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November is also Foundation Month, so donations to the Foundation are another way to support projects in our own District and across the globe. Donations can be made to www.rotary.org/en/donate. Or, plan to attend our Multi-District Foundation event later this month featuring Jennifer Jones, RI President Nominee and soon to be first female RI President.

My official club visits were completed via zoom and I offered make-ups to those that could not schedule their visit. The Skaneateles Club was honored for being a 2019-2020 Bronze Level ShelterBox HERO at their meeting. The Auburn Club also attained the ShelterBox HERO designation at the silver level.

Many of our Thanksgiving celebrations will be done virtually, but stay connected to family and through Rotary during this pandemic. Wear a mask and practice social distancing and continue to serve others.

District Governor Cheryl Matt

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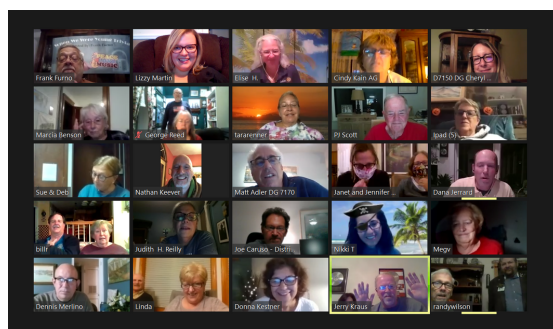
FIRST EVER VIRTUAL CONFERENCE A SUCCESS

A BIG thank you from DG Cheryl!

To those 170 Rotarians and friends who attended, thank you for participating in our district-wide zoom event. You were able to attend from your own living room, with your own snacks and choice of attire, at no cost and without driving anywhere! And a really big thank you to all of the Rotarians from all over the District who made this possible.

Linda Iannone from the Utica Club was our Conference Chair, assisted by Jenny Doane of Baldwinsville. In addition, Linda set us up with a kick-off Social Hour and Ice Breaker where we learned what new talents our Rotarians had acquired during the pandemic, and a real live Trivia Night featuring Frank Furno of New Hartford.

Jenny set up a night of musical entertainment with Rotarian Greg Hoover from the Syracuse Sunrise Rotary Club. Greg played the guitar and sang songs that everyone could enjoy.



District Governor Nominee Jerry Seguin of the Fulton Rotary Club brought together a Happy Hour session called "Project Showcase & Generation". There were presentations of projects from different sized clubs in our Rotary District, some service projects and some fundraisers. Attendees came away with lots of ideas.



As a special treat, District Governor Cheryl Matt from the DeWitt Club was able to get Michael Angelo Caruso do a one-hour interactive session on "Why Overlapping Interests Are the Future of Your Rotary Club". Michael is the Rotary Zone 28 East Public Image Chair. He is a well-known author and motivational speaker who teaches presentation skills all over the world. His lively energizing session was one of the conference's most attended and a recording of this will be made available to our Club Presidents to use as a meeting program.

Another well attended session was the "Good Practices for Vibrant Clubs" presentation given by District Membership Chair Janet Joslyn of the Baldwinsville Club, and her Membership committee. That session was also recorded and will be made available to our Club Presidents to use as a program at your club meeting.



PDG Randy Wilson from the Sauquoit Club arranged a PDG Social Hour. Several Past District Governors attended with a couple dozen Rotarians. Stories were shared with laughter and lots of fellowship. Another themed social hour was for Rotary Alumni to connect, thanks to our hostesses Dona Occhipinti and Chandra Hewitt.

Our District ESRAG Task Force, headed up by Chuck Tomaselli of the New Hartford Club, gave a jam-packed session on "Supporting the Environment". He had several outside speakers and really gave lots of information about projects that are possible for clubs to adapt.



