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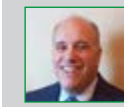


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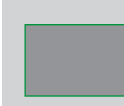
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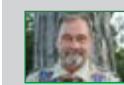
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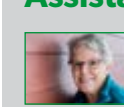
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A MESSAGE FROM DG JERRY

2022-2023 Rotay Theme: Imagine Rotary

Jerry Seguin | DG | Fulton

Another summer is flying by! As much as I hate to say it, school is just around the corner. What does that mean for our Rotary Clubs? It means opportunity for our clubs to participate in projects that support local students and schools.

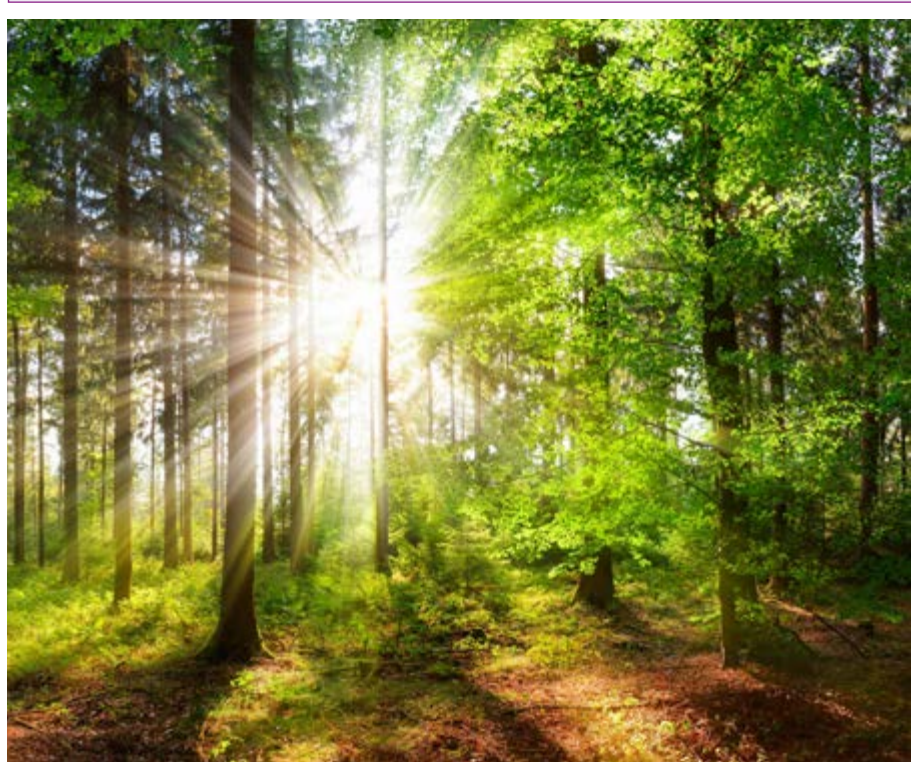
Projects that help relieve food anxieties, such as Oswego’s Blessing in a Backpack program that provides supplemental week-end food for students in need. The program is run by a local church in conjunction with the school district. Local Rotary club volunteers help pack the backpacks and provide financial assistance.

Projects like Stuff a Bus that collects and distributes much needed school supplies to local students. Local Rotarians help with collection and distribution to schools.

Projects like the Dictionary Project that many of our Rotary Clubs participate in by purchasing and distributing the dictionaries to local elementary students. To date 34,856,517 dictionaries have been given to students.

While the first two of the examples are not Rotary projects they are however, great examples of Rotary clubs working with other local organizations to help provide for a need and isn’t this what we are about?

In the following months, I encourage you to share some your club’s projects in the District Newsletter. Image what we can do when we learn from each other. ♦



MEET CENTRAL NEW YORK ROTARY

Lizzy Martin | Baldwinsville

We just returned from a very productive retreat weekend with district leaders from 7150, 7170 and 7190. During the weekend we shared ideas, put together our structure and planned how to progress.

The biggest news to come out of this weekend’s retreat is the name of our new region, which will be CNY Rotary. Our mission is to create a new regional Rotary group that will comprise our three current districts. Instead of viewing this as a merger, we are embracing this as an opportunity to create something new in order to provide more resources, maximize opportunities and increase the impact we can have in our communities. For a region this size, we’ll be modeling ourselves after other large districts from around the world who have created a board of directors. This will give us a strong leadership team to serve all of you.

Our vision statement is: CNY Rotary unites, educates and inspires people in our communities to take action and create lasting change.

