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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 7150 | DISTRICT GOVERNOR JERRY SEGUIN




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A MESSAGE FROM DG JERRY
April is Environmental Month

Jerry Seguin | DG | Fulton

“Through the years, Rotary has carried out thousands of projects to protect the environment. In just the last five years, we’ve allocated \$18 million to projects that help our planet. Members have even more opportunities to focus on issues that are important to them, now that the environment is one of the causes we focus on.”

-Rotary International

District 7150 Rotarians do focus on the environment. Many of our clubs continue to participate in local clean-up efforts including the Great Lakes Watershed Clean-up. Clubs have an ongoing involvement in Rotary International’s tree planting initiative, planting and restoring trees locally.

A group of District 7150 clubs have joined together with other organizations to start a water hemlock eradication project that will directly improve the safety of the CNY water supply. A clean and healthy environment leads directly to clean water, improved health and better quality of life.

Last year our New Hartford Club sponsored the formation and charter of a new Rotary Club that is focused on the environment and projects related to the environment.

If your club is looking for project ideas, or project support please contact our District’s new Environmental Committee chair Chuck Tomaselli at chuck.tomaselli@gmail.com.

For more information visit Rotary.org or rotary7150.org.

If you have not already registered for 7150’s District Conference, do so soon. We already have more than 200 Rotarians and guests registered! Please join us May 5-7, 2023 in Clayton, NY for this year’s district conference.

If you are interested in learning more about CNY Rotary please visit the web site at www.cnyrotary.org. ♦



CNY ROTARY UPDATE FROM THREE DGs

CNY Rotary Steering Committee | DG Jerry, DG Rocky and DG Denise

Across our new district, there is a great deal of buzz as work continues towards building CNY Rotary. The Steering Committee continues to make progress and several of the transition action groups have submitted plans for moving forward.

Of critical importance, the process for nominations and elections has been approved. This process will guide our activities as we work to identify future leaders. Succession planning is important, which is why electing and training a Rotarian to serve as District Governor, or President in our case, happens well in advance of a person’s term. The first President of CNY Rotary will be Lizzy Martin who will fill the role from July 2024-June 2025.

Soon it will be time to identify the person to serve as President after Lizzy. There is a nomination committee consisting of Past District Governors, Past Club Presidents and Assistant Governors from each current district (7150, 7170, 7190). The committee will put out a call for nominations to all clubs along with a position description and frequently asked questions.

Look for more information about the nomination committee and the nomination process in the next few weeks. There are also many additional opportunities to serve our new district as a committee member or leader. Each Rotarian has a way to be of service and we hope you will consider how you can join us as we build this new district.

Lastly, we are excited to welcome you to our joint district conference in May. The weekend offers the chance to engage in fellowship and learn more about the projects each of our districts has been engaged in this year. Registration closes soon, so head to www.rotary7150.org to sign up today!

Remember you should all be following CNY Rotary on Facebook or Instagram (@cnyrotary) and you can get answers to frequently asked questions at www.cnyrotary.org. ♦



Why are Districts 7150, 7170, & 7190 coming together?

The short answer is due to declining membership numbers. Rotary wants districts to be of a certain size in order to justify the costs associated with supporting each district. With our three districts just barely at or below that threshold, our leaders chose a proactive solution rather than having Rotary International decide for us.


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 **Diversity, Equity & Inclusion**
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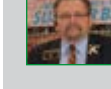
 **Membership**
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 **Youth Exchange & Rotary Youth Leadership Awards**
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 **New Generations**
Tom TaylorOnondaga North

**The Rotary Club of New Hartford
Virtual Golf Tournament**

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

The Bunker

The Orchard, 8653 Clinton Street
New Hartford, NY 13413

2 golf flights: 9:00am and 12noon
Limited number of spots available
Limit: 56 golfers or 14 teams, 7 per flight

**First teams to sign up get
the best choices**

**Golf & Grub
team of four:
\$500 - 9 holes**

**Golf, Grub & Goodies
team of 4:
\$600 - 9 holes****

**Includes: Hole in one contest, skins,
and 1 drink coupon per golfer

**Food & Fellowship:
\$25.00 per person**

**Prizes:
1st Place:**

Cedar Lake Golf Coupon for foursome
\$100 gift certificate to The Bunker

**2nd Place:
\$100 gift card to The Bunker**

**3rd Place:
\$50 gift card to The Bunker**

**50/50 drawing, dollar auction,
golf, food and fellowship**

**CLICK THIS NOTICE TO DOWNLOAD
REGISTRATION FORM**

**URBAN TREE PLANTING PROJECT
RETURNS TO UTICA**

David Jones | Utica

A project to plant trees in the City of Utica is coming back after a very successful campaign last year. The Urban Tree Planting Project is looking for City of Utica homeowners who are interested in receiving a free tree, which will be delivered and planted at no charge. Homeowners would be required to care for the trees for a minimum of 5 years.

