

Rotary District 7150 NEWSLETTER

April 2019

This is the time of year where many of our clubs will be planning and conducting projects, events and fundraisers. These are all great opportunities for clubs to enhance your public image and to collaborate with other clubs and organizations. It is also an opportunity to engage all of your members, especially newer members in your club activities. I encourage inviting friends, family, sponsors and prospective members to be included wherever possible. I think we sometimes overlook the “power of the project” and what it can do to elevate your club status in the community.

Please be sure to send me date, time and location of any special events and projects your club is planning. If my schedule permits, I would like to be there to work alongside you. It is a great way for me to get to know all of you a little better.

Finally, please send any photos or videos you have of your “Acts of Kindness” and World Polio Day activities to Lizzy Flinn-Brown at ebrown@advancemedia.com. We plan to use these as a special part of our District Conference Celebration in Lake Placid.

**In Kindness And Peace,
District Governor Marv**



BE THE INSPIRATION

CHANGING OF THE GUARD - REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!

Join us Thursday, June 27th at Traditions at the Links, starting at 5:30pm, to honor our district and club leaders - both outgoing and incoming. All club presidents and president-elects are encouraged to attend. It is \$30/person to attend. Be sure to wear your Paul Harris pins!

**CLICK HERE
& SIGN UP**

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APRIL'S SPRING TRIVIA

Turn these clues into a word or phrase that includes the word "spring!"

1. Animal related to a deer or antelope
2. A spiral wire
3. Word for your baby
4. Capital of Illinois
5. Found under a mattress
6. Condition brought on by warm weather
7. Village near West Winfield
8. Frank Sinatra hit song

Email your answers to DG Marv at marvd7150@gmail.com by May 1st for a chance to win!

MARCH TRIVIA ANSWERS!

1. "Erin go bragh" means Ireland Forever!
2. The 3 leaf clover represents the Holy Trinity
3. The first St. Patrick's Day was in New York City in 1762
4. Ireland is famous for Jameson's Irish Whisky and Guinness Stout
5. Chicago dyes their river green on St. Patrick's Day
6. St. Patrick's nickname is St. Paddy
7. The United States has the largest population of people of Irish heritage
8. St. Patrick did NOT rid Ireland of snakes - it's an island that never had them to begin with!

The winner for March is Blair Frodelius from CSG Rotary!

AREA OF FOCUS #4: MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH

THE FOURTH IN OUR SERIES ON ROTARY'S SIX AREAS OF FOCUS

Healthy moms mean healthy families, period. In many parts of the world, healthy moms and children need some of the basics that we work on in our other areas of focus - like water and sanitation. In this area of focus we also look to provide women and children with food, pregnancy care and overall healthcare. Volunteers provide education for women that will improve their lives before, during and after pregnancy. From HIV prevention, to labor and delivery, to breastfeeding, they learn the kinds of skills that result in better health for all involved. Click [here](#) to learn more and watch a great video about how Rotary serves women and children!

REMINDER: RYLA STUDENTS DUE MAY 1

If your club is sponsoring a student (or multiple students!) to attend this summer's Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) then you should have your applications in to the schools now. The students need time to write their essay and your club needs time to screen applicants. The results of your efforts and accepted applicants need to be submitted to the RYLA Committee by May 1. Click [here](#) for more info and a copy of the application!

PRESIDENTS ELECT TRAINING

On March 15 & 16, at the Sheraton SU in Syracuse, club president elects from across upstate NY came together for the annual Multi-District President Elects Training Seminar (MD-PETS). They spent time in break out sessions learning about their leadership style, membership, foundation, public image and more. Guest speakers covered topics like sexual harassment in volunteering, building up our communities and they even got to hear from incoming Rotary International President Mark Maloney, from Decatur, Alabama, on his vision for the coming year. The most fun part of the weekend though? They got to do a service project, packing up food packages, with the fruits of their labor being distributed in each of the four districts that participated! Check out photos from the service project and the entire weekend at www.rotary7150.org!



FOSTER A PUP FOR A VETERAN

Clear Path for Veterans is a non profit organization that many clubs in our district support and now they have a new way that you can help them serve our local veterans – foster a puppy! Their Canine Program is working to provide specially trained service dogs to veterans that suffer from PTSD, MST or TBI, with a disability or who suffer the effects of a trauma. Before they can become service dogs, puppies needs to grow up in a structured home with a foster family. Foster parents help with their training, keep them healthy and safe, and act as an ambassador for the Clear Path’s Canine Program. Click here to download a brochure and read a testimonial about being an important part of the program. You can also visit www.clearpath4vets.com for more information.



ROTARY BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Who better to do business with than a fellow Rotarian? We asked for Rotarian-owned businesses to showcase special offers for District 7150 Rotarians and you answered. Let's network!

