

Rotary

District 7150



Newsletter

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To submit your club's news for this newsletter, the district Facebook page or www.rotary7150.org, send to Lizzy Flinn-Brown, Public Image Chair, at ebrown@syracuse.com

Be a gift to the world

EXTENDED!

REGISTER FOR JUST \$35 PER ROTARIAN *thru January 15th*

NOTE: Will remain available to all first-time attendees, always!

HOW TO REGISTER

Step 1: Go to www.rotary7150.org

Step 2: Go to the District Conference page by either clicking on the ad at the top of the page or the tab in the upper right.

Step 3: Register online, using a credit card for payment, by clicking the blue Register Now button.
To register by mail, download the registration form in the upper left of the page, complete and mail in with payment made out to Rotary District 7150.

Step 4: If you will need a place to lay your head, call the Holiday Inn in Auburn at (315) 253-4531 or click here <http://goo.gl/C6XiV6> to book as part of the Rotary District Conference.

Rotary District 7150 CONFERENCE

April 29 - May 1, 2016
Holiday Inn, Auburn NY



Register Online Today!
www.rotary7150.org



FOLLOW ROTARY DISTRICT 7150 ON FACEBOOK FOR USEFUL
NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM RI AND AROUND OUR DISTRICT!

From the DG...

As we conclude the first half of our 2015-2016 Rotary year and begin our journey of a new calendar year, Joan and I want to wish everyone a very HAPPY NEW YEAR!! We would ask only that each and every Rotarian... Be Thankful.

Be thankful that you don't already have everything you desire,
If you did, what would there be to look forward to?

Be thankful when you don't know something
For it gives you the opportunity to learn.

Be thankful for the difficult times.
During those times you grow.

Be thankful for your limitations
Because they give you opportunities for improvement.

Be thankful for each new challenge
Because it will build your strength and character.

Be thankful for your mistakes
They will teach you valuable lessons.

Be thankful when you're tired and weary
Because it means you've made a difference.

It is easy to be thankful for the good things.
A life of rich fulfillment comes to those who are also thankful for the setbacks.
GRATITUDE can turn a negative into a positive.



Find a way to be thankful for your troubles and they can become your blessings.
(Author Unknown)

DG Mac

WHAT DO I WEAR at District Conference?

Friday evening dinner is business attire
(what you would wear to work!)

During the day on Saturday and on Sunday it is business casual
(what you would wear to work on Friday!)

Saturday's evening festivities will be Creative Black Tie Optional, which is like "Black Tie Optional," but with a splash of color!

Here is how to get the look!

For the gents...



Replace your suit shirt with something colorful and swap out that tie for something patterned!
Have a plaid jacket? Red pants? Funky pocket square?
Jazz up your usual look!

For the ladies...



Ditch the little black dress or navy pant suit for something with sparkle and color!

Or add some bling with big accessories, hats or funky shoes. Think fun & colorful!

PARTY IN technicolor

Register Now at www.rotary7150.org

Be a Gift to the World DISTRICT SEMINARS

FREE TO ATTEND

All Rotary District 7150 members will have the opportunity to participate in BOTH seminars



Be a gift to the world

Saturday, January 23, 2016

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Baldwinsville Public Library

33 East Genesee Street | Baldwinsville, New York 13027

REGISTER NOW ONLINE

at <http://goo.gl/Aeuw64>

so we have a head count to be able to provide materials and light snacks!

Rotary Membership & Communication

This seminar will be facilitated by IPDG Deb Glisson.

PDG Deb has been attending a series of membership summits in a variety of locations and will be bringing you the latest news and information to help you grow Rotary. You will take away information that will help your clubs to stabilize, grow, be more engaging and/or become more attractive to the masses. Don't miss this helpful workshop!

Grants Management Seminar

This seminar will be facilitated by Mark Matt.

Dear District 7150 Rotarians:

This year we are holding only one Grants Management Seminar. This is that seminar. To apply for a 2016-17 Global or District Grant, two (2) members from your club must attend this seminar in order to meet the initial qualification requirement. Please be aware that the seminar requirement must be met each year.

AT LEAST TWO MEMBERS OF YOUR CLUB MUST ATTEND THIS WORKSHOP TO QUALIFY FOR A DISTRICT GRANT!!!

HEY YOU! SET YOUR GOALS!

(please)

It was the responsibility of each club president to set goals in My Rotary for their club's foundation giving. If you did not set them, you will receive a notification that they have been set for you. You can still go in and change them. Here's how:

HOW TO ENTER FOUNDATION GOALS

Rotary Club Central is the tool for clubs to input their foundation goals and to track their contribution progress.