Our District Literacy Committee Chair Liz Metzger of the Canastota Club had an unusual session. Her committee set up a virtual "Walkin' 4 Literacy" 4K Walk that raised several hundred dollars that the committee will use to start a fund to help clubs fund literacy projects. Her committee is made up of several public librarians who discussed literacy, the needs of our communities, and ideas for projects. A special thanks to Meg VanPatten of the Baldwinsville Club for setting up the presentation session. See photos on next page.

There were also two pre-recorded sessions from the 2020 Virtual Rotary International Convention, "Using Virtual Tools to Engage Members" and "Engage Young Families with Service and Alternative Meetings". These and other sessions from the Virtual Rotary International Convention in June are now available on the RI site for use by clubs for programs. I will be sending links to these and the other sessions recorded at our District conference to all the Club Presidents. They make interesting and engaging programs for your meetings.

Finally, I would be remiss if I didn't thank the Rotarians who assisted me as Zoom hosts for the various sessions throughout the Conference weekend: DGE Dana Jerrard, Utica; DGN Jerry Seguin, Fulton; PDG Dennis Schonewetter, WS Community; Public Image Chair Lizzy Martin, Baldwinsville and AG Judy Reilly, Greater Utica Sunrise.

It was a great weekend event, all via Zoom. Hopefully it reenergized our Rotarians. They continue to serve their communities, strive to have engaging meetings and projects, and enjoy much needed connections with fellow members.



WALKIN' 4 LITERACY

Photos from this District Conference event that raised money for district-wide literacy projects

Our Foundation Chair Mark Matt, did some "Walkin' 4 Literacy" with 4 of his grandsons in tow at Green Lakes State Park.



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HONORING PDG CAROL ANTHONY

Carol Anthony was District 7150 Governor during the 2006-2007 Rotary year when she was a member of the Chittenango Rotary Club and that her theme was "Lead The Way". She was also a member of other clubs in the district and contributed in every Rotary position she held.



Carol Anthony October 6, 2020 Carol Jean Anthony, 72, of Chittenango, NY passed away on October 6, 2020 at Crouse Hospital. She had a long successful career in the medical field and was a small business owner. She worked part-time in recent years. Carol's memberships included Garden Club, Order of Eastern Star, Town of Sullivan Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, and Rotary International where she was previously a District Governor. Carol was 50-year member of the First Presbyterian Church of Chittenango, where she was a Sunday school teacher, Youth fellowship leader, and a Ruling elder. Carol loved to garden, cook, decorate, volunteer and play cards with friends and family. She was a lover of animals, especially dogs. Born to Lena and Frederick Anthony, Carol was predeceased by her parents, two siblings, and a daughter. She is survived by her daughter, Tiffany Cooper, and brother, Dean. Carol was a loving daughter, sister, mother and friend. She touched the hearts of many people and will be missed by all who loved and knew her. A celebration of Carol's life will be announced at a later date. Donations in memoriam may be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Chittenango. To share a memory of Carol or to leave a special message for the family, please visit www.newcomersyracuse.com. Sympathies can also be sent to her daughter: Miss Tiffany Cooper, 109 Laura Court, Chittenango, NY 13037

MEMBERSHIP OPENS OPPORTUNITIES

Join us on Monday, November 30 at 7pm to discuss proven methods to increase awareness and grow your club!

MORE MEMBERS = GREATER IMPACT

Presented by Rotary Districts
7120, 7150, 7170 & 7190

REGISTER ONLINE AT:
<http://bit.ly/RotaryOpensOpps>



VIRTUAL EMPIRE MULTI-DISTRICT FOUNDATION CELEBRATION

DISTRICTS 7120, 7150, 7170, 7190

With Special Guest
JENNIFER JONES

RI President Nominee Rotary Year 2022-23 & First Female President in RI History



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH

6:30pm: Optional Special Reception w/ Jennifer Jones
-Attend the 6:30pm Special Reception with Jennifer Jones for a donation of \$250 to The Rotary Foundation

7:00pm: Foundation Celebration - Keynote: Jennifer Jones
-Attend the 7:00pm Main Foundation Event and the 7:30pm District Awards for a suggested donation of \$ 25 to The Rotary Foundation

7:30pm: District 7150 Foundation Awards to Clubs Rotary Year 2019-20

Register on the District 7150 website Events page at www.rotary7150.org/events by November 21.