Interested Utica homeowners are asked to contact the UU Climate Action Team at 315-351-2591. Funding for this project is made possible through a Department of Environmental Conservation grant specific to Urban communities for tree planting in disadvantaged communities.

This Urban Tree Planting project is a cooperative program with The Rotary Club of Utica, The Unitarian Universalist Church of Utica and the City of Utica Parks Department. The goal is for the trees to thrive over many years and serve to enhance the value of these properties, improving the air quality within the community by reducing carbon emissions, provide a canopy of shade to lower the heat index during summer months, and as recent studies have found, trees planted in urban areas have served to reduce the level of crime.

The deadline to apply is June 1. Varieties of trees available in 2023 include White Birch, Maple Blaze, Cherry varieties, Northern Red Oak, White Oak, American Linden and more. ♦

SYRACUSE INNER CITY PROGRAM

Join us online when Stephanie Pestillo from Fidelis explains the changes in Medicaid, Child Health Plus, and Essential Plan effective June 30th, and how the major insurance companies are working together to help people adjust. We need to share this info with all the communities we serve!

Access the meeting at 8:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 3 via <https://tinyurl.com/syrinnercityrotary> or phone (312) 757-3129 with access code: 169-520-117#

ROTARY.ORG >> FROM QUAKE SURVIVORS TO AID PROVIDERS

Rotary International | Orly Halpern

Onur Karabay and his family were asleep when, shortly after 4 a.m. on 6 February, the deadliest earthquake to hit his country in more than a century convulsed the ground under their six-story apartment building.

"For a full minute and a half, the building shook violently," recalls Karabay, a member of the Rotary Club of Gaziantep Ipekyolu.

His city, Gaziantep, in the south of Turkey, was near the epicenter. He and his wife shouted and ran for their two children, then grabbed whatever essentials they could carry — shoes, jackets, phones, keys — and made for the door, as the first of the aftershocks hit.

They made it out and took refuge at a one-story home in a rural area outside the city. There, Karabay and his family are sleeping in one room with about 25 other people to try to stay warm. There is no electricity, and the late-winter nighttime temperatures dip below freezing.

The 7.8 magnitude earthquake and hundreds of aftershocks killed tens of thousands of people in Turkey and Syria and reduced huge sections of cities to rubble. Like tens of thousands of Turks and Syrians who



lost their homes and belongings but managed to escape with their lives, Ahmet İlker Suat, president of the Rotary Club of Gaziantep-Alleben, has no place to go. He sleeps in his car with his daughter and wife.

"A lot of people sleep outside," he says. "There are no toilets, there is no water. The weather is very cold. People light fires to keep warm."

Despite these hardships, Karabay and Suat quickly connected with other Rotary members in their city and around the country to provide help to people like themselves who have lost everything.

In Gaziantep, Rotarians have set up an aid distribution center at a school owned by the brother of a Rotar-

ian. They provide meals for 500 people a day, turn the classrooms and hallways into dormitories, and make the bathroom available to the public.

In addition, Rotarians from other parts of the country truck food, water, clothing, blankets, and other necessities to cities and towns across the disaster zone.

In Adana, another hard-hit city, semitrailers of supplies arrive at the construction yard of Kazim Apa, a member of the Rotary Club of Adana.

"People are sending supplies from all over," he says. He and other volunteers transfer the items to smaller cars for distribution because the larger trucks can't navigate through the destruction.

At night, with no power, cities are plunged into darkness in the weeks after the quake.

"You have to use the light on your mobile phone to find your way," Apa says, describing the scene in Hatay, where his mother lives. "People there wait in lines to use car batteries to charge phones and call relatives to ask for help."

On the national level, Rotary clubs in Turkey have donated tents, clothes, and heaters, and are trying to buy shipping containers that can be turned into makeshift shelters. Rotary leaders there are in regular communication

with ShelterBox and Habitat for Humanity International, providing them support and invaluable situational awareness.

Within hours of the earthquake, RI President Jennifer Jones communicated with the affected Rotary districts and encouraged governors there to apply for grants from the Disaster Response Fund and share information about their relief efforts, so Rotary can amplify the calls for support.