1. Go to www.rotary.org and log in to My Rotary with your email address and password. Click "Forgot Password" if you need to retrieve your credentials and they will email you the information you need to log in.
2. Once logged in, click on *Manage* and proceed to *Club and District Administration*. Under *Club Activity* you find **Rotary Club Central**.
3. Along the top you will see three tabs: Your Club, Service, and Foundation Giving. Click the **Foundation Giving** tab.
4. You will first see a trend graph for annual giving. Scroll down to the **Goals and Progress** section.
5. You should see three tabs labeled with last year's, this year's and next year's dates. This year's date (2015-16) should be already selected. Click **Edit** to enter your club's data.



LESS THAN

50%

OF THE CLUBS
IN OUR
DISTRICT SET
THEIR GOALS

The 7th Annual Tully Rotary CHILI COOK-OFF & ICE HARVEST

Saturday, February 20th

Ice Harvest at 11am at Green Lake in Tully
Chili cooking at 11:30am, Open to Public at 1:30pm
at the Masonic Lodge
14 State Street, Tully

MUSIC, PRIZES, AND CHILI!

Can you beat past champs the Syracuse Sunrise Club?

Get your registration form here:

<http://goo.gl/XT8OJl>



Skaneateles Sunrise Rotary Club

SATURDAY, JAN 30TH | VILLAGE OF SKANEATELES

TASTE OF SKANEATELES

11:30am-3pm | \$15 per person

Sample tasty treats from over 20 vendors/chefs
Discounted passes for couples & families available

ENJOY ICE SCULPTURES & POLAR PLUNGE TOO!

Follow this event on Facebook for the latest details:
<https://goo.gl/JY4XaL>

Come & celebrate the season with Rotary!



**POLAR PLUNGE
BEST IN BOWL FOOD CONTEST**

HOSTED BY
Baldwinsville Rotary & the Baldwinsville Chamber

facebook

Here are my top picks for pages to follow to keep up-to-date on the latest Rotary news and info in our district!

Rotary District 7150 | <https://www.facebook.com/RotaryDistrict7150/>

Rotary 7150 District Conference | <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1561975420704947/>

This is a private group you must ask to join, for Rotarians in our district only!



Rotary Alumni D7150 | <https://www.facebook.com/RotaryAlumniD7150/>

This page is for anyone who was a member in our district or participated in a Rotary program - RYLA, Youth Exchange, Peace Scholar, GSE, etc!

LIKE, SHARE, POST & GET SOCIAL WITH ROTARY

FOR THE LATEST NEWS
CHECK OUT THE EVENTS
CALENDAR AT
ROTARY7150.ORG

USE THE NEW EVENT
SUBMISSION FORM TO
GET YOUR EVENT ON
OUR CALENDAR, POSTED
TO OUR FACEBOOK
AND IN THE
NEWSLETTER!



Polio Update

Use these latest stats and news tips to tell your family, friends, coworkers and fellow Rotarians all about the fight against Polio!

- As of December 18th there were only 66 new cases of the wild polio virus
- That is a 79% reduction in cases from 2014
- All cases were confined to just two countries - Afghanistan & Pakistan
- 430 million children remain at risk for contracting polio - hence the need for a big push for vaccinations, even as we get so close to eliminating the disease
- In 2015, the continent of Africa celebrated an entire year without any new cases of wild polio virus after Nigeria was removed from the list of endemic countries by the World Health Organization (WHO)
- US Congress approved \$268 million in the 2016 federal budget to help fight polio



Stats found here
<http://goo.gl/AqRnz5>

Volunteers Needed



Join Donna & Dennis Schonewetter in judging various events at the sub-state Future Farmers of America (FFA) competition for the Vernon-Verona-Sherrill FFA chapter.

No experience required & it's fun!

April 2, 2016

Interested volunteers can email Dennis at dennis7150@gmail.com

Join THE Committee

Want to be a part of the district's premiere event?

Find out how rewarding it is to team up with Rotarians from around CNY to plan District Conference!

Openings include Programs Coordinator, Registrar and Sergeant at Arms.
Training provided!

For more information visit
<http://goo.gl/WLXRxi>

Foundation Giving Needs to Grow

WHY GIVE TO THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION? BECAUSE WE GET THE MONEY BACK!

We have to wait three years, but we will get funds returned to the district based on how much was donated from members in our district.

Clubs can then apply for a District Grant to use the money for a scholarship, to fund a new program, or to grow an existing program. (You MUST attend the grants workshop on Jan 23rd to be eligible to apply! See pg. 3)

WE CAN ONLY REAP WHAT WE SOW!

In this graph you can see how giving has resulted in tens of thousands of dollars coming back to the district for us to use in the coming years. However, we are lagging behind in this year's giving, which impacts how much we will have access to in 2018-2019.

