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#### What is Vocational Service?

If you are an active, engaged Rotarian, you probably view vocational service as your way of life.

We are an organization made up of local business, professional, educational and civic leaders. We meet regularly to get to know each other, to form friendships, and through that, we are able to get things done in our communities.

Vocational service is one of Rotary's six Avenues of Service. The concept of vocational service is found in the second Object of Rotary, a philosophical statement of Rotary's purpose and responsibilities of Rotarians. It calls on Rotarians to "encourage and foster" high ethical standards in business and professions, recognize the worthiness of all useful occupations, and dignify each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society.

As Rotarians, we can put these ideals into action by;

- \*talking about our vocation to our club, and taking time to learn about fellow member's vocations
- \*using our professional skills to serve our club and community
- \*practicing our profession with integrity, and inspiring others to behave ethically through our words and actions
- \*helping young people achieve their career aspirations
- \*guiding and encouraging others in their professional development
- \*networking with associates to help serve others

If you, as Rotarians act on these ideals, you are performing vocational service. If you are motivated and energized by vocational service, then you have chosen the right service organization, because vocational service is the very essence of Rotary. It sets this organization apart from other service organizations.

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## **YOUR PASSPORTS TO SERVICE & FELLOWSHIP**

Are you up for the challenge of visiting other clubs to participate in fellowship and service? Get moving with DG Phyllis' challenge!

*Make sure you submit your club's opportunities for service and fellowship to the District Newsletter editor by the 25th of January to be featured in the February edition so other Rotarians can join in your club's fun, and make sure to read through the newsletter for opportunities for your club to get their passport signed!*



# COUNCIL ON RESOLUTIONS TAKES ACTION FOR US

This council, featuring representatives from all of Rotary's districts, meets online each year. They vote on resolutions that clubs, districts, the RI Board and the General Council or Conference of RIBI have proposed. The representative from District 7150 is Past District Governor Deb Glisson.

The council recently voted on dozens of resolutions and have sent them to the Rotary International Board and the RI Foundation Board of Trustees to review. Resolutions include things like:

- For the RI Board to consider keeping original membership info for returning members
- For the Trustees to consider adding sustainable develop't and environmental protection as an area of focus
- To request the RI Board to consider not increasing Rotary's per capita dues at the 2019 Council

Click here to review all the resolutions: <https://goo.gl/x96Niq>

Remember, these are recommendations that get sent to the respective boards, who will now consider the resolutions at their next meetings.

## THE ROSE BOWL PARADE: PUBLIC IMAGE & MEMBERSHIP

Rotary District 7070 in the Pasadena, California area has brought Rotary into homes across America with their float in the annual Rose Bowl Parade, held on New Year's Day and broadcast on multiple national television stations. The focus of the parade are the beautiful floats, created with flowers and all natural materials. This year's Rotary float featured a beautiful bunny admiring a small peach tree, which features a peach for each of the six areas of focus for our service organization.

Click here for more information: <https://goo.gl/T1NBtc>

Does your club have a "Rose Parade?" Do you have a signature project that draws attention to Rotary in a big way? Do you think having such a visible project could help our organization attract new members? If your club is looking for the next big project, the next way to give back to your community or a new event to hold, consider how that event could benefit your club in return with visibility and shameless plugs!