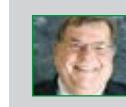
While we don’t have all the answers to all of your concerns today, know that we are creating transition teams to help with every aspect of running this new region. We intend to keep you updated through every step of the transition process. We know you have questions and look forward to engaging in dialogue about this process in the coming months. We are creating a web site and have a brand new social media page. Please like and follow CNY Rotary on Facebook. We will also be sharing messages in this newsletter every month as we work towards our goal of a unified CNY Rotary. Your participation will be vital to our work. Visit www.cnyrotary.org to learn about volunteer opportunities and see the latest from the steering committee.

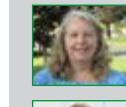
We hope you share in our excitement. We look forward to connecting with you online and will see you here in the newsletter again next month! ♦

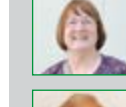


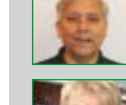
(LtoR) Matt Adler, Whitney Pangburn, Rocky Martinez, Lizzy Martin, Bruce McConnelee, Evan Kurtz, Jerry Seguin, Drew Kessler, Denise DiNoto, Wendy Deis, Dana Jerrard, Cindy Kane and Melissa Ward-Rathbun.

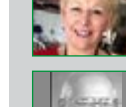
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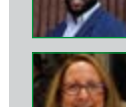
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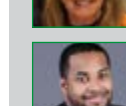
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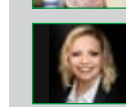
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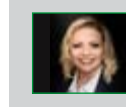
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Co-chair, Darnell Hayes DeWitt

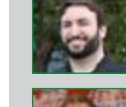
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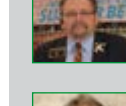
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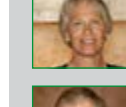
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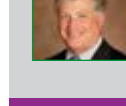
 **Innovative Clubs**
Lizzy Martin Baldwinsville


 **Public Image**
Lizzy Martin Baldwinsville

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PDG Dennis Schonewetter... VVS Community

 **Rotaract**
Jonathan Yost..... Eastwood

 **Veterans Service**
John “Ziggy” Zygmunt New Hartford

 **Youth Exchange & Rotary Youth Leadership Awards**
PDG Phyllis Danks..... Marcellus

 **New Generations**
Tom Taylor Onondaga North

WORLD REFUGEE DAY CELEBRATED

District 7150 Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee

World Refugee Day was celebrated in Syracuse on Saturday, July 9, 2022. The morning started with speeches of pride and dedication and a flag raising ceremony. The celebration continued for several hours as members of the Syracuse and CNY community came together in unity. The event included cultural dances and songs, food trucks, and visitor tables from service organizations. Syracuse Mayor, Ben Walsh, and many elected officials participated in the truly beautiful and diverse World Refugee Day.

Tai Shaw, of Eastwood Rotary, has organized this annual event for the past five years at Syracuse City Hall. The Day recognizes the many wonderful people and cultures in our community. These include the Bhutanese, Vietnamese, Nepalese, Sudanese, and others. Tai enlisted several members of Eastwood Rotary to help with the set-up and take-down of the event. And at least another dozen Rotarians from CNY were in attendance at the festivities. Neighbors from many nations joined together in a joyful and colorful event.

Let's keep in mind that the United Nations estimates that there are 15.2 million refugees scattered throughout the world; people whose lives have been uprooted by persecution, war, and natural disasters. Their stories are as varied as the countries that have expelled them. World Refugee Day is observed every year around the world and this day celebrates the endurance and determination of these neighbors. Consider reaching out to members of these neighborhoods when looking for new members or service project ideas. Let's reflect the diversity of our community. ♦



ST. BALDRICK'S FOUNDATION AND HAIR WE SHARE

Janelle Kraus | Syracuse Inner City

The St. Baldrick's Foundation is a volunteer and donor powered charity committed to supporting the most promising research to find cures for childhood cancers and give survivors long and healthy lives.

More children are lost to cancer in the U.S. than any other disease—in fact, more than many other childhood diseases combined. Before they turn 20, about 1 in 264 children in the U.S. will have cancer. Worldwide, a child is diagnosed every 2 minutes.


Janelle's story: I decided I wanted to raise money for a good cause and I was excited to shave my head. It's something I've always wanted to do. Little did I know it would change my life.

I could not imagine losing my hair traumatically due to a medical illness. It was my belief that there is plenty of hair in the world and that nobody should have to pay for a wig due to a medical illness.

I did not know any children with cancer and I was grateful for that. I could not imagine that nor do I want to. Being involved in the youth in my community and being friends with young people; if one had cancer, that would be very difficult. Children are vibrant and bright and it makes me very sad to see them so ill.

I had lost loved ones from cancer and my loved ones have experienced great loss over cancer. Lots of fighting, tests, constant worry, financial issues, fear, pain and despair. The list goes on. All of the fighters, my heart goes out to you for your tremendous strength.

I felt a sense of purpose and fulfillment removing my hair. It was a very personal and deep experience for me. Removing my hair was like leaving my troubled past behind, becoming my true and current self, being reborn...