All registrants will receive a Zoom link to the event a few days prior to the event. All Foundation donations will be credited to the individual Rotarian who makes the donation.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

The District ESRAG Website is up and running in its beta version: www.esragd7150.org

The website currently has info that can be useful in planning projects to engage our clubs in furthering the implementation of actions in the newest Rotary area of focus – the Environment. This site is under development and is planned to have program materials that clubs can use for virtual presentations. Some clubs have already seen the video “The Greening of Central New York, A District 7150 Tree Planting Project” which will be available on the site.

Other presentation materials to come include info on:

Lyme and Tick Borne Disease Project

The Project Drawdown solutions to reversing global warming

New York State Climate Smart Communities Program (27 villages, towns or cities in our district are registered as Climate Smart Communities)

Onondaga Earth Corps tree planting program

Regenerative Agriculture Project

ESRAG Presented at the District Conference highlighting the climate conversation challenge and impact that can be achieved by keeping the conversation alive. The conference presentations will be available on our website.

Karen Kendrick-Hands (Co-founder of ESRAG) talks about the important work of ESRAG

Ryan Dunn presented on the Youth Perspective – high school kids and recent grads present their case for climate action

Ryan Hagen from crowdsourcing sustainability focuses on the climate conversation challenge

Class of Zero video – recent grads consider themselves to be the class of zero: Zero emissions, zero excuses and zero time to waste.

Kiss the Ground - a positive video focused on solutions – especially regenerative agriculture.



ESRAG

**ENVIRONMENTAL
SUSTAINABILITY
ROTARIAN ACTION GROUP**



MEET OUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR FOR 2023-2024

Merle "Elise" Hereth lives in Sherrill, NY and is a member of the Vernon Verona Sherrill Community Rotary Club. She grew up in southern New Jersey, where her father was a dedicated Rotarian. Elise then attended the University of Florida and earned a B.S degree in Geology. Upon graduation, she was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the USAF. Her second assignment brought her to Griffiss AFB, where she met Chuck Hereth, whom she married. Still on active duty, she went over-seas but eventually joined the NY Air National Guard and was able to continue serving, in her active duty career, in Upstate NY. She retired in 2014, at the rank of Colonel having served almost 29 years. Elise joined Rotary in 2015 and became the Youth Exchange Officer and Counselor. She took on a District role in the YE Committee, while serving as the Vice President and then President for a two- year term. During her second year as President, she became an Assistant Governor. She has enjoyed the three Rotary Leadership Institute courses, and a graduate level class. She is an Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group member and a Paul Harris Fellow. Elise and Chuck have been married for 32 years and they have a son and a daughter. In addition to Rotary, Elise currently works part-time for NUAIR Alliance. She serves as a hospital volunteer for the Mohawk Valley Health System and is a past Vice-President of the volunteer board. She has several hobbies including walking, crafts, playing in a community band, and reading. Congratulations to Elise - we have much to look forward to with her volunteer leadership and service experience!



SUPPORT VETERANS WITH DONATIONS AT THE HOLIDAYS

November 11 is a very important day each year. This is the day when we honor all of our Veterans, and Active Duty men and women. These men and women have served and still are serving our country so that we can enjoy freedoms such as Education, Religion and Rotary, just to mention a few. Remember that some of these active duty men and women go to the front lines not knowing if they ever see their families again, and others are ready at a moment's notice to respond where they are needed: to fight forest fires or to rescue people trapped by flooding, hurricanes or tornadoes. Yes, our military does it all, and they don't ask for anything in return. So we must stand up and show them how much we appreciate them and their service. The Veteran's Outreach Center of Central New York, in Utica, needs our help and support again this year. Each year, they distribute complete Thanksgiving Meals and Christmas Meals for the veterans to take home and prepare and enjoy with their families. In 2019, they gave out 317 Thanksgiving Meals to veterans' families, and 350 Christmas Dinner baskets and gifts for children and veterans. The Veteran's Outreach Center believes that number will increase for this year. Please see the list of most needed items to the right.