# MEMBERSHIP

CLUB	July '17	Dec '17
ADIRONDACK FOOTHILLS	29	25
AUBURN	42	44
SOUTHERN CAYUGA	3	5
BALDWINVILLE	55	59
CAMDEN	9	9
CAMILLUS-SOLVAY-GEDDES	33	30
CANASTOTA	18	17
CATO	16	16
CAZENOVIA	14	14
CHITTENANGO	36	35
DEWITT	72	79
DOLGEVILLE	19	17
EASTWOOD	27	27
E-CLUB OF SYRACUSE	14	15
FAYETTEVILLE-MANLIUS	3	13
FULTON	24	26
FULTON SUNRISE	24	22
GREATER UTICA SUNRISE	7	6
HAMILTON	30	32
KUYAHOORA VALLEY	25	27
LITTLE FALLS	28	25
MARCELLUS	28	26
MOHAWK VALLEY	28	36
MORAVIA	17	16
NEW HARTFORD	25	20
NORTH UTICA-WHITESTOWN	22	21
ONEIDA	53	54
ONONDAGA NORTH	7	7
ORISKANY FALLS	20	17
OSWEGO	31	30
OSWEGO SUNRISE	15	17
ROME	38	38
SAUQUOIT	16	13
SHERRILL	11	12
SKANEATELES	60	57
SKANEATELES SUNRISE	17	15
SYRACUSE	60	60
SYRACUSE INNER CITY	11	10
SYRACUSE SUNRISE	19	19
TULLY	21	21
UTICA	114	106
WATERVILLE	17	17
WEST WINFIELD	8	9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,166</b>	<b>1,164</b>

## **SERVICE PROJECT HELP WANTED**

## **FINAL GRANTS SEMINAR**

Because of inclement weather on January 6th, one additional opportunity to attend the Grants Management Seminar is being offered:

**Wednesday, January 24th from 6-7:30pm**

**Canastota Library on West Center Street**

Free to attend, but please register at

<https://goo.gl/gzcW6e>

Join us for a "People of Action" project event at this year's Multi-District President Elect Training Seminar (MD-PETS). The project is a clean-up, fix-up and paint-up in a family transitional area at the Syracuse Salvation Army headquarters. **The event will take place on Friday, March 16 from 1:00 pm to 4pm.** We are looking for four emerging leaders who would like to participate. *The nominees can be Rotarians (not President Elects) or non-Rotarians.* They will be invited to attend all MD-PETS sessions held at the University Sheraton on Friday and Saturday, an amazing learning experience and great intro to Rotary for a prospective member. There is no cost to them and lodging will be provided if required. Please submit the names of your nominee(s) along with their contact information by 2/15/2018 to [marvd7150@gmail.com](mailto:marvd7150@gmail.com).

## **FOUNDATION GALA SEEKING AUCTION ITEMS**

On February 10th we will be celebrating a "New Century of Giving" and all that our clubs have done to support the Rotary International Foundation at our annual Foundation Gala. The planning committee would like to include a silent auction to raise additional funds for the foundation that evening and need the support of each club in the district. They are asking for a donated basket or item valued at \$50 or more to be included in the auction. This was a fun, celebratory event that was well attended last year and is looking to be fabulous once again this year at the newly renovated DoubleTree Hotel! Please contact Cheryl Matt at [CherylMatt7150@gmail.com](mailto:CherylMatt7150@gmail.com) or Linda Iannone at Ph: 315-723-9887, email [Linspj@aol.com](mailto:Linspj@aol.com) to let them know who will be attending from your club and will bring your auction item. The committee would like to know what your item is in advance and its value so they can have ample time to create auction sheets.

## **SUMMITS & SEMINARS WELL-ATTENDED**

The district has completed two identical events featuring the OneRotary Summit and Grants Management Seminar, providing Rotarians with the opportunity to come together, learn from one another and be prepared for the upcoming grants process. OneRotary Summit is a shared learning



session that focuses on the connections between membership, foundation giving and public image. Members worked in small groups to brainstorm ways to use a strength in one area to overcome a challenge in another, sharing what has worked for their club, presenting current challenges and coming up with brand new ideas to try. The results of all the ideas are available for all to "steal" at <https://goo.gl/9QiY28>. Many thanks to the almost 100 Rotarians who joined these events in Little Falls and in East Syracuse this Rotary year. Any feedback on how to improve the event for future sessions are welcome and contact information for the district leaders on this project is available on the OneRotary page, found under the Useful Pages tab at [www.rotary7150.org](http://www.rotary7150.org).