What can you do? Here are some ways to step it up:

USE ROTARY DIRECT

Sign up for auto payments to your bank or credit card, so you never forget to give. You choose the amount & frequency of your contribution. Download the registration form here <https://goo.gl/kTHsbh>

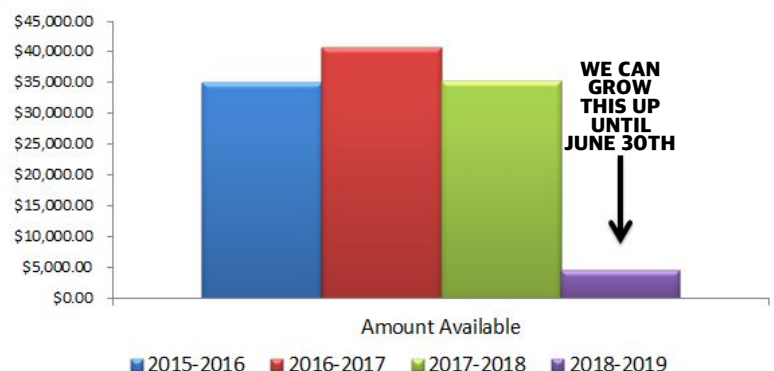
ENCOURAGE FELLOW MEMBERS

Share why you choose to give and inspire those around you!

UTILIZE/PROMOTE GRANTS

Remind members of how your club has benefitted from the grants program or come up with a new idea that could be funded by a grant as inspiration for your members to make their contributions!

50% of Annual Fund Share Contributions in District 7150



Sherrill Interact Club Does Hands On Projects



The Vernon-Verona-Sherrill High School Interact Club rang the bell from 9 am to 6 pm on Saturday, December 19 for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive at Herb Philipson's in Oneida. We're so proud of these students!

On Sunday, December 13th the VVS High School Interact Club packed up a skid and a half of books for the Books for the World Program. More books are coming that will increase the book donation up to two full skids. These books are bound for South Africa where they will be used to educate underprivileged students. Sherrill Rotarians Merry Speicher and Donna & Dennis Schonewetter were also on-hand to help. Donna is the VVS Interact Club Advisor and Liaison to the Sherrill Rotary Club.



DeWitt Rotary Keeps Busy At the Holidays!



Old Newsboys have been raising money for over 80 years by selling a special "extra edition" of The Post Standard (photo-Rotarian Mark Strodel accepting a donation at this year's December 11th and 12th sale). 100% of the funds raised by groups like DeWitt Rotary helped over 6,600 children and 2,500 families at the annual gift distribution at Oncenter in 2014.

Salvation Army bell ringing has been a holiday tradition forever. DeWitt Rotary has volunteered to ring the bell for many years to help raise funds for the many programs at Salvation Army including the annual gift distribution in downtown Syracuse. (photo left to right Rotarians Cheryl Matt and Linda Ervin) bell ringing at Walmart on Friday 12-19-15.



Well over a dozen Dewitt Rotarians volunteered at the Christmas Bureau gift distribution at the Syracuse OnCenter on Wednesday 12-23-15 (photo left to right- Rotarians Steve Woiler, Mark Hansen, Tom Carafa, and his daughter Jillian Carafa- 2014-15 outbound exchange student, working the food line at the annual gift distribution) . About 3000 families were served. Each family received a turkey, potatoes, cereal, milk, fruit and vegetables, and all the trimmings for a Christmas feast. Also, toys, books, games and other items were included to help make each family holiday a little brighter.

About a dozen Dewitt Rotarians helped the Dewitt Fire Department host their first annual "Breakfast with Santa" event. (photo left to right- serving food, Jillian Carafa (2014-15 outbound exchange student), Rotarians Holly Salop Wallace, Mark Strodel, Jason Baribeau, and Dr. Mike Cadin). The Breakfast with Santa event was held at the Dewitt Fire House on Sunday 12-20-15.

Herkimer Rotary is now the Mohawk Valley Rotary Club!

Club leaders made the change in order to appeal to potential members from multiple towns in the area. The new name encompasses several towns, including Herkimer, Ilion, Mohawk and more! A great example of bold moves to improve Rotary!

Baldwinsville Rotary Supports Food Pantry with 5K

The Baldwinsville Club raised \$2,000 for the local food pantry with a 5K run/walk they hosted on November 7th. Event chairperson Charlie Farrell presents the check to food pantry volunteers at a recent club meeting!



Does your club have news to share? Email it to newsletter editor Lizzy Flinn-Brown at ebrown@syracuse.com by the 25th of each month to be featured in the next month's edition. Keep it short and include a photo please!