While more help is desperately needed, Rotarians like Apa take comfort in the determination and resilience shared by fellow members to see a full recovery.

"Our roots will grow from this land," he says. ♦

KEEP YOUR FELLOW ROTARIANS UP TO DATE WITH YOUR LATEST NEWS

Email photos and articles to rotary7150@gmail.com

Deadline to submit information is the 25th of each month.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

May 5-7, 2023 | 1000 Islands Harbor Hotel, Clayton, New York

Discounted packages available for teens and children, so bring the whole family!

All three districts are invited to be part of a weekend filled with celebrations, connections and fun!

IMPORTANT: You must register for conference AND ALSO book a stay directly with the hotel

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY FUN: Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with Pesos for Polio

A portion of all drink sales go to End Polio, learn about our progress towards eradication, and enjoy seeing old friends and meeting new

SATURDAY LEARNING: Get inspiration & explore the area

We'll spend the morning hearing from local organizations doing great work, with all three districts sharing some key projects from their areas. Then in the afternoon attendees will have free time to shop, taste and see the beautiful riverside community. In the evening, we will celebrate Youth Exchange and get the latest from CNY Rotary at dinner.

SUNDAY SEND-OFF: A time to reflect and look ahead

After breakfast we will remember Rotarians we have lost at the memorial service, following by a look ahead to the next conference, then say, "See you soon!"



REGISTER NOW

Tully Rotary Club 3RD ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

VESPER HILLS GOLF CLUB | TULLY

SATURDAY, MAY 20 | 10am | Captain & Crew
Open to the public, Rotary Clubs, local businesses
Food at the turn | Dinner | Raffles and prizes

\$380 per team includes skins

Proceeds will help fund the
Tully Rotary Ecological and Environmental
Sustainability project (T.R.E.E.S.)

GO TO TULLYROTARY.COM FOR MORE INFO

RSVP by May 6 | [download registration form](#)

an invitation to:

CHITTENANGO ROTARY 70TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Friday, May 12 | Woodcrest Golf Club

6200 Cheese Factory Road, Manlius

Cash bar 6pm - 7pm

Dinner to follow

Prime Rib and Salmon buffet

\$50 per person

payable to Chittenango Rotary Club

RSVP by April 24 to 315-727-4126

Entertainment provided by:

local musicians and

the Chittenango High School Jazz Band

Please come and help us celebrate!

OSWEGO INTERACT IN ACTION

The Oswego High School Interact Club made and decorated over 60 cards for a local senior housing facility. The cards were delivered to the residents during Easter week. The residents of the facility said it brightened their day to see the students work, and that they took the time from their spring break from school to visit them.



FIRST ROTARACT RPIC TALKS ABOUT CREATIVITY, COMMUNITY, AND HATS

rotary.org | Etelka Lehoczky

On an ordinary day last August, people at a park in Copenhagen, Denmark, saw something extraordinary: a stream of runners all adorned with floating, bobbing pink balloons. The balloon carriers were part of Run With Rotaract, a three-year-old event organized by District 1470's Rotaract clubs. This year, it raised money for education in Malawi.

The balloons served as tickets for the approximately 65 participants. And, says Philip Flindt, a member of the Rotaract Club of København Nord, they performed the equally important function of attracting public attention.

"It created something weird for people to look at — people running with pink balloons," Flindt says. "It was a way to reach people in the community around the park. They were asking, 'Is this a bachelor party, a bachelorette party? Why are you running with these balloons?'"

Flindt never seems to lack creative, eye-catching ideas. It's clear why he's the Rotary public image coordinator for Zone 18, the first Rotaractor to serve as an RPIC. He's been promoting Rotaract since he helped found his club on 13 March 2013. That date, he's quick to note, is the anniversary of the certification of the first Rotaract club in 1968.

"Philip is a fantastic advocate for Rotaract," says Becky Giblin, a dual member of the Rotaract Club of Auckland City, New Zealand, and the Rotary Club for Global Action District 5150. "When he's given an opportunity, he not only represents all Rotaractors in the best way possible, but he works to make sure other Rotaractors are given similar opportunities."

As one of Rotaract's biggest fans, Flindt is always seeking ways for it to grow and thrive. At the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, he was part of a group that started World of Rotaract, a 24-hour-a-day video call to keep people connected. It eventually evolved into

a worldwide network.