## ORDINARY ROTARIANS, EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES

Rotary is compiling interesting stories about our fellow members and the amazing things they have accomplished, survived and don. You can read stories about one who survived the atomic bomb, someone who walked 27,000 miles for peace and how one lived on \$1.50/day. <https://goo.gl/cvRPFS>

## MEMBERSHIP COURSES AVAILABLE ONLINE

We are half way through the Rotary year. How is your club faring? Are you growing? If not, or if you want to grow more and better, consider several resources available from Rotary International's Learning Center:

- Is Your Club Healthy?
- Building a Diverse Club
- Online Membership Leads
- Practicing Flexibility & Innovation
- Strategies for Attracting New Members
- Kick-start Your New Member Orientation
- Best Practices for Engaging Members
- Your Membership Plan (coming soon)

Start with the "Is Your Club Healthy?" course to help determine which of the other courses are most relevant for you. These are free and available anytime you want to take them (even 3am!).

To access the Learning Center, visit [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) and log into My Rotary. From there, under the Learning & Reference tab, select the Learning Center along the right. The Membership category is along the left side of the page to access these courses. When you choose a course, click on "register," which will then switch to say "start" and you can click that button. Activate the online module by clicking that link on the left. You will also find additional resources that you can save or share with fellow Rotarians to show them what you learned. There are courses available on all kinds of topics so take a look around!

## 5 REASONS TO MAKE ROTARY REWARDS YOUR 2018 RESOLUTION

Rotary Global Rewards is a member benefits program available to all Rotarians that helps you spend less while giving back to Rotary. It's great for both personal and professional purchases like travel, hotels, gifts, entertainment and more! Start the new year off right by downloading the new Rotary Global Rewards app so you can save more money this year, available in the App Store or Google Play.

Check out the five reasons Rotary Global Rewards is the best: <https://goo.gl/CeAxoU>

## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Just a short drive away in Toronto, this is your best opportunity to experience a once-in-a-lifetime event like an international convention.

**Register now to get the best price!**

**BOOK BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE  
ONLY 500 HOTEL  
ROOMS LEFT!**

**REGISTER & BOOK YOUR  
HOTEL ON THE SAME SITE  
DON'T DELAY!**

JUNE 23-27, 2018



**CLICK HERE  
TO  
REGISTER &  
BOOK  
HOTELS  
ONLINE**

# Rotary Foundation Gala

DISTRICT 7150 FEBRUARY 10, 2018  
A NEW CENTURY OF GIVING

\$50/PERSON | 5PM AT THE DOUBLETREE HOTEL, SYRACUSE | BUSINESS ATTIRE

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER: SAMUEL MBAJAH

POLIO SURVIVOR & SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY PHD STUDENT  
COME HEAR ABOUT SAMUEL'S JOURNEY AND STRUGGLES THAT BROUGHT HIM  
FROM KENYA TO SYRACUSE!



**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

CLICK HERE  
TO SIGN UP



## ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

District 7170 | Owego, NY

Saturday, March 10th from 7:30am - 3:30pm

Click here to register online: <https://goo.gl/ei9J26>

## DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2018

April 27-29, 2018 | Radisson Hotel, Corning NY  
[www.rotary7150.org](http://www.rotary7150.org)



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## COME TO CORNING!

**\$250/Guest includes all meals  
and registration**

**\$119/night - Queen Room**

**\$129/night - King or Double Bed**

**SAVE THE DATE NOW - PLAN TO BE AT CONFERENCE NEXT YEAR!**

We will be once again putting together a weekend full of fun, education and fellowship, taking into account your feedback from this year.

We have a great location that's close to many interesting and unique attractions like the Corning Museum of Glass and so much more!

