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Submit club and district news to:
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The deadline to submit brief articles with great photos for publication in an issue of 7150NEWS is the 25th of each month.

A MESSAGE FROM DG DANA

Walking the Walk in District 7150

Dana Jerrard | DG | Utica

During the 2008-09 year, one of my Rotary mentors, PDG Larry Calabrese, encouraged Rotarians throughout our district to “walk the walk, don’t just talk the talk”. This call to service has been expressed in many ways over the centuries – “actions speak louder than words”, “talk is cheap”, “well done is better than well said”, and is at the heart of our current focus as People of Action.

I look at what is happening in our district today and tell you with great pride that we are walking the walk when it comes to serving others and strengthening our organization. The response to the human tragedy in Ukraine is one of the latest examples. So many clubs quickly supported The Rotary Foundation Disaster Response Fund, which will fast-track grants to districts lending aid to refugees. By the way, any donations to the fund through April 30 will be earmarked for Ukraine relief. The president-elect of the Syracuse Club, Dr. Dayaprasad Kulkarni, has mobilized eight organizations, including Rotary clubs in India, Poland, Ukraine and the US, to provide direct relief in the form of containers of supplies to be sent to the region. Other clubs are donating to churches and organizations, collecting supplies to be sent, and preparing their communities to welcome refugees. As the free world mobilizes to come to the aid of Ukraine, Rotary is there as well, serving to change lives.

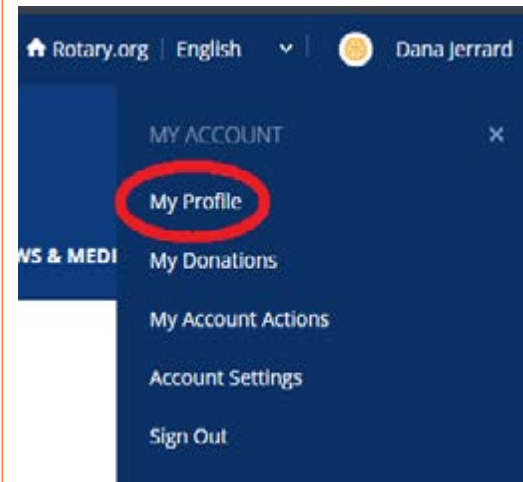
Closer to home, it is obvious that many in our district are devoting energy and talent to strengthening their clubs through membership development. Collectively, 25 of our District 7150 clubs have welcomed 89 new members since July 1, 2021. That’s a big number, and doesn’t include the 25 charter members of our proposed Eco satellite club that the New Hartford Club is sponsoring. Our district membership breakdown is detailed on page 5. THANK YOU FOR THIS EFFORT!! Those 89 new Rotarians translate into a net gain of 19 members since July 1, so retention remains a challenge. Once the satellite club is chartered (scheduled for Earth Day this month), we will be back over 1000 members in our district, proof that we are not just talking the talk when it comes to membership development.

For those 16 clubs who have yet to do this, I challenge you to welcome at least one new member in the final three months of this Rotary year. To paraphrase the words of our two membership superstars this year, Eastwood Rotarian Bernie Bregman and Chuck Tomaselli of New Hartford, “It will only happen if you ask!”

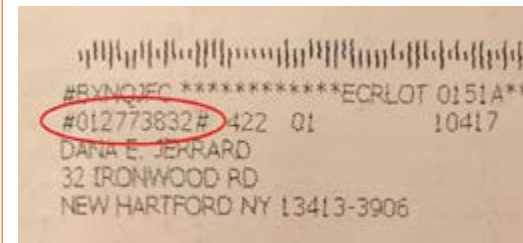
Back in September my message to you was a call to action for membership development in our district. I am overwhelmed at the response, and know that we are a stronger organization, better prepared to serve, because of the time and effort that you all have put into membership. Keep up this good work!! ♦

Helpful Hint of the Month


from PDG Peter Cardamone



If you are in need of your Rotary Member ID number, it can be found on the mailing label of your Rotary magazine. Check out the area just above your name. Another option is to log into your My Rotary account (myrotary.org), and select Profile in the dropdown menu next to your name in the upper right. Your Member ID will be below your name at the top of the page. Plan C is to ask your club secretary! ♦




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 **Public Image**
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 **Youth Exchange & Rotary Youth Leadership Awards**
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 **Rotary Leadership Institute**
Donna Schonewetter VVS Community

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 **New Generations**
Tom Taylor Onondaga North

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- Red Carpet With Photo
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\$125 PER TICKET

GET AN ENTIRE TABLE OF 8 FOR \$900

When: 6:00pm- 10:00pm, Friday June 24th 2022
Where: The Stanley Theatre
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Rotary Club of Utica




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TRAIL CLEANUP

Carolyn Lampman
North Utica/Whitestown

North Utica/Whitestown Rotary is holding a spring cleaning event along the portion of canal trail they recently adopted.

