of Honor Flight Syracuse which serves 10 counties in Central & Northern NY. John is Chair of the Onondaga County Executive Veterans Advisory Board whose projects include the County War Memorial renovation. He is also a member of the New York State Veterans Affairs Commission. John can provide insights on any of these areas of interest.

Topic: My Life Experiences and Music

Presenter: Greg Hoover, Syracuse Sunrise Rotary

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Talented musician Greg Hoover was raised in PA, traveled with the JE Eskew Rodeo, performed in Madison Square Garden and other venues as a child with his legendary dad and has made many famous friends over the years. Greg will share his interesting life and beautiful music with you.

Topic: Financial Empowerment and Diversity

Presenter: Devin White, Eastwood Rotary

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Devin White is a Certified Financial Planner™ for Janney Montgomery Scott, LLC. He grew up impoverished on the south side of Syracuse and today uses his experience and skills to help community members better understand the power of saving, strategic planning, and goal setting. He can also speak about the challenges of diversity and inclusion and industries traditionally dominated by one race (Caucasian) and thoughts/strategies on how to bring about change in the workplace.

Topic: Harriet Tubman

Presenter: William Canole, Skaneateles Rotary

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Harriet Tubman was an American abolitionist and political activist. Born into slavery, Tubman escaped and subsequently made some 13 missions to rescue approximately 70 enslaved people, including family and friends, using the network of antislavery activists and safe houses known as the Underground Railroad.

Topic: The Good Life CNY

Presenter: Annette Peters

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Annette is the lead on an initiative to promote CNY as a great place to live and work, a collaboration between Advance Media NY, Centerstate CEO and local companies. The program studied the best reasons to live in this area, what misperceptions people have about the region that they need to overcome and what challenges we truly have to address (like the snow!). Then they go out and spread the word that CNY is hiring and is a great place to settle down. Learn how you can be a better ambassador for our region!

Topic: Monarch Butterflies

Presenter: Dana Jerrard, District 7150 Governor Elect, Utica Rotary

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Dana will walk you through the life stages of a monarch butterfly as he raises them in his home and can share the experience with you. Beautiful photos and interesting information await you.

Topic: 100 Black Men of Syracuse

Presenter: Drake Harrison, Eastwood Rotary

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Drake Harrison is the retired Director of Onondaga Community College's Collegiate Science and Technology Entry Program and president of the 100 Black Men of Syracuse. The 100 Black Men of Syracuse, Inc. is committed to the intellectual development of youth and the economic empowerment of the African-America community based upon the flowing precepts: Respect for Family, Spirituality, Justice and Integrity.

Topic: Rotary Resources Online

Presenter: Lizzy Martin, District 7150 Public Image Chair, Baldwinsville Rotary

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I can do a presentation for clubs on Zoom to walk Rotarians through the resources available on the district web site, review how to log in and edit one's profile in ClubRunner and a high level look at My Rotary. I have done this program for four or five clubs already, including our own. It's also an opportunity to answer questions about ClubRunner vs. My Rotary and show members where they can find anything in particular they look for on our site or rotary.org.

Topic: David's Refuge

Presenter: Christine Corbett, Eastwood Rotary

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David's Refuge provides a place of respite for families who are caring for children with special needs or life-threatening medical conditions. Parents and Guardians are treated to a two-night stay at a partnering bed and breakfast in New York State.

Topic: Syracuse Stage

Presenter: Joann Yarrow, Eastwood Rotary

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Syracuse Stage is the nonprofit, professional theatre company in residence at Syracuse University. We are nationally recognized for creating stimulating theatrical work that engages Central New York, and for our significant contribution to the artistic life of Syracuse University, where we are a vital partner in achieving the educational mission of the University's Department of Drama.

Topic: The Greening of Central New York (Environmental Sustainability Rotarian Action Group, ESRAG)

Presenter: Raul Huerta, Syracuse Sunrise

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An introduction to our initial district wide project for Environmental Sustainability Rotarian Action Group (ESRAG), a Rotary tree planting project.

