April is designated as Maternal and Child Health month by Rotary International. Rotary makes high-quality health care available to vulnerable mothers and children so they can live longer and grow stronger. Every day mothers risk their lives giving birth and millions of children die each year from treatable, preventable causes. At least 7 million children under the age of five die each year due to malnutrition, poor health care, and inadequate sanitation, all of which can be prevented. Rotary expands access to quality care, so mothers and children everywhere can have the same opportunities for a healthy future. To help reduce the number of deaths, Rotary provides immunizations and antibiotics to babies, improves access to essential medical services, and supports trained health care providers for mothers and children. Rotary’s projects ensure sustainability by empowering the local community to take ownership of health care training programs. Women are taught how to prevent mother-to-infant HIV transmission, how to breast-feed, and how to protect themselves and their children from disease. The Rotary Foundation reaches mothers and children in need by giving communities the help and training they need to take control of their own maternal and infant health care. When thinking about April being Maternal and Child Health month, I decided to review some of the projects in Rotary Showcase and Rotary Ideas. What a privilege to join in life transforming projects by giving to The Rotary Foundation. We need to take time to read about the projects and peruse these sites to find large quantities of worthy projects. Below is a list of some of the projects I was able to find:

- A horse show in Nevada raising funds for a Nevada Children’s Cancer Foundation
- A multi-specialty health camp in India for pediatric and dental care
- Workshop in the Philippines for parents raising children in this technological era
- Columbia hospital project for obtaining biomedical equipment to provide care for neonatal and Pediatric patients
- A maternal healthcare project in Uganda to purchase ultrasound machines for HIV screening and program testing
- Adopt a hydrocephalus baby project in the Philippines
- In Nigeria there is a project to provide basic health care services and medications to women and children
- Turkey awareness program to inform and decrease childhood marriages called “Still Child”
- Smile, Siberia is a project providing free surgeries for Siberian kids having cleft lip and palate

As I listen to my nephews playing in their backyard, I am thankful for their good health but reminded of the tens of thousands of children around the world who cannot hear, speak or walk. Children who are in need of medical attention that only Rotarians will provide. We are also reminded of an untold number of women who need the care of medical personnel or medicine. As Rotarians, what can we do? We can look for opportunities to financially support Maternal and Child Health projects on my rotary and give through The Rotary Foundation. Or if possible, take a visit to a country of need and find ways to assist the people who may need assistance in serving their communities with positive health care. Thank you for “Making a Difference” in this world.

District Governor Phyllis Danks
Marcellus Rotary
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LAST CALL FOR CORNING

If my words haven't convinced you to join us at conference yet, maybe pictures will do the trick!

After the festivities end on Saturday, weather permitting, we're hanging by a couple of fire pits outside of the hotel with s'mores and cornhole!

We will be graced with beautiful harp music during dinner Saturday night. The musician is a member of the Owego Rotary Club.

Everyone who registers for conference gets a t-shirt to wear in the End Polio Now 1K walk during the weekend.

If you have already registered, we can't wait to see you. Please visit the District Conference page at www.rotary7150.org to plan your stay.

If you have not yet registered, it's not too late, but the window of opportunity is about to close.

REGISTER TODAY AT www.ROTARY7150.ORG

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5 STEPS TO TELLING A PEOPLE OF ACTION STORY

The new People of Action campaign is designed to help you bring the Rotary story to life by showing your members as the people of action that we are! Telling our stories in a meaningful, coordinated way builds the public's understanding of who we are and what we do. It highlights the impact we have been making, and continue to make, in our communities and around the globe. The phrase "people of action" is a great way to sum up Rotary and then let your story drive the message home! Click here for five steps to turning your efforts into a story that non-Rotarians can connect with: https://goo.gl/dQw57P

MULTI-DISTRICT PROJECT TRANSFORMS SALVATION ARMY

Thanks to the vision of DGE Marv Joslyn, this year's Multi-District President Elect Training Seminar included a service project. Rotarians, and even non-Rotarians, from Districts 7120 (Rochester), 7170 (Binghamton), 7150 (Syracuse) and 7190 (Albany) came together at the Salvation Army on South Salina Street in Syracuse to give a family area a fresh coat of paint. The project included a couple of common areas, a colorful play space and several long hallways that had lots of doors to be painted around. With all the volunteers on hand to do the work, they somehow managed to finish an hour early! Thanks to Marv and all the other DGE's that were willing to do something new during this training event, to the Salvation Army for working with the group to accommodate a large scale project, to Pat Kinane for donating the bus transportation, Home Depot for the paint and all the volunteers that made it happen. The space was filled with Rotary spirit! Check out the video that Rotarians Jason Browne put together to highlight the project!

SIGN UP NOW FOR CHANGING OF THE GUARD

Please plan to join us for the annual Changing of the Guard dinner and ceremony to honor our outgoing leadership and welcome the incoming leaders for our district and clubs. Awards will be presented, fellowship shared and gratitude expressed to those that go above and beyond when volunteering.

Friday, June 29, 2018
5:30pm | Dibbles Inn, Vernon
$30/person

ONLINE REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Click here to sign up: https://goo.gl/HVBC6T

Thank you
District Governor
Phyllis Danks

Welcome
District Governor Elect
Marv Joslyn
COMING TO CORNING!

$250/Guest includes all meals, registration, entertainment and education for the entire weekend!