The event is on Friday, April 22 from 3 to 6pm with a meeting point at the Lock 20 pavilion. For those wishing to assist, be sure to bring gloves and clean-up gear, such as shovels and rakes. This is the club's first event since adopting the portion of trail and they'd love to have fellow Rotarians join in their efforts. ♦

Changing of the Guard

Thursday, June 30 starting at 5:30-ish.

Rotary, food, fellowship, and fun.

Stay tuned... details coming soon!

UTICA ROTARY AND UTICA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS TEAM UP TO HELP MORROW WARMING CENTER

Jerry Kraus | Utica

On Friday, March 25, four students from Utica University and five Rotary Club of Utica members volunteered at the Morrow Warming Center in Utica, to help with various cleaning and food preparation tasks.

The Utica Students are international scholars and actively involved in community service in their home countries, including with Rotaract Clubs. Vasyl Yurkuts (Ukraine), Milena Aguayo Ucedo (Paraguay), Noy Adler (Israel), and Farhad Ali Shah (Pakistan) helped with Morrow Warming Center Managing Director Cathy Marsh's wish-list of tasks to be done.

The students sorted and organized the pantry, supply, and clothing closets as well as the kitchen area. Additionally, a couple of the students assisted Morrow Warming Center volunteer Meredith Reed with processing food for freezing, and Noy Adler showed off her baking skills by making several loaves of bread for the evening meal with other students and staff. Vasyl Yurkuts also helped with Morrow Center accommodation repairs.

The students were assisted by Rotary Club members Elizabeth Nassar, Dave Jones, Mary Ann Hallak-Serwatka, Jill Koch and Michelle Brandstadt. Cathy Marsh and Meredith Reed of the Morrow Center were extremely appreciative of the volunteers. ♦



Pictured (LtoR): Noy Adler, Milena Aguayo Ucedo, Dave Jones, Elizabeth Nassar, Farhad Ali Shah, Vasyl Yurkuts, Cathy Marsh.

District 7150 Membership Net Gain (Loss) - 2021-2022

Rotary Club	Add	Gain
Adirondack Foothills	0	0
Auburn	2	(3)
Baldwinsville	8	7
Camden	0	0
Camillus Solvay Geddes	3	(1)
Canastota	0	0
Cato	2	2
Cazenovia	0	0
Chittenango	3	(4)
Dewitt	2	0
Dolgeville	0	0
Eastwood	15	12
Eclub NY1	0	0
Fulton	0	(1)
Fulton Sunrise	2	0
Greater Utica Sunrise	0	0
Hamilton	5	5
Kuyahoor Valley	1	1
Little Falls	1	1
Marcellus	0	(2)
Mohawk Valley	3	1
Moravia	0	(1)
New Hartford	3	2
North Utica/Whitestown	1	0
Oneida	0	(4)
Onondaga North	0	0
Oriskany Falls	1	1
Oswego	0	(3)
Oswego Sunrise	0	0
Rome	8	6
Sauquoit	2	2
Skaneateles	0	(6)
Skaneateles Sunrise	2	2
Syracuse	1	(1)
Syracuse Inner City	3	3
Syracuse Sunrise	2	1
Tully	3	3
Utica	12	(5)
VVS Community	1	1
Waterville	3	2
West Winfield	0	(2)
District-wide total	89	19

AFRICA FIRE MISSION TO BENEFIT FROM DONATED EQUIPMENT

Firefighting gear collected by the Rotary Club of Utica on its way to Africa

Michelle Brandstadt | Utica

It's been a long, winding road and wait for the firefighting gear collected by the Rotary Club of Utica. In September 2020, club volunteers helped move ninety sets of jackets and pants to be donated to firefighters in Kosovo. The gear, which was collected over a period of a year, was moved out of a storage locker in Waterville, NY and transported to the Central Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (CABVI) in Utica, NY, where it was boxed, placed on pallets, wrapped, and weighed for international shipment where the equipment remained until this month.

Transportation issues prevented the equipment from reaching its original destinations of Kosovo and Ukraine, but it's now in the hands of the Africa Fire Mission located in Cincinnati, OH.

