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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

From the DG...

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who attended our 99th District Conference in Auburn last weekend in April. Thanks to an amazing Conference Committee, chaired by Rotarian Lizzy Flinn-Brown, we were able to provide an educational, fun-packed weekend with lots of opportunity for fellowship. Friday began with great presentations by members of our award winning Youth Exchange Program, members of Interact, RYLA, as well as Rotoract students provided us with insight to what it means to be a participant in these programs and their lasting impact on all of us. Saturday's OneRotary Summit was considered a rousing success and gave participants an opportunity to use evaluation tools to look at a sample club and create a successful plan for that club to move forward. In the afternoon we shared information through a series of well attended workshops. That evening we were schooled by a Nun in "Late Night Catechism," an outstanding one woman show. Sunday began with a moving and spiritual Memorial Service, lead once again by our own Donna Schonewetter, remembering all of our fellow Rotarians who had passed. Then it was on to honor clubs who had achieved commendations for outstanding service, both locally and internationally, through great service projects. We also honored individual Rotarians who were selected by their clubs as "Rotarian of Excellence." Throughout the entire weekend we were reminded of the "good works" of our clubs by the incredible displays in our House of Friendship. Finally, as is tradition, the incoming District Governor, (DGE Peter Cardamone), presented when and where his District Conference will be held. I know he is looking forward to seeing everyone in Saratoga Springs. Once again, THANK YOU ALL.

DG Mac



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

I would like to thank everyone who made this year's District Conference a success - DG Mac and Joan, my committee, all those who volunteered at the event, my boyfriend, our speakers and those who brought them to the event, the barbershop quartet, the hotel staff and especially to everyone that came to be a part of it. As Mac stated on the last morning of conference, all of our planning is for nothing if we don't have Rotarians there to enjoy it!

I got to meet new people, see many familiar faces, chat with old friends and make new ones, and loved every exhausting minute of it. I sent information out about stepping up House of Friendship displays and there were so many wonderful, interactive and dynamic set-ups. I asked everyone to jazz up their Saturday evening attire with color and sparkle, and everyone looked so fun and festive. I even gave out noisemakers and people used them all weekend long. It's really heartwarming to know you guys actually saw the information I put out and were willing to get on board with our fun theme. I can't express my gratitude for that enough. It's that feeling that will keep me working hard as your district's public image chair and while working on next year's conference.

There was a little glitch with Survey Monkey in sending out the follow-up surveys via email, but they were resent on Thursday 5/5. Please check your spam or junk mail if you don't see it in your inbox. Constructive feedback that explains how we can make your next conference experience better will be taken into consideration, so I hope you will take the time to share your thoughts with us. So one last time, in the most heartfelt way that one can write these words, thank you!

Warmest Wishes,
Lizzy
Your Conference Chairperson



More conference snapshots on page 6!

Many photos courtesy of Ed Helinski and Auburn Rotary

RYLA APPLICATIONS DUE

This year's Rotary Youth Leadership Awards weekend will be July 8 - 10. Has your club chosen to sponsor a student (or two) for this fun and rewarding leadership program? Please note that the price is now \$325 per student.

If you want to make sure a student from your club's community gets to have this experience you will need to make sure your application is submitted by May 20th. Applications are available on the district web site and should be distributed in the schools, usually in conjunction with a guidance counselor. Students must fill out the application completely, including the essay, and clubs should be interviewing the kids during the selection process. That means you need to get started now if you haven't already!

If you have questions about the application process or if you want to get involved in the program by joining the planning committee, please contact chairperson Phyllis Danks at phyl7150@gmail.com.

Download the application and get more information here: <http://goo.gl/adUay2>



COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION MAKES BIG CHANGES

Every few years Rotarians review the "rules of Rotary" to determine what changes are needed. This year's Council on Legislation will go down in history as the most progressive, with many changes intended to make Rotary more accessible, forward-thinking and high tech. Changes include more flexibility for clubs with meeting times and locations, the ability for Rotaractors to become Rotarians, a small annual increase in dues for a few years to cover costs of new technology, clubs can no longer charge admission fees and there will no longer be a distinction for e-clubs being online clubs. To read more about the changes and how they could impact your click, click here <https://goo.gl/a68TJq>

Many thanks to our district's rep, PJ Scott, for voting on our behalf!

ROTARY DISTRICT 7150 CONFERENCE

APRIL 21-23, 2017 | GIDEON PUTNAM, SARATOGA NY

Plan ahead for a long weekend getaway (or more) to attend next year's conference. You can't wait until the last minute for this destination event!