St. Baldrick's
FOUNDATION



CONQUER
KIDS'
CANCER

Donate Today to #GiveKidsALifetime!

Janelle Kraus

I shaved my head to raise funds for the most promising childhood cancer research.

Before



After



stbaldricks.org/participants/Cancersuckskidsrock

I hope to reach my fundraising goal of \$5,000 before the end of the year. This is my greatest year yet as far as donations, community work, volunteering, and club/fraternal/nonprofit organization involvement. By the way, this all started with a new years resolution that I started in December before the new year even started.

Thank you all so much for your constant support and encouragement! I would not be able to do everything that I am doing without you, without people.

Janelle Kraus is the vice president of the Syracuse Inner City Rotary Club. ♦

CONSIDER A LAND ACKNOWLEDGE TO OPEN YOUR MEETINGS

D7150 Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee

If your club has graciously welcomed the district's Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) committee as a program, or if you have ever attended a Rotary event out of Canada, you may have heard something called a land acknowledgement. This statement is said at the beginning of a gathering as a way to recognize and respect that your event is being held on the traditional territory of Indigenous Peoples. By recognizing the land, we express gratitude to those whose territory we are on, acknowledge the long standing history of the people and the land, and commit ourselves to a mindfulness of both the history and current issues surrounding how we came to be in this place. Land acknowledgements should be thoughtful, written in present tense, honest about what happened and paired with an action.

These statements can make people uncomfortable. It is a natural reaction to want to avoid thinking about the struggles that were forced upon Native Americans and Indigenous People around the globe, but that's the point. They don't have the luxury of ignoring what happened because it is part of their generational trauma and their lived experiences. The Native American and Indigenous Peoples Steering Group at Northwestern University says that land acknowledgements raise critical consciousness, encourage introspection and address invisibility. This opportunity to reflect should build empathy and understanding, which is key to creating a more inclusive environment.

The District 7150 DEI Committee encourages all clubs to consider incorporating the following land acknowledgement into your meetings and special events as a way to show inclusivity to the local Native American community and elicit thought in your

own members. It is written with the local nations listed in parenthesis so you can customize it based on your club's location. Not sure which nation your land is on? Text your zip code to 855-917-5263 and you will get back a text with details about the tribal homeland you are on.

District 7150 Land Acknowledgement for Rotary Clubs:

We want to acknowledge that we hold this Rotary meeting on the traditional land of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy past and present, and honor with gratitude the land itself and the people of the (Seneca, Cayuga, Onondaga, Tuscarora, Oneida or Mohawk) Nation who have been its steward throughout the generations. As an organization that values being "fair to all concerned," we acknowledge the long and complex history that has brought us to reside on this land, including genocide, ethnic cleansing, forced removal and unlawful seizure after many broken treaties. This statement seeks to uplift the voices of unheard people, and all are encouraged to seek a better understanding of local Indigenous history on this land.

As many clubs are phasing out songs, prayer and the pledge in opening their meetings, this is an inclusive statement that could become part of your club's traditions.

If you have any questions about use of the land acknowledgement or anything related to DEI, please contact one of the tri-chairs of the committee. We are now booking visits to clubs for this fall, so reach out to get us on your program schedule! ♦