Topic: Project Drawdown (Environmental Sustainability Rotarian Action Group, ESRAG)

Presenter: Peter Michel

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Learn how the many existing solutions to our environmental sustainability problem can give us hope, inspire our actions, and put our efforts in a larger context of success.

Topic: Our World Under Water

Presenter: Past District Governor Mac MacDonald, Auburn Rotary

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Mac MacDonald, owner of Finger Lakes Scuba, will take you with him on some of his scuba diving excursions to the Philippines, Thailand, Australia and the Caribbean. Sit back and enjoy a gorgeous under water adventure.

Topic: Rotaract

Presenter: Jonathan Yost, District 7150 Rotaract Chair

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Through Rotaract clubs, young people ages 18 and older develop leadership and professional skills, exchange ideas with community leaders, and have fun through service.

Topic: Vera House

Presenter: Randy Bregman (Executive Director)

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Vera House prevents, responds to and partners to end domestic and sexual violence and other forms of abuse. They advocate for the right of all persons to live without abuse, oppression, violence or fear in their relationships.

Topic: Toast Masters

Presenter: Sean Becker, Baldwinsville Rotary

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The newly formed Rotary/Toastmasters strategic alliance provides members with more opportunities for personal and professional growth. Sean Becker, a member of Toast Masters, will speak about the many benefits our alliance with Toast Masters offers.

Topic: Food Bank

Presenter: Lynn Hy (Development Director)

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Food Bank of Central New York works to eliminate hunger through nutritious food distribution, education, and advocacy in cooperation with the community.

Topic: Financial Matters of Interest To Your Club Members

Presenter: Christine Van Meter M.B.A., Little Falls

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Christine Van Meter earned her MBA from Boston University and has over 25 years in the financial and insurance industry. She is a former Army paratrooper who reached the rank of Captain and served in several critical staff positions. Christine will speak on financial matters that are of interest to your club.

Topic: Travel Opportunities

Presenter: Rosemary Mondo, Skaneateles Rotary

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Rosemary will speak to you about travel challenges & opportunities during the COVID situation & in the coming year when COVID abates.

Topic: Saving Our Coral Reefs

Presenter: Past District Governor Marvin Joslyn, Baldwinsville Rotary

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Our coral reefs are in danger of becoming extinct. You will be able to view our beautiful ocean coral reefs while gaining an understanding of why they are endangered and what we can do to help.

Topic: Personal Mastery

Presenter: Lee Livermore

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Lee Livermore is a Thought Leader, Professional Speaker, and Consultant. Lee is the creator of The Practitioner - a guide to Personal Mastery. Lee's presentations incorporate the teaching of T'ai Chi, NLP, and thought leaders such as Stephen Covey, Marshall Goldsmith, Peter Segne and Timothy Gallway. He engages the audience to help them create the life they so richly deserve.

Topic: Erin's Angels

Presenter: Sheila Dion, Founder of Erin's Angels

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Through funding and donations Erin's Angel's helps children with food insecurities. They provide food to children during school breaks and weekends so children don't go without. Their mission is to mobilize the community, individuals, and resources to provide for kids in need.

Topic: Think Tank Discussion

Presenter: Sally Fedrizzi, Baldwinsville Rotary

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Sally can help clubs plan and then facilitate discussion on a book, article or video. These discussions help members explore new and interesting information, current events and even topics right out of The Rotarian Magazine. Think Tanks can also help members get to know one another better, and often generate new ideas for projects and ways to serve.

Topic: Hope For Heather

Presenter: Frieda Weeks, Founder of Hope For Heather, Liverpool Rotary

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Frieda is the founder of Hope for Heather which is a non-for-profit organization that helps spread awareness about ovarian cancer, the leading cause of death from gynecological cancers in the US. She is also a fellow Rotarian in the Liverpool Club.