YOU MUST REGISTER BY AUG 31ST TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR OUR CONVENIENT PAYMENT PLAN THAT SPLITS YOUR COSTS INTO THREE EASY INSTALLMENTS

Get a chance to win a free room upgrade to a luxurious suite and save 10% when you register by August 31st!



Register online today at www.rotary7150.org





The Rotary Club of DeWitt's 62nd Annual **PANCAKE DAY**

Saturday, May 7, 2016 • 7am-2pm • Shoppingtown Mall

Volunteer for at least two hours and enjoy a FREE pancake breakfast on us after your shift!
Sign up early for your preferred shift. Please contact: Kuki Haines at 8189ekhaines@gmail.com

Advance sale tickets are available from any DeWitt Rotarian - \$7 each, 2 for \$10.
Or get tickets online at www.DewittRotary.org

SOLD!



Kuyahoor Valley Rotary Club
Annual Auction
Proceeds to benefit our scholarship program

SATURDAY, MAY 7
10am-4pm
Snyder Fuel Service
7432 Main Street, Newport

Join us as we auction gently used household items, lawn equipment, tools and more!

Professional auctioneer

If you have items to donate call (315) 845-8805



Adirondack Foothills Rotary Richard W. Abbott, Jr. Memorial Scholarship

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Sunday, May 15, 2016

Woodgate Pines Golf Course
2965 Hayes Road, Booneville

\$75 per golfer

*Includes 18 holes, lunch at the turn, steak dinner & prizes after
Prizes for longest drive, closest to the line, closest to the pin & more!*

Get a registration form and sign up today at <http://goo.gl/Rzn5tX>

Sponsors & prizes donations welcome
Contact Deb Shambo at dshambo@gmail.com

The **ANYTHING THAT FLOATS CONTEST**



Build a river-worthy vessel with recycled and salvaged materials, create some team spirit with a theme & costumes, and race fellow competitors at

Baldwinsville Rotary's 22nd Annual
SENECA RIVER DAY

IS YOUR CLUB UP FOR THE CHALLENGE?

Take on other service organizations and local companies' teams in this fun and unique competition!

SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2016 | 4PM START TIME

Race starts at Cooper's Marina & ends at Mercer Park

DOWNLOAD YOUR REGISTRATION FORM AT www.BaldwinsvilleRotary.org

and start building today!



The Rotary Club of Onondaga North invites you to join us and welcome
REAR ADMIRAL MICHAEL E. JABALEY
 Program Executive Officer for Submarines, United States Navy
 As our keynote speaker on 'America's Navy' for a special dinner during Navy Week



MONDAY, JUNE 6

American Legion Cicero Post 787, 5575 Legionnaire Dr, Cicero, NY 13039

We invite our Veterans, the members, staff, volunteers and service recipients of all civic organizations, and the public to attend. Please join us for a wonderful, informative, fellowship evening.

Cost: \$25 pp in advance, \$28 pp at the door | Cash Bar from 5 – 6PM | Dinne at 6PM
 R.S.V.P. by Friday, May 28th, 2016

For details and a reservation form, click here: <http://goo.gl/bKZB3I>

@ Historic Downtown
 Penn Yan NY



Flights of Fancy
Finger Lakes Wine Classic
May 14, 2016 2 pm - 8 pm
 SATURDAY

\$25 - \$30

(Advanced Purchase) per person Plus Tax
 (Gate Admission) per person Plus Tax

in the heart of Finger Lakes Area
 16 One Dounce Wine Tasting Tickets
 Additional tickets can be purchased for \$1.00 each
 Each person will receive a Commemorative Wine Glass

Rain or Shine

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Proceeds Will Support Penn Yan Rotary Community Projects
 Event Sponsors



For more info: (800) 228-2760 www.FingerLakesWineClassic.com



www.PY-Rotary.org • www.YatesNY.com

District Changing of the Guard

Thursday, June 30th at 5:30pm

Traditions at the Links
 5900 Burdick St, E Syr
 \$27 per person for dinner

Come out and honor our District Governor for his year of service and show your support for our incoming leader!

Register online or by snail mail. Click here for details:
<http://goo.gl/f4D96S>

Baldwinsville Rotary's 22nd Annual

SENECA RIVER DAY

SATURDAY
JUNE 11, 2016

Mercer Park & Paper Mill Island
Baldwinsville, NY

FAMILY FUN, FOOD, MUSIC & FIREWORKS

Mercer Park Festivities 10am-8pm

Paper Mill Island 6pm – 11pm

Anything That Floats Contest
 Mercer Park at 4pm

The Great Seneca River Duck Race
 Mercer Park at 7pm

Fireworks at 9:30pm
 Sponsored by Hudson & Mowins

For the latest news, info and to buy your duck tickets log on to
www.BaldwinsvilleRotary.org



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Attention Golfers! **SAVE THE DATE**

The Great Cassetty Hollow Classic Golf Tournament
BIG 50TH ANNIVERSARY
hosted by Oriskany Falls Rotary

July 22 at noon

Form your teams now!