Africa Fire Mission is a nonprofit organization that provides training and personal protective equipment to under-resourced fire departments across Africa and to other developing communities. Currently, it serves in Zambia, Kenya and Malawi and it has partnered in other countries to provide quality training and equipment.

In a thank-you letter to PP Jim Turnbull and PDG Donald Reese, who spearheaded the equipment collection effort, Africa Fire Mission executive director,

Nancy Moore, thanked the Rotary Club of Utica for its "generosity and willingness to ensure firefighters in Africa have the tools they need to protect themselves, and better serve their communities. Firefighters across Africa will now have quality personal protective equipment to wear as they carry out their duties."

Currently, most firefighters in Africa lack specialized personal quipment and fight fires in their street clothes. The donation will allow the dedicated firefighters to better serve their communities and help those in need of emergency assistance. Thanks to the Utica club, Africa Fire Mission will continue to provide fire departments with the equipment they need to serve and protect their communities."

Ms. Moore also indicated she expects all the donated equipment will be in the hands of firefighters within the next year. Volunteers will travel to Africa to train individuals on how to use the equipment. Ms. Moore invited Rotary members that have in interest in getting involved with Africa Fire Mission to learn more at <https://www.africafiremission.org/join-a-mission>.

The Rotary Club of Utica is also indebted to CABVI employee, Matt Convertino. CABVI and Matt were instrumental in readying the equipment for shipment and arranging to have the equipment shipped to Ohio for the project. ♦

OSWEGO ROTARY CLUB HAS A VERY ACTIVE INTERACT CLUB

Carrie Penoyer | Oswego



For over a dozen years, the Oswego High School Interact Club has been making baby blankets to donate to the Oswego Hospital. This year, is no different as the group cut and tied almost two dozen blankets.

Their next project is to help the Rotary Club collect used towels, blankets and sheets to donate, along with bags of animal food to Paws Across Oswego County. If other clubs would like to make a donation, please send an email to: oswegorotaryclub4855@gmail.com ♦

SYRACUSE ROTARY CONTINUES THEIR COMMITMENT TO LITERACY

Every newborn in CNY to benefit from \$70,000 grant supporting Imagination Library

Dan Morrow | Syracuse

The Rotary Club of Syracuse recently announced a **literacy project to call their own: to enroll every baby born in Onondaga County in the Dolly Parton Imagination Library... for one year.** The announcement furthers the club's long-time commitment to literacy in Syracuse and central New York.

The \$70,000 grant, facilitated by the club's own foundation, will pay for the enrollment of each newborn in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library — who will mail a high quality, age appropriate book, addressed to them, at no cost to the baby's family. The program will be administered by the Onondaga County Literacy Coalition and begin very soon.

It has been proven that even though babies cannot read yet, if read to by their parents, it greatly assists in developing their language skills and instilling what will be a lifelong interest in books.

The Dollywood Foundation was created in 1988 by Dolly Parton to inspire the children in her home county to achieve educational success. Initial efforts focused on decreasing the drop out rate in the county's high school. In the early 90's Dolly promised every 7th-grade and 8th-grade student she would personally give them \$500 if they graduated from high school. This effort, called the Buddy Program, reduced the drop out rate for these two classes from 35% to 6%. More importantly, the program catalyzed the community to provide additional resources to sustain this improvement in the drop out rate.

In 1995, the Dollywood Foundation launched Dolly Parton's Imagination Library to benefit the children of her home county in East Tennessee, TN. Dolly's vision was to foster a love of reading among her county's preschool children and their families. The new program gave each child a specially selected book each month. By mailing books directly to their homes, Dolly wanted children to be excited about books and to feel the magic that books can create. Moreover, she could ensure that every child would have books, regardless of their family's income.

Since its launch, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library has set and surpassed many goals and milestones. National replication, which started in 2000, allowed more and more communities to adopt the program. State-wide



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All newborns in Onondaga County will have their first year of books funded by the generosity of the Rotary Club of Syracuse.

coverage was established in Tennessee in 2004. Furthermore, international growth provided expansion in Canada (2006), United Kingdom (2007) and Australia (2014).

The first book order in 1995 totaled just over 1,700. Today, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library sends more than one million books per month to children around the world inspiring them to Dream More, Learn More, Care More and Be More.

In 2010, Syracuse Rotary was one of the first organizations to fund the Imagination Library program in the Syracuse City School District. As of November 2021, over 1.1 million books have been distributed in Onondaga County. Studies have shown that children enrolled in the program are 29% more prepared to enter kindergarten.

The poster above will be displayed throughout the birthing centers at SUNY Upstate, St. Joseph's and Crouse hospitals. ♦



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