**DOWNLOAD A REGISTRATION FORM AT**

**[www.rotary7150.org](http://www.rotary7150.org)**

## Bring Your Passport to BALDWINSVILLE!

### SATURDAY, JAN 20TH - SERVICE

Volunteer at The B'Ville Big Chill  
Mercer Park from 11am-3pm  
Event info at [www.bvillebigchill.com](http://www.bvillebigchill.com)

Contact Dona Occhipinti at  
[donagabrielle@gmail.com](mailto:donagabrielle@gmail.com)



### TUESDAY, JAN 30TH - FELLOWSHIP

Join us at our regular meeting for  
speaker and Rotarian Harlow Kisselstein  
on the history of Baldwinsville  
Red Mill Inn, 7pm



### SUNDAY, FEB 11TH - FELLOWSHIP

Annual Soup 'n Snowshoe  
Beaver Lake Nature Center, 12-3pm  
Join us for a snowshoe hike and bring a  
soup, chili or chowder to share as we  
warm up with delicious fellowship after

### TUESDAY, FEB 13TH - FELLOWSHIP

Students of the Month Presentation  
Red Mill Inn, 7pm

### TUESDAY, MARCH 13TH -

#### FELLOWSHIP

Join our next Book Club meeting to  
discuss "From Killing Fields to  
Boardroom," by Dr. Emad Rahim  
Red Mill Inn, 7pm

You can also see our upcoming  
meetings and what's on the agenda  
at [www.BaldwinsvilleRotary.org](http://www.BaldwinsvilleRotary.org)

We hope you will join us (in  
groups of four) so we can sign  
your passports!



## 9th Annual Tully Rotary Club

# CHILI COOK-OFF

Saturday, March 3rd from 1-4pm  
at the Tully Masonic Lodge

**Come one, come all to a  
GREAT, LOCAL, FAMILY  
event and cure your cabin fever!**

Taste the best local chilis and enjoy music from  
Butternut Creek Revival,  
beverages from Cortland Brewing Company,  
celebrity judges & much more!

Chili prizes awarded for Judge's Choice, People's  
Choice, Best Name, Best Booth, Best Rotary Chili  
and many more!

## SIGN UP NOW

Can your chili be the winner?

Click here to download a  
registration form: <https://goo.gl/4Jf9xU>  
\$25 registration fee

**REGISTER EARLY**

**Competitor spaces are limited!**

For more information, contact Jim Austin at  
[pastorjfa@gmail.com](mailto:pastorjfa@gmail.com) at (315) 345-3144

# SAVE THE DATE

ROTARY RIBS RHYTHM  
& BLUES FESTIVAL

July 21-22, 2018

Emerson Park, Auburn

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

# **AUBURN ROTARY FINISHES 2017 STRONG**



Happy New Year from the Auburn Rotary Club. We wish you all a healthy and prosperous New Year. To finish out 2017 Auburn Rotarians kept busy with an Odyssey of Mind sponsorship to the Montessori School of the Finger Lakes. The new year also brings change as our normal meeting room at the Holiday Inn is undergoing renovations. We're looking forward to seeing our new meeting place. We've been meeting at the Holiday Inn for the past 47 years.



Many thanks to President Bob Edmunds and his wife Beth and daughter Heather for hosting our Christmas party at their home. Once again it was delicious food and awesome fellowship to celebrate the holidays.

## **CAMILLUS-SOLVAY-GEDDES ROTARY CELEBRATES THE SEASON WITH SONG**

The CSG Rotary Club had their annual holiday party, which included singing to get in the spirit. Shown here, Rotarian Blair Frodelius plays and District Governor Phyllis adds her voice to the melody!