More details to come!
 Contact Deirdre Purdy at PurdyDE@aol.com



FULTON SUNRISE BOWLING WITH SPIRIT



Recently, Operation Oswego County held its 50th Birthday Party, "Fifty and Fabulous", as part of its annual Bowl-A-Fun at Lakeview Lanes in Fulton. Among the many bowling teams entered was our own Fulton Sunrise Rotary team, Pinky and the Boys. We weren't the greatest bowlers, but we won the coveted SPIRIT award (second year in a row).....as you can see by the Spirits awarded each bowler. Pictured back row are: Doug, Mike and Dave and front row, Donna (Pinky) and Chad.



FULTON SUNRISE PRESENTS FUNDS

At a recent Fulton Sunrise Rotary meeting, Rotarian President Betty Maute, left, presented a donation to St. Luke's Bundle of Bucks on behalf of the club. Accepting is Rotarian and Event Organizer, Mary Costigan. The Bundle of Bucks Charity Raffle will be held on May 7th from 1:00 - 4:00 at the Elk's Lodge in Oswego and features fifteen cash prizes totaling \$25,000 dollars, with a top prize of \$10,000 to a lucky ticket holder.



More snapshots from District Conference at the Holiday Inn in Auburn.

Photo credits to Ed Helinski and Auburn Rotary

FULTON NOON DONATION



Fulton Rotary Club President Bridgette Seguin, left, presents a \$150 check to Brandi Durval, RN Unit Manager, and Sam Durval of Maintenance at Michaud Nursing Home to go toward upgrading televisions for residents.





YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM RECOGNIZED AT CONFERENCE

Congratulations to Tom Taylor and his entire district Youth Exchange committee on receiving the North American Youth Exchange Network's Silver Award for their excellent implementation of Rotary's exchange program. Mac presented Tom with the award during Youth Night at conference and attendees heard heart-felt talks from several current and past exchange students. It was a highlight of the weekend!

FULTON SUNRISE FLAG EXCHANGE



At a recent Fulton Sunrise Rotary meeting, Foreign Exchange Student, Paula Robles from Madrid Spain,

presented the Rotary flag from her city to Sunrise Rotary President Betty Maute. In exchange, our Rotary flag was given to Paula to take back to her hometown.

FULTON NOON SCHOLARSHIP



Amy Livingston, studying criminal justice protective services at the Cayuga Community College Fulton Campus, accepts a \$500 scholarship check from Steve Osborne during the Fulton Rotary Club's recent Membership Night.

DEWITT JR ACHIEVEMENT

(photo left to right- DeWitt Rotarian Richard Jenkins, Rockwell parent Yvonne Vonderweidt, volunteer Ryan Moore, DeWitt Rotarian & Jr Achievement Exec Director Steve Vonderweidt, DeWitt Rotarians Conrad Janke, DeWitt Rotarians Mark & Cheryl Matt, Rockwell parent Michele Salansky, & DeWitt Rotarian Kathy Kotz).



A group of DeWitt Rotarians and other volunteers donated their time to teach Kindergarten, First, and Second grade classes at Rockwell Elementary School in Nedrow on Wednesday for CNY Junior Achievement. Each volunteer spent the day with a classroom and taught five sessions on earning, saving, wants and needs, taxes and other basic financial concepts according to a curriculum developed by Junior Achievement. In addition, Dewitt Rotary donated \$ 500 to Junior Achievement so they can continue their work in the schools in CNY.

ROME INTERACT COMPLETES CHALLENGE

The Rome Club recently challenged their Interact Students to raise \$100 in order to earn a matching \$100 from the club to support their Bicycle Safety program. The students were very motivated to succeed and did so by selling raffle tickets to teachers so they could win a chance to have the students clean their classrooms. The students expressed their gratitude for the funds in a thank you note that also outlined their program. They did presentations at a local elementary school to teach bicycle safety, show students how to wear a helmet and even raffled off a free bicycle to each class. A great example of cooperation between a Rotary Club and their Interact students, as well as how an Interact Club functions independently enough to do their own projects!

BVILLE INTERACT PANCAKES

The students in the Baldwinsville Interact Club will be hosting a pancake breakfast prior to this year's Seneca River Day, the morning of Saturday, June 11th. Breakfast will be served at the First United Methodist Church on W Genesee Street in B-ville. Please save the date! The church is just one block from Mercer Park, so you can enjoy Seneca River Day's opening events like the classic car show, pony rides, duck ticket sales and more that will start at 10am!