ONLINE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!
SIGN UP TODAY & START PLANNING YOUR CONFERENCE EXPERIENCE

Break Out Topics
- Getting Started with Global Grants
- Technology & Your Health
- Youth Exchange Panel Discussion
- Spanish 101
- About the Pound of Kindness Program
- New Generation
- The Latest on Membership
- New PTSD Treatment

Weekend Highlights
- A Rotarian Hypnotist
- End Polio Now 1K Walk
- Wine Tasting
- Line Dancing
- A Rotarian Harpist
- Great Tourist Sites to See
- Beautiful Celebration of Life
- Rotary Shop

SCHEDULE NOW AVAILABLE!
CLICK HERE TO REGISTER
Skaneateles Rotary
50th Anniversary
Father's Day Breakfast
Sunday, June 17 | 7:30am - 1pm
Austin Park Pavilion, Skaneateles
Adults, $7; Children ages 6 through 12, $4; and age 5 and under free

New Hartford Rotary Breakfast
Saturday, May 12 | 7:30 - 11:30am
New Hartford Presbyterian Church
45 Genesee St., New Hartford
Tickets $8.00 each or 2 for $15.00
Children Under 5 Free!
First 100 mothers will receive a free rose!

Rotary Club of DeWitt's 64th Annual Pancake Day
Saturday, May 12 | 7am-2pm
All you can eat $8/person
Get advanced sale tickets for $7 each or 2/$10
Under the tents at Shoppingtown Mall
Details at www.DewittRotary.org

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2ND ANNUAL FEED CNY
Saturday, June 2, 2018
Utica College Gymnasium, Clark Athletic Center
Goal: To pack 50,000 meals for distribution to local food banks and community pantries throughout the Mohawk Valley.
We hope to have collaboration among all Area 1, Area 2, and Area 3 Rotary Clubs in support of this multi-Club community project.
For a program presentation at your Club, or for further information, contact Dave Bauer, Sauquoit Rotary Club President, at dave.the.rotarian@gmail.com, or contact Randy Wilson at randyw7150@gmail.com.
MOHAWK VALLEY NEWS

MVRC held a very successful All you can Eat Spaghetti dinner in early March. Shown here is their exchange student Mariana with her friends!

They were excited to welcome Rotarian’s from the Adirondack Foothills club at their meeting on Tuesday! Their visit was part of the District 7150 passport project!

AUBURN SUPPORTS ROTARY FOUNDATION

The Auburn Rotary was proud to present a $3000 check to the Rotary Foundation for 2018 as part of our net proceeds from the Rotary Ribs Rhythm and Blues Festival. District Governor Phyllis Ranks and Mark Matt were on hand to accept this check.

NEW STUFF AT SYRACUSE SUNRISE

Seen in this photo is Club President, Blessed Sikhosana inducting fourth Millennium and newest member, Christian Samara, an accountant by profession. Welcome Christian to Syracuse Sunrise Rotary Club. The induction ceremony was witnessed by DG Phyllis and Membership Chair, Deb Glisson and Marcellus Rotary Club members.

The club also has a brand new meeting place, so please take note!
The Bistro-At-Menorah-Park (Jewish Home)
4101 East Genesee St, Syracuse NY 13214
1st, 2nd, 4th, & 5th Fridays at 7:10am

B’VILLE PARTNERS WITH CHAMBER FOR BIG WIN

Unless you ski or snowshoe, there isn’t much to do outside in the winter, but the Baldwinsville Greater Chamber of Commerce and the B’ville Rotary Club have changed that. Their joint event each January brings people outside for a polar plunge, local food tasting and poker run around the village. Contests are won, delicious food is eaten and people willing to brave the Seneca River raise money for charity. The event is a fundraiser for both organizations. At a joint luncheon in March, the two groups came together to celebrate the success and share in the profits, which netted Baldwinsville Rotary almost $10,000 to support their Backpack Project and other club programs. See you next January!
FULTON SUNRISE PINS TWO PHF'S
At a recent Fulton Sunrise Rotary meeting, Assistant Governor Jenny Doane presented Rotarian Peggy Donnelly and her husband Bill, and Rotarian LaVerne DeLand with the Paul Harris Fellow Award. This honorable award recognizes individuals and their ongoing support to The Rotary Foundation as well as Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self". Pictured from left are Peggy and Bill Donnelly, Jenny Doane and LaVerne DeLand.

UPDATE FROM INDIA
MEDICAL YATRA
The first phase of the Medical yatra in rural Andhra Pradesh serving the tribal and remote communities was a great success. The team of 50 doctors, 27 of them from the US and several of them Rotarians were able to serve over 10150 people in 10 days across 10 villages. One of the camps was supported by the Rotary Club of Vijainagaram.

NEW HARTFORD
SPRING FLING PHF'S
On April 5th, the Rotary Club of New Hartford, NY held a Winners/Loser Spring Fling at Symeon’s Greek Restaurant in celebration of the Membership/Attendance contest held by their club his past fall. The members on the winning team got a reduced price on their meal which the members of the losing team had to cover. Also, the 2,500 Paul Harris points earned by their $2,500.00 donation to the Rotary Foundation were distributed proportionately to the winning team and some deserving members of the losing team. As a result, 3 members received their Paul Harris Plus pins. Shown in the photo from left to right are Chuck Tomaselli (PH+1), President Jim Cook, George Carpenter (PH+1) and Jeff Gornick (PH+2).

BALDWINSVILLE HONORS TWO MORE STUDENTS
The March students chosen to be recognized as B'ville Rotary's Students of the Month had support coming at them from all angles. We had over a dozen Rotarians in attendance, the principals from their schools joined us, and they both had parents and grandparents at the meeting. Vincent Leone’s grandparents drove from south of Buffalo to be at the special event and the whole family was really proud. Alex Boak, who attends Durgee Junior High, was was our first non-senior student and he did a great job at addressing the group. It's very impressive how well-spoken the kids are every month. Photos includes Vincent, Alex and their families.