Jennifer Wengert (Vice President Sherrill Rotary Club), financial advisor with Savicki Capital, LLC is offering a free review/meeting for any Rotarian and their family or friends! This is a great time to receive guidance or have a second opinion to make sure you are on track financially. Please feel free to call or email Jennifer at 315-624-9014 or Jennifer@SavickiCapital.com



Submit your Rotarian-owned business' special offer to be considered as a feature in future newsletters!

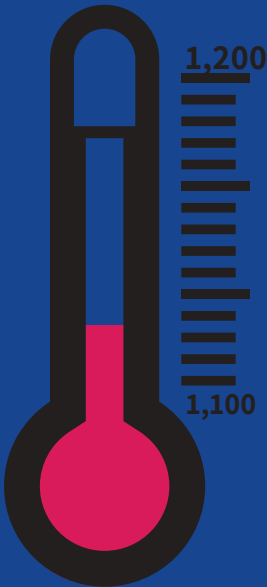
SPEAKER/PROGRAM IDEA

Remember learning about the children's book "A Pound of Kindness" at PDG Phyllis' conference in Corning last year? Well the book is finally here! You can buy a copy at www.apoundofkindness.com and you can schedule the author Doug Cornfield to share more with your club on the background of this story. Proceeds from the sale of this book will be donated to the Disability, Dream, & Do (D3) programs that put on baseball camps for children with special needs.



HOW'S YOUR MEMBERSHIP GOING?

Our district thermometer isn't going up as fast as the ones outside, so we know some clubs might need a hand with recruiting new Rotarians in their communities. Have you done a Rotary Club Health Check to identify areas where your club could improve to make it more attractive to new members? Have you held a networking event to connect with more people? Are your members comfortable asking someone to visit a meeting or club project and, if not, why? The District Membership Chair, PDG Deb, and her team of area coaches are available to help you. There are also a TON of resources on the membership page on the district web site. Click here for more information! **This month's district membership count is 1,120 - that's +15 from the month before!**



DISTRICT CELEBRATION

May 3 & 4, 2019 | Crowne Plaza Hotel, Lake Placid

DID YOU BOOK YOUR HOTEL/MEALS?

It's a separate form you have mail or fax to book your hotel room and meal package for District Celebration. We apologize for the added step, but click here to download the form and get this in ASAP!

THINGS TO KNOW:

- Dress code is business casual most of the weekend
- Saturday night you can dress in cocktail attire or get creative with 1920's style garb
- Registration opens at 3pm on Friday and it's about 4 hours for people to drive there, so you might need the day off from work!
- It's a party, so come to have fun!

ACTION ITEMS

- Click here to register for display space in the House of Friendship
- Volunteer to help during the weekend as a Sergeant At Arms - email Clark Speicher at cfs@twcny.rr.com
- Click here to learn more about what to expect at this fun-filled weekend!
- Collect items to bring for our care packages to help foster children - click here to see what we need

HOUSE OF FRIENDSHIP REGISTRATION DEADLINE: APRIL 19TH

[Click here for details!](#)



Click on the above video to get a sneak peek of a keynote speaker and our celebration venue!

LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP!

[Click here for hotel details & to register today!](#)

Registration Instructions:

1. Register you and your guest at www.rotary7150.org
2. Once registered, click here to download a form to book your room & board - be sure to include your registration confirmation number! You will then mail or fax directly to the hotel.



NEW LOCATION!

The Rotary Club of DeWitt invites you to its 65th Annual Pancake Day
Under the tents at a **NEW LOCATION**
MARSHALL'S PLAZA NEXT TO BEST BUY
ERIE BOULEVARD EAST IN DEWITT

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2019 - 7AM TO 2PM
ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKES & SAUSAGE!

100% of net proceeds support DeWitt Rotary's service projects
and other charitable causes in our community.

Advance Ticket Sales: \$8.00 each or 3 for \$20.00
\$10.00 each at the Door
Children 7 and under eat for FREE!



Buy your tickets from a DeWitt Rotarian or order online at
www.DeWittRotary.org



Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, April 13, 2019
Sponsored by the
Greater Utica Sunrise Rotary Club

\$10.00

All you can eat
pancakes
& sausage
breakfast

Children under 12
\$7.00



Location: St. Margaret's House
47 Jordan Road, New Hartford

Time: 8:00 am to 11:00 am

Take-outs available

Each ticket includes 1 Raffle Ticket
Money raised will be used for local community projects

Comedy Night

Come see comedian Ross Bennett
with Keeler's Traveling New York City Comedy Club

Saturday, June 1
at Francesca's, Ilion

\$35 per ticket includes two comedians
and crowd-pleasing appetizers
Cash bar

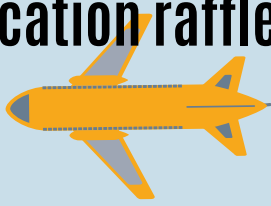
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& tickets

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in our vacation raffle



Choose from Disney World, Whistler,
Cancun, Lake Tahoe

Tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100

For tickets email
berlin.the.rotarian@gmail.com
Accepting credit card, Paypal, Venmo, check and cash!