"At first, the point was to make sure people were well — to just talk to each other," Flindt says. "We hosted conferences for 500 people. We had online parties. I'm a DJ, so I played about 10 parties online for a couple hundred people. We had talks, we had game nights, we had movie nights. It became a way to work together, all because we got to know each other on Zoom."

World of Rotaract has helped people cooperate on projects and has generated very close bonds, Giblin says, including her friendship with Flindt.

"It has built a level of trust and friendship that is surprising, considering we have never met in person," she says. "The World of Rotaract team is not just a community, but a family that is spread out to all corners of the world."

Failing fast and sharing hats
To find successful new ideas, like World of Rotaract, Flindt recommends using an entrepreneurial, "fail fast" approach.

"Get all the bad ideas out of the way as fast as possible, and run with the ideas that work," he says. "When you do a project, don't just think about the project. Put on your 'membership' hat, your 'foundation' hat, and your 'public image' hat at the same time. Or get together in a group and share the hats."

All this hat-switching has led to initiatives like one that supports the Give Every Child a Future campaign. GECAF aims to vaccinate 100,000 children in nine Pacific Island countries to protect them from human papillomavirus, rotavirus, and pneumococcal bacteria. For an event called Move for GECAF, Rotaractors got moving — literally. They flooded social media with pictures and videos of people running, dancing, doing pushups, or holding signs showing how much money they'd raised.



Rotaractor Philip Flindt serves as the public image coordinator for Zone 18.

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Flindt likes projects that accomplish several goals at once. He says the success of Run With Rotaract wasn't just in the US\$2,000-3,000 it raised.

"We didn't just fund a scholarship for a student in Malawi. We created awareness in our local community," he says. "It's about creating impact. If you couldn't run, you could walk, or join the crowd of onlookers. We had people who were pregnant, we had kids in strollers — all different types of people. That's kind of the fourth point of [Rotary's Action Plan](#), the ability to adapt to the environment."

Flindt has learned a lot since he became an RPIC. Zone 18, which includes his home country of Denmark, as well as the Faroe Islands, Greenland, Iceland, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, and Sweden, is extremely diverse. Recognizing this, Flindt is reconsidering his initial plan to refrain from spending much of his budget on travel.

"I see that I need to get out there," he says. "I need to go to the districts, to be there physically. I need to create these connections and make sure we're communicating." ♦

Priority 4 Increase Our Ability to Adapt

As People of Action we seek new perspectives and new ideas that can strengthen Rotary and create lasting change.

Let's work to create a culture of research, innovation, and willingness to take risks in your club to better serve your community.

ROTARY CLUB OF SYRACUSE GOES BIG FOR LITERACY

Literacy Coalition of Onondaga County & Dolly Parton's Imagination Library benefit from donation

PP James Morrow | Syracuse

Reading to your child from birth is one of the most important activities you can do to ensure he or she is prepared for school and also prepared for life, research tells us. Sharing reading time not only helps introduce your baby to language but also aids in proper brain development and assists in strengthening your bond as parent and child.

The Literacy Coalition of Onondaga County (OCLC) serves as the local champion for [Dolly Parton's Imagination Library](#). Children in the county, from birth to their fifth birthday, can be enrolled in the program. Once registered, the child will receive a new, age-appropriate book sent to their home every month until their fifth birthday. That's sixty books before they start kindergarten at no cost to enrolled families.

Syracuse Rotary's long history of supporting literacy programs for both children and adults goes back decades. The 110-year-old club was one of the original organizations to support Imagination Library program.

A formal presentation was made at the 1926 Bistro - Drumlins during the first official in-person luncheon meeting of Syracuse Rotary since March of 2020. During the presentation, the club made good on their promise to donate \$70,000 to the program — which mails books to over 15,000 kids each month and has distributed more than half a million age-appropriate books over the years. It was a tremendous way to welcome Rotarians and guests back to face-to-face meetings.



L to R: Nan Eaton of the United Way; Syracuse Rotarians: Andy Anderson, president Dr. Dayaprasad Kulkarni, Jason Allers, PP Dan Morrow, PP Paul Szemkow; Matt Whitman of OCLC & Cortland Rotary; Syracuse Rotarian PP Volker Weiss; Darrell Buckingham of the CNY Community Foundation; and Debbie Stack of OCLC.

Syracuse Rotarian, Dan Morrow, club president Dayaprasad Kulkarni, along with other club members, The United Way, the CNY Community Foundation, and the Literacy Coalition worked closely to secure the \$70,000 in funds from the Syracuse Rotary Foundation. ♦



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