Other ways to support our vets:

As part of my Service Above Self commitment, I will be cooking Thanksgiving Dinners and Christmas Dinners for 27 Veterans who live at the Outreach Center and have no family. If you know a Veteran, or active duty service man or woman on leave, you could invite him or her to share a holiday meal with your family, so that they are not alone on the holidays. When you see a Veteran or a Soldier, say "Thank You For Your Service"! I am always available to assist your Club with a Veterans' Project or to help with a food drive for Veterans; contact me anytime!

Yours in Rotary Service,
John "Ziggy" Zygmunt
D7150 Veterans' Projects Coordinator
315-723-0877

**CONTACT ZIGGY
TO PICK UP YOUR
DONATIONS!**

VOTE FOR ROTARY

Rotary District 7150 is in the running as a top nominee for best Non Profit in the CNY Readers' Choice awards, representing all 41 clubs in our district. Please take a moment to cast your vote for us to win! Voting will be open until November 29th and all who take the time to vote will be entered to win a \$150 prize. The real prize will be bragging rights if we win! [Click here](#) to vote for us under the Shopping/Services group, in Non Profits. Be sure to share on your club and personal social media so we can get votes from all members!



THANKSGIVING

TURKEYS
1-2 Family Size
-Turkey Loaf w/gravy
3-5 Family Size
-10-12 LB Turkey
6+ Family
-15-25- LB Turkey
Stuffing
Cranberry Sauce
Corn
Dinner Rolls
Turkey/Chicken Gravy (jar or mix)
Pies
Olives
Potatoes

CHRISTMAS

HAM
1-2 Family Size
-Canned Ham
3-5 Family Size
-3-5 LB Ham
6+ Family
-Half or Whole Ham
Stuffing
Cranberry Sauce
Corn
Dinner Rolls
Brown Gravy (jar or mix)
Pies
Olives
Potatoes

GET CREATIVE VIRTUALLY

This is the fourth post in a series from your District Membership Committee to help clubs with virtual meetings and making online connections. You will find this valuable information in this newsletter, on the [Membership page](#) on the district web site and it will be shared with your club's membership chairs each month! Achieving engagement from your audience, especially online, takes practice and experience. Even if you're new to leading your club — or just new to leading in a virtual format — you can make your online meetings interesting and memorable with a few fresh ideas.

LET'S FRESHEN UP YOUR VIRTUAL EVENTS & MEETINGS

We've all been doing virtual meetings, "zooms," video conferencing - whatever you like to call it - for 8 months now and it's easy to be tired of the two-dimensional world. Whether it's because you aren't comfortable with the technology or just tired of looking at a screen, we can all agree it's not the same as in person. For now though, it's the best way we have to stay connected, so let's make the best of it! Here are some creative ways to help translate fun, in-person events to online.

GIVE ATTENDEES WHAT THEY WANT

It's all about using the format to give attendees what they want - an online yoga class, live music or virtual training. Consider:

- teaching a workshop on your business experience
- interviewing a local celeb
- do a live cooking class
- host a how-to series of events where participants will learn more about something like gardening or home repair
- do some kind of live demonstration - maybe someone has that fancy new vacuum that also shampoos or someone's dog knows a lot of tricks

When your meeting/event activities or topic are relevant to your audience, they will join in!

BE INTERACTIVE

Always give Q&A time. If you are using zoom, encourage people to post questions in the chat until it's time for Q&A. Consider using Zoom's polling feature for fun interaction or to gather private feedback before a session closes.

