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CLUB NEWS

SHARE WHAT YOUR CLUB IS
DOING WHILE SOCIAL
DISTANCING – SERVICE
PROJECTS, SOCIAL EVENTS AND
EVEN THINGS ROTARIANS ARE
DOING TO PASS THE TIME.
SEND YOUR STORIES AND
PHOTOS TO LIZZY BY MARCH
31S TO BE FEATURED IN THE
APRIL NEWSLETTER!

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."

Dear Friends and Rotarians,

Two words to add to your vocabulary at this trying time:

SHIFT and **PIVOT**.

We need to **Shift** how we keep our Rotary Club connections and how we maintain communications with our neighbors!

We need to **Pivot** our energies and be prepared to help volunteer within this new model of "social distance" and with the understanding that each person must determine if/how/when he or she might be able to be of service.

THANKS, THANKS, THANKS to Rotarian Lizzy Martin, our District Public Image Chair, for her guidance message sent to every one of us on Sunday evening 15 March. Simple, direct, solid recommendations for each of us and our Rotary Clubs!

Your Club should cancel in person meetings for the coming weeks, until local government officials lift the current "state of emergency" conditions that preclude group gatherings.

However, please remember this "**3-Way Test**" during this time of disruption:

"Helping others – not canceled;

Being leaders – not canceled;

Hope – not canceled"

Consider this well-reasoned comment from a recent message from our Zone 32 RI Director Jeffry Cadorette:

"We are all being asked to be socially responsible. That shouldn't be a heavy lift for us. We've been socially responsible as an organization for over 115 years. Spend some time thinking of the opportunities, not just the challenges. Can that cancelled district conference become a future district service project when the time is right? How can technology (Zoom and other platforms) help us to stay connected during this time, and how can that knowledge help us to Grow Rotary going forward? How can we find ways to support the most vulnerable populations affected by this pandemic?"

Rotary Connects The World!

Randy Wilson

District 7150 Governor 2019-2020

CANCELLATIONS TO NOTE

There will be no Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) this June.

There will be no Rotary International Convention in Honolulu.

DeWitt Rotary has cancelled this year's Pancake Day in May.

**THERE IS A LOT
MORE STILL
HAPPENING THAN
NOT. KEEP UP THE
GREAT WORK
(FROM HOME)!**

ONE WAY TO HELP? GIVE BLOOD!

Looking for one specific thing to do? DG Randy suggests that a personal service opportunity for each Rotarian is to donate blood during this "social distance" time. If you are healthy, stop in at your local American Red Cross blood drive center and volunteer to donate. Randy (blood type O–neg) is a 20 gallon donor over the past 40 years. Each donation saves three lives and answers the Four Way Test for sure.

STILL HAPPENING...

Clubs are still meeting – just online instead of in person.

We can still celebrate Earth Day by cleaning up our neighborhoods and favorite places to take a stroll.

"Virtual Happy Hours" are now a thing!

Rotary Movie Mondays will start Wednesday, 3/25 and commence on Mondays thereafter, so we can all watch a movie "together" from our homes.

Rotarins are volunteering in their communities to sew face masks, collect food to help families in need, check on neighbors and friends, and spread cheer!

SAVE THE DATE: DISTRICT CHANGING OF THE GUARD

Please reserve the evening of June 25th to attend the district's Changing of the Guard dinner, where we will congratulate outgoing DG Randy and welcome incoming DG Cheryl, as well as celebrate club leadership changes. Detail and online registration will be coming out when we get closer, of course pending the state of affairs at that time.

CHANGES TO ROTARACT START JULY 1

Effective July 1, Rotaract clubs will be able to choose the sponsor relationship that best meets their needs. New Rotaract clubs can choose to organize with or without a sponsor. Existing Rotaract clubs can continue to be sponsored by a Rotary club or decide, with their sponsor club, to end the arrangement. [Click here](#) to read more about this positive step!

WONDER HOW WE WILL CONQUER POLIO IN PAKISTAN?

Pakistan is one of two remaining endemic countries where we are working hard to eradicate polio. Aziz Memon, an incoming Rotary Foundation trustee and chair of the Pakistan National PolioPlus Committee, explains what motivates Rotarians in Pakistan to finish the task of polio eradication. [Click here](#) to read more.