## **FULTON ROTARY SUPPORTS LOCAL HISTORY WITH GRANT**

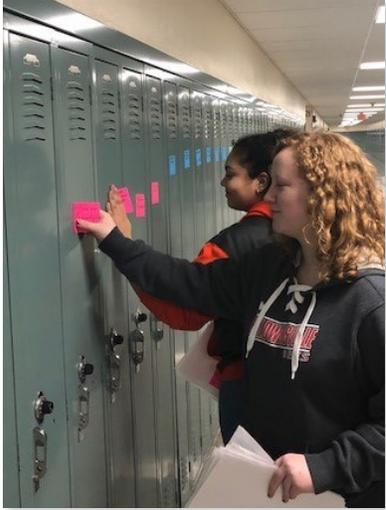
Recently, the Friends of History (FOH) received a grant from the Fulton Sunrise Rotary Club and District 7150 for new computers and software updates. With these updates, the FOH will be able to catalog any Fulton historical items loaned or donated to the John Wells Pratt House Museum, which is located at 177 South First Street in Fulton. Pictured from left is Sue Brown, FOH, Doug Stevens and Abby Wiertzema from Fulton Sunrise Rotary.



## **B'VILLE GAINING MEMBERS & MORE FUN**

The Baldwinsville Rotary Club has been on a roll with finding new members, welcoming four more since the new Rotary year, including one corporate membership. In an effort to keep members engaged the club uses a personalize orientation program and works hard to make sure meetings are interesting, the club is busy with projects and have recently formed a fun committee to plan monthly social outings too. Many members in this club have formed true friendships and rewarding relationships through Rotary, so the club wants to nurture and encourage that with less formal opportunities to socialize. All Rotarians from all clubs are welcome to join in on the fun. Scroll back up to the Club Events page to see what's happening in February!

## INTERACT STUDENTS POST POSITIVITY



The Baldwinsville Interact Club did their first big project and it was a bit of a sticky situation. They placed 1,450 post-it notes, covering all the lockers in Baker High School. Each post-it featured a positive message and was marked that it was from the Interact Club. This was a great way to spread happiness during the holiday season and promote their organization. Smart thinking! The project was

such a success that they hope to do it again at Durgee Junior High before the end of the school year!

## OSWEGO ROTARY MAKES HOLIDAYS BRIGHTER FOR KIDS

Oswego Rotary's past president Danielle Hayden and current president Carrie Penoyer worked together on a new project for the club to make the holidays special for local children. Working with Minetto Elementary, they presented a check to the school's Angel Tree project (see photo). They took kindergartener Angelina McEwen (shown below) shopping for a toy and clothes. And they found another family in need that they provided gifts for too! the school is hoping the club will make this an annual tradition and it looks like the Rotarians really enjoyed themselves!



## YOUTH EXCHANGE CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

District 7150 Youth Exchange honored a big milestone with a jubilee dinner on January 6th at the Holiday Inn in Liverpool. Despite the snow, over 150 people attended the event, which featured a silent auction, notes from past exchange students on every table, live music and several speakers. The evening kicked off with the traditional Parade of Flags, featuring our current inbound students and several past exchange students. Past district committee chair Mic Jenkins, of Baldwinsville, shared what an honor it was for him to lead the committee and how meaningful cultural exchange has been throughout the years. A touching tribute to former exchange student Andi, who passed away from cancer, was bravely led by host parent Mike DeBottis and included airing Andi's music video that the Make A Wish Foundation sponsored. District Governor Phyllis presented outgoing committee chair Tom Taylor with a Paul Harris in honor of his years of leadership and dedication to the program - surprise! The program concluded with a montage of well wishes from former exchange students and the Rotary districts we exchange with, submitted from all over the world! Overall the evening was a hit, that brought laughter and tears to all in attendance, successfully honoring all of those who have come before and those who are still to come in our district's shining star, Youth Exchange.

## BALDWINSVILLE HONOR STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

It was wonderful to show so much support for our two recipients, Matthew King and Emilie Hoy, and their proud parents, as we recognized their hard work and dedication to helping others. As always, the kids were great at addressing a room full of strangers to share with us their passions and hobbies. Matt was a self-professed nerd who has earned his Eagle Scout, plays piano and is interested in studying math and physics. Emilie has been accepted to RPI to study information technology, she does Irish dancing and is active in her church's CYO. The students are shown here with their certificates and family that came to support them.