STRESS THE VALUE

Virtual meetings are "not the same," in some good ways too. First and foremost is affordability. So many trainings, events and conferences can be held at lower costs to attendees, including being more likely to be free. No need to iron a shirt, buy a new dress or gas up the car, so getting to log on from home saves time and money in other ways too. The convenience of not even having to leave the house really can't be beat. Remind your members of these selling points when promoting attendance at or registration for a virtual event.

LOOKING FOR GOOD SPEAKERS?

Check out the speakers bureau on the Membership page at www.rotary7150.org.

For more tips on being engaging, click [here](#).



[CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD THIS PRESENTATION FROM DISTRICT CONFERENCE](#)

YOUR MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

Any questions relative to membership may be forwarded to District 7150

Membership Chair - Janet Joslyn
at jmjoslyn83@hotmail.com

She is being assisted by a new membership committee, including:

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bernardbregman@gmail.com

Joe Caruso, Utica
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Sheree D'Agostino, Liverpool
sheree7150@gmail.com

Lizzy Martin, Baldwinsville
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Patricia Talaba, Little Falls
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Jonathan Yost, Eastwood
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Alicia Zaret, Eastwood
alicia.zaret@yahoo.com

Never hesitate to reach out for membership assistance - whether it's to have membership as a program for a meeting or to get help for your leadership team!



ADIRONDACK FOOTHILLS RAISING MONEY FOR EDUCATION

Adirondack Foothills Rotary is holding a fundraiser raffle to benefit the 5 scholarships we give each year. Tickets are \$5 each. There will be 3 prizes awarded December 15, 2020.

Each winner will get a home-crafted wine rack filled with 12 bottles of wine, with each rack containing different wines. Email Barb Freeman at bfreearth@frontiernet.net, or mail Adirondack Foothills Rotary, PO Box 422, Barneveld, NY 13304.

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ADIRONDACK FOOTHILLS ROTARY Full Wine Rack Giveaway

Drawing Dec. 15th, 2020 at The Alamo in Poland

THREE HANDCRAFTED HARDWOOD WINE RACKS WILL BE RAFFLED OFF. EACH RACK WILL COME LOADED WITH A DIFFERENT ASSORTMENT OF WINES.

- #1 NEW YORK STATE WINES
- #2 CENTRAL NEW YORK LOCAL WINES
- #3 ASSORTMENT OF WONDERFUL WINES



\$5.00 Suggested Donation per Ticket

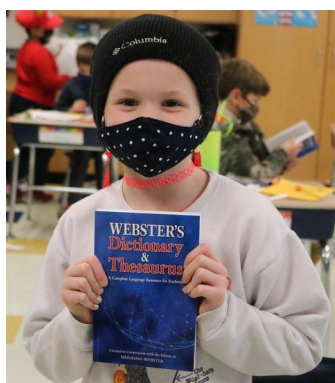
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SKANEATELES ROTARY TRIO OF SERVICE



Skaneateles Rotarians, partnering with the Skaneateles Bakery, provided lunch and coffee for the 27 local poll workers at the community's 3 polling stations. The three masked food barriers are Rotarians; (L/R) John O, Craig F. with Chris Grilli, owner of the Skaneateles Bakery (provider of the food & coffee). Also were Rotarians; Rosemary M. & Bill B. who took the orders at the polling stations, and project organizer, Jay S. who also doubled as food barrier and photographer.

On Oct. 30, 2020, 96 Webster's Dictionary/Thesauruses were distributed to the 3rd grade students at the Skaneateles State School by staff and School Principal, John Lawrence. This is the 10th year that the Skaneateles Rotary Club has provide these dictionaries to students at the school as part of the club's commitment to world literacy. This year's project was chaired by Rotarian, Bill Huba supported by Ward Vuilleumot and school staff.