Proceed support





FRIDAY, JUNE 14
FOOD TRUCKS & FIREWORKS
PAPER MILL ISLAND, B'VILLE | 6PM
\$5 ADMISSION

LIVE MUSIC FROM:
VOTE FOR PETE
B'VILLE PLAN BEE PEP BAND
TODD HOBIN

Sponsored by
Honda
City

SATURDAY, JUNE 15
RIVER FESTIVAL & FAMILY FUN
MERCER PARK, BV'ILLE | 10AM-5PM

BOUNCE HOUSES, **FREE ADMISSION**
MUSIC, FOOD, **DUCK RACE 4PM**
CRAFTS & MORE

Plus PADDLFEST & ANYTHING THAT FLOATS
AT 10AM AT 2PM

www.SenecaRiverDays.com

FULTON WELCOMES NEWEST MEMBER

At a recent Fulton Sunrise Rotary meeting, Dennis Merlino, right, was inducted as a new member. Merlino is retired from P&C/Tops and is a member of the Fulton City Council. Welcoming the new member is Rotarian and sponsor Patrick Waite.



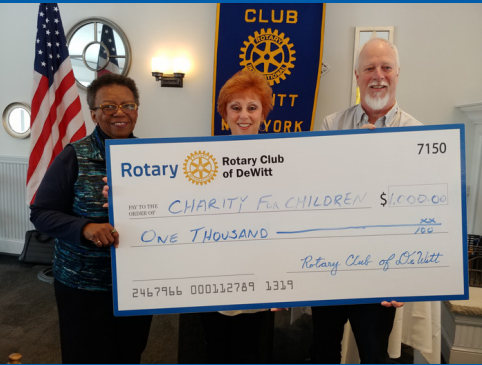
SKANEATELES GETS PRESS FOR WOMEN'S DAY



The Skaneateles Rotary Club recently held their fifth annual celebration of women at The Lodge at Welch Allyn last month. The event was picked up in the Skaneateles Press where you can learn more about their keynote speaker, a member of the Speaker Hall of Fame, and the overall event. The club gets excellent coverage locally for this event both before and after!

Click here to read more.
(Photo Eagle News, Speaker Linda Larsen at the 5th annual Skaneateles Rotary Women's Day Celebration)

DEWITT ROTARY SUPPORTS CHARITY FOR CHILDREN



Recently, DeWitt Rotary made a \$1,000.00 donation to Charity For Children, Inc. This program provides transportation and lodging for children and their families traveling outside the Syracuse area for treatment and diagnostic purposes. Many of the children receiving services need to go to medical facilities out of Syracuse and CNY due to lack of pediatric specialists in the area and some children are required to travel several times a month to receive treatment, surgery, and/or follow up visits.

Photo (left to right) Linda Ervin, president DeWitt Rotary, Nina Albino- DeVoldre executive director Charity For Children, and Mark Hansen DeWitt Rotary philanthropy chair

FULTON SUNRISE ACT OF KINDNESS AT BINGO HALL

Fulton Sunrise Rotarians are committing their act of kindness by working with local seniors at their bingo night. They have helped with calling the numbers for several nights, involving several members and their families, including club president Dan's son Avery. They are having a lot of fun and the residents especially love when they bring kids to help out!



LITTLE FALLS AOK FOR LOCAL DPW WORKERS

Little Falls Rotary noted that their local Department of Public Works employees were out in the frigid winter conditions, working to improve their community, and wanted to show their gratitude. They collaborated with the local cinema owner to purchase three revolving movie passes (one was donate by the business owner) and now the families of DPW workers can share them for up to a year. In this photo from left to right, Patricia Talaba, Club President, John Sullivan, DPW Garage Crew Chief, and Mark Ruffing, club member and city council member.



BALDWINSVILLE HONORS TWO STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

After getting snowed out in February, the monthly recognition program got back on track in March with Maggie and Evan as Students of the Month. Maggie is looking to become a doctor (either a surgeon or psychologist) and is very athletic. Evan is also athletic, but with an eye for mechanics as part of the robotics team and with plans to study mechanical engineering when he goes to college. As always, it was a pleasure getting to meet such impressive and dedicated young people. This program really showcases the young leaders we have right in our own community!