ADVICE FROM OUR INSURANCE PROGRAM

Half (50%) of all claim costs paid under the Rotary's Liability Insurance Program were related to slip, trip or fall injuries. Some of these injuries could have been prevented, if tripping risks were recognized and removed before the start of the event. Assign person(s) to inspect (before, during and after) the venue area, which could include parks, streets, parking lots or neighborhoods, where your event is being held for any potential risks for slip, trip or fall injuries:

- Clear the area of possible hazards, such as broken glass, rocks or other objects.
- Look for areas that could pose a slipping or tripping hazard such as unsecured or loose electrical cords lying on the ground.
- Direct your vendors to check their areas and ensure that they secure all loose cables/wires in and around their booths or tents.
- Require responsible parties to properly raise and anchor their tents, canopies and other temporary structures using post weights and marked ropes/stakes.
- Ensure walkways are sufficiently lit, wide enough and clutter free for people to walk around safely.
- Mark divots, trenches, uneven surfaces or inclines on the grounds or in walkways with the use of cones, flags, yellow caution tape, etc.
- Document the hazard(s) found and the follow up action(s) to resolve it.

It is important to make safety a priority when conducting all activities and events to prevent or minimize injuries. Please share this information with Rotarians involved in event planning.

BUDDY UP WITH TOASTMASTERS

Rotary is proud to be working with Toastmasters International, a leading international educational organization that helps its members become more effective speakers, communicators, and leaders.

This new collaboration is designed to enhance your membership experience, as well as help you expand your network, develop your leadership and communication skills, and make an even bigger impact in your community. There are many ways your club can get involved with the Toastmasters collaboration. To start, find a Toastmasters club and arrange a visit, or invite a Toastmasters member to one of your club service activities or social events. We expect that interest in joining Rotary may be sparked by this new alliance and urge district and club leaders to quickly follow up with any prospective members. [Click here](#) to read more!

ROTARY'S ANNUAL REPORT READY

Rotary International's 2018/2019 Annual Report is available – [click here](#) to read it. Highlights include the elevation of Rotaract, new programs of scale grants, tree-planting initiatives, stories on why donors give to the RI Foundation and, of course, financial information.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Saturday, October 17, 2020

Holiday Inn, Electronics Parkway, Liverpool



We'll be offering:

- a reasonable registration fee
- meal package offerings featuring full breakfast, lunch and dinner
- special meal packages for children 10 and under
- entertainment
- multicultural activities
- and a celebration of the 75th anniversary of the United Nations

Plan to visit beautiful areas along the lake in Liverpool, share in fellowship and make new friends, and learn a lot about Rotary!

We are going to need this time together come autumn!

REGISTRATION OPENS VERY SOON!

Watch the District 7150 website events calendar.

FIRST ANNUAL

SERVICE ABOVE SELF

Gala



- Red Carpet With Photo
- Music By Soul Injection
- Dinner
- Basket Raffles
- Cash Bar

\$50⁰⁰
PER TICKET
ADVANCED SALE
\$60 AFTER JUNE 8TH

A Limited Number Of Tickets Available

Proceeds To Benefit Projects of Utica Rotary Service, Inc. 501(c)(3)

When: 6:00pm- 10:00pm, Friday June 19th 2020

Where: Delta Hotels By Marriott Utica
200 Genesee Street, Utica, NY 13502

FORMAL ATTIRE PREFERRED

Rotary
Club of Utica



**ROTARY
CONNECTS
THE WORLD**

Purchase Tickets At bit.ly/UticaRotary or Ask Your Local Rotarian



OSWEGO INTERACTORS MAKE & DELIVER BABY BLANKETS

This is their big community project, making baby blankets for the Oswego Hospital Maternity Center. A dozen blankets were made and delivered. It just so happened, the day we were there, a newborn was also there, and the mom agreed to allow us to present them with a blanket. The group raised money to buy the material by holding a Christmas gift wrapping event at a local toy store. Keep up the great work young volunteers!



DG RANDY VISITS E-CLUB

They had a delightful visit, and encourage all Rotarians to visit the club's website at any time, but also to utilize it as a manner in which to make-up a meeting. The site address is www.Rotaryeclubny1.com. Pictured is DG Randy Wilson and Rotary e-Club NY1's President, Earl Lewis.



ONONDAGA NORTH & AG BLESSED SERVING HOMELESS



Seen in this photo is AG, Blessed Sikhosana, in area 6 with her home club, Onondaga North Rotary Club serving food at the Catholic Charities Homeless Shelter this February. What a fulfilling community service project!

BALDWINSVILLE HAS WINTER FUN & YOUTH PROGRAMS

B'ville Rotarians honored two students as part of their Students of the Month program, featuring Hannah Gottlieb (1) and Jordan Hoffman (2) in February. Both are also active in the club's Interact group which helped sort and prep for the Backpack Program that Baldwinsville implements in their local elementary schools (3). The club also held their annual Soup 'n Snowshoe event at Beaver Lake Nature Center. Club members, family, friends and Youth Exchange students gathered to go on a snowshoe hike, followed by a sharing of homemade soups and a friendly competition to vote for everyone's favorite. It was a fun and beautiful winter day! (4)