Skaneateles Rotary Club members spread awareness of World Polio Day (and Rotary) during a four-hour stint outside at Skaneateles Brewery on Saturday, October 24. The brewery, with plenty of outdoor seating, drew a steady crowd all afternoon. Members hung posters and handed out fact-sheets about the efforts to eradicate polio. The event was led by member Jay Stith. Rotarian volunteers were: Jay Stith, Lori Ruhlman, Doug Hill, Bill Buterbaugh & Terry McCormick



GREATER UTICA SUNRISE DRIVE-THRU FOOD DRIVE

Greater Utica Rotary Clubs
working together for our community with a
DRIVE-THRU Food Drive

December 9th from 9am to 4pm

Seneca Street, Utica

(between Whitesboro and Oriskany Streets)

To Benefit The Utica Rescue Mission



**Canned Goods
Pastas
Grains
Non-Perishables**

ONONDAGA NORTH WRAPS UP FLAGS

Onondaga North wrapped up this year's Flags of Honor & Gratitude, displaying over 500 flags in honor of service members, first responders and healthcare workers. A beautiful site for all who passed Wegman's on Rt 57 in Liverpool!



B'VILLE ROTARY CLUB UPDATE

October was a very busy month for Baldwinsville Rotarians with a big service project, Virtual District Conference, new member inductions, World Polio Day and their first ever virtual Charter Night. On October 10, more than 20 volunteers came together at Sleep in Heavenly Peace in Syracuse to prep and assemble 25 beds for children in need. The club donated the \$3500 needed to cover the costs of the beds, which includes the mattress, pillow and bedding. [Click here](#) to learn more about Sleep in Heavenly Peace's Syracuse Chapter. There are more photos on the club's [web site](#), but here is President Doug Tosh working hard.



Mid-month, the club was proud to induct two new members - Nicole Thomas and Brian Isbell. Nicole is the branch manager at the NBT Bank in Baldwinsville and Brian is a personal chef. Both are excited to serve and Brian had already jumped in by helping, along with his wife and daughter, at the bed build!

Several Baldwinsville Rotarians attended and even led sessions in the Virtual District Conference, including District Membership Chair Janet Joslyn leading her membership committee to present on Good Practices for Vibrant Clubs. On World Polio Day (Oct 24) the club hosted multiple events to create awareness in the community and raise money for the cause. The morning started with a march through town with banners and chants about Rotary's fight against polio, ending in the village square with a presentation from District Polio Chair & PDG Randy Wilson. The club was happy to welcome DG Cheryl Matt and her husband Mark at their event. Then volunteers went over to the local brewery (just a few feet away) to host a drive-thru event where the community could purchase a custom-made Maple Cinnamon Amber Ale and freshly fried sugar waffles - all funds raised went to End Polio Now. Total raised: \$1,100 which will become \$3,300 after the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation match!



The club then wrapped up the month with a celebration of their 48th birthday and virtual Charter Night. All registered attendees were personally delivered a cupcake earlier in the day, the presentation included a video of a surprise Paul Harris presentation and the program was an interview with two charter members - Stu Hosler and Mic Jenkins. They shared their memories of the birth of the club back in 1972, sponsored by the the Liverpool Rotary Club, at a time when fines were just 10 cents! Five door prizes were drawn and at the end, members lit the candles on their cupcakes and made their Rotary birthday wishes!

OSWEGO COLLECTS CHANGE TO ERADICATE POLIO

The Rotary Club of Oswego celebrates the historic progress toward a polio-free world ! Rotary members in Oswego are taking action on World Polio Day, October 24, to raise awareness, funds, and support to end polio, a vaccine-preventable disease that still threatens children in part of the world today. Since the inauguration of the Polio Eradication project to mark the founding of Rotary, members of the Oswego Rotary Club have contributed thousands of dollars to the Rotary Foundation, many of them earmarked for the fight against polio. The local club's effort began in 1987 under the leadership of Rotarian Dr. John Fisher, professor emeritus of SUNY Oswego. The club's initial goal was to raise \$12,500 but the members contributed nearly \$20,000 in the first round. Over the years, funds have come from members' gifts, fundraising projects, and collection cans on luncheon tables at club meetings, a practice that continues to this day. Preparing to celebrate World Polio Day on October 24, at a recent Oswego Rotary Club meeting at the Oswego Country Club, were Ann Seifried, club treasurer; Charlie Smith, Rotary Area 5 assistant district governor and Marcellus Rotarian; Dave Granoff, club Rotary Foundation chair; and club president Mark DuFore. The collection cans on luncheon tables are one of the ways club members have raised over \$46,500 to help eradicate polio from the earth.



UTICA IS SCARY GOOD AT SERVICE THROUGH CRISIS

The Rotary Club of Utica recently donated \$1,000.00 to the local COVID-19 Response Fund. The fund is a joint venture between The Community Foundation of Herkimer and Oneida Counties, Inc. and the United Way of the Valley and Greater Utica. The money was raised through the sale of special edition New York Tough t-shirts, hoodies and coffee mugs. The apparel and mugs were emblazoned with an image designed by local graphic artist and Rotarian, Devon Hoffman, and includes five "word art" messages filling out the outline of New York State, including: "New York Tough"; "Stop The Spread"; "Save Lives"; "One Day At A Time"; and "Together We Can".

This recent donation is part of a total of \$2,800.00 donated so far including a previous \$500.00 donation that went to the local COVID-19 Response Fund, a \$1,000.00 donation to the regional Rotary District 7150 COVID-19 Response Fund and a donation of \$300.00 worth of meals as a 'Thank You' to local hospital workers. The club hosted a Walk to Scare Away Polio on Saturday, Oct. 31, in recognition of World Polio Day (October 24). The event took place at the F.T. Proctor Park in Utica and adhered to COVID-19 restrictions. A total of \$910 was raised by this event. The walk was held to raise awareness, funds, and support to end polio around the world. Finally, the club held their 29th Annual Pride of Workmanship Awards program. The event was a combination luncheon at the Delta Hotel (Utica) and also was available through Zoom on-line. The top five awardees were chosen from a large field of nominations and represented a cross-section of our local work force.. The winners were chosen in recognition of their pursuit of excellence in their work practices plus they demonstrated an outstanding attitude and dedication to their jobs. The award winners were: Alex Carangelo, PA (Central New York Brain & Spine Neurosurgery), Laurie Depot, RN (Mohawk Valley Health System), Ed Noonan, Deputy Chief (Utica Police Department), Kimberly Scerbo, Manager of Children's Services (Central Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired) and Jim Smith, Facilities Manager (Catholic Charities of Oneida/Madison County).

Photo: L-R: Ed Noonan (Utica Police Department), Joe Magliocca- accepting for Alex Carangelo (Central NY Brain & Spine Neurosurgery), Laurie Depot, (Mohawk Valley Health System), Jim Smith (Catholic Charities) and Kimberly Scerbo (CABVI).



AUBURN'S WARM THE CHILDREN PROJECT PIVOTS WELL

It's that time of the year for Warm The Children of Cayuga County whereby Auburn Rotarians raise money and distribute new winter coats, hats and gloves to children in need. Because of the pandemic there are new challenges this year in distributing winter clothing. Instead of an open distribution days at a hotel, emphasis will be placed on social and caseworkers in receiving and distributing these items to families in need. Coat distribution will occur in November. Fundraising for the program is in full swing right now, and many thanks to Wegmans for its generous donation to this year's program. Also, the Cato Rotary Club is assisting the program by placing coin canisters throughout its geographic areas of influence. Warm The Children is a partnership with the Auburn Rotary Club, CAP (formerly Cayuga Seneca Community Action Agency) and The Citizen newspaper. The program helps between 900-1200 kids every year. To learn more about Warm The Children or to make an online donation, go to www.auburnrotaryny.org. Your donation is tax deductible.



HAMILTON COMBINES SERVICE & FUNDRAISING ON THE TRAIL

Hamilton Rotarians took the time to clean up their local walking trail, while also doing their Walkin' 4 Literacy 4K walk!