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KEEP YOUR FELLOW ROTARIANS UP TO DATE WITH YOUR CLUB'S NEWS

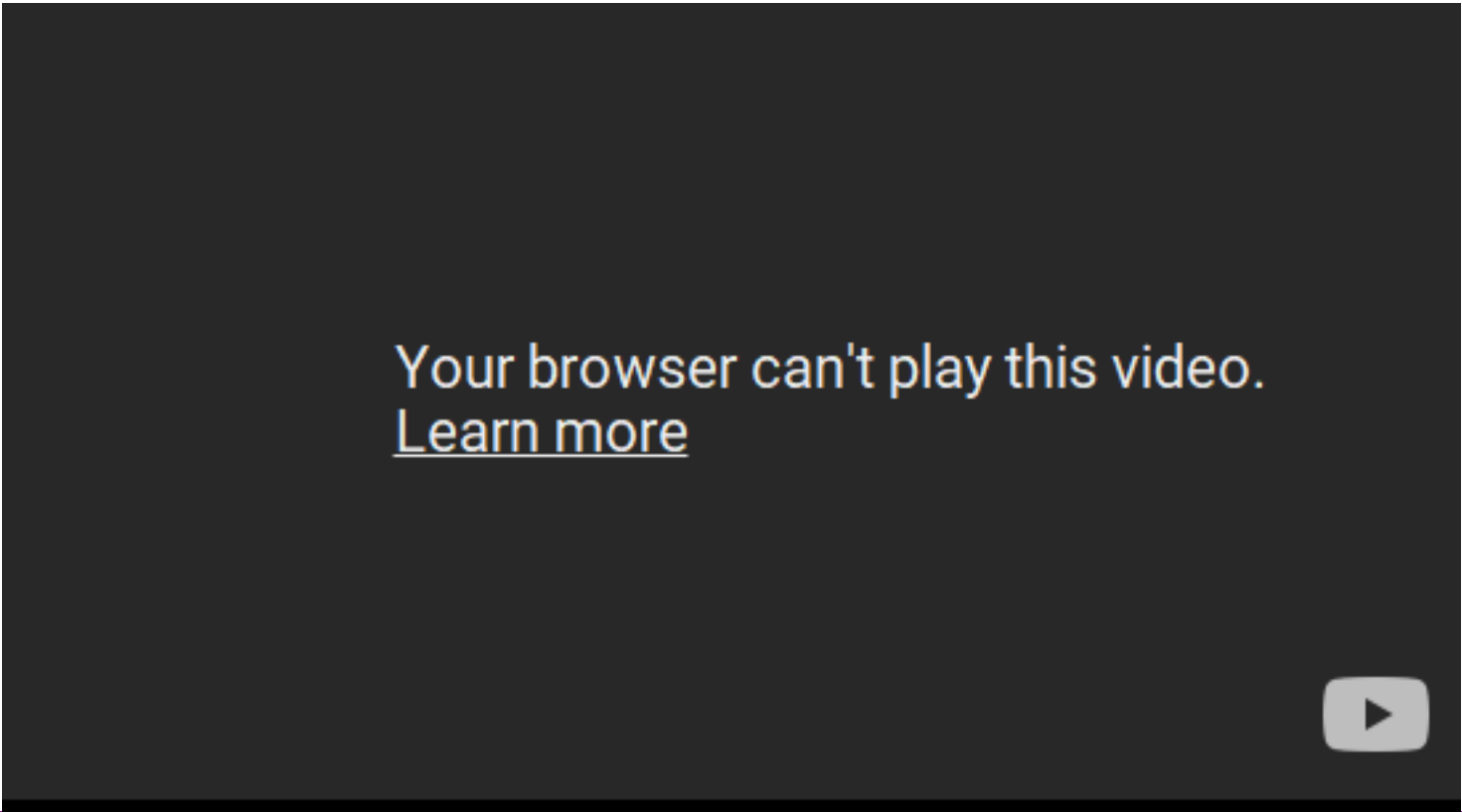
Email your photos and well-written articles to rotary7150@gmail.com

The deadline to submit your news is the 25th of each month.

AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP MONTH - LET'S STRENGTHEN OUR CLUBS

Multi-District Membership Committee

We wanted to revisit this membership video with helpful advice on developing strong club leaders because we know that clubs with a great bench of Rotarians at the helm will grow. In this approximately 4-minute video you will hear advice from experienced Rotary leaders from multiple continents who took the time to share their best tip for strengthening your club through great leadership. It is well worth the time as we should all be focusing on how we can positively impact membership this month. That can include both membership growth and member retention in all of our clubs! ♦



FULTON ROTARY WELCOMES NEW PRESIDENT



Outgoing Fulton Rotary Club Co-Presidents Steve Osborne and Nancy Kush Ellis, right, hand the gavel over to incoming President Bill Lynch as past president and Rotary District 7150 District Governor Jerry Seguin looks on. Fulton Rotary Club meets at noon most Thursdays at the Tavern on the Lock Restaurant. The club's Putt-Putt for Polio miniature golf event will be Saturday, Aug. 6, noon to 4 p.m. at Scoops at Lakeview Lanes on State Route 3, Fulton, in partnership with Lakeview Lanes. All proceeds will be donated by Lakeview Lakes to the Rotary Polio Eradication Program.

UTICA ROTARY ‘SERVICE ABOVE SELF’ GALA HELPS ‘CABVI CAMP ABILITIES’

Jerry Kraus | Utica

The Rotary Club of Utica recently held a Service Above Self Gala at The Stanley Theater in Utica to benefit the CABVI Camp Abilities program. A sold-out crowd dined on stage and danced to the music of Soul Injection. The Gala raised over \$12,000 for Camp Abilities, a program of the Central Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired, which provides camping experiences for area youth with visual challenges.

Also, during the evening, a few awards were given to the following members of the Rotary Club: Jerry Kraus, The Quiet Giver Award, and Darby O'Brien, The Paul Harris Fellow. Sister Elizabeth Greim received the Community Service Above Self Award. ♦



Joe Caruso, nominator Trinh Truong, Sister Elizabeth Greim and outgoing Club President Stephen Turnbull



Darby O'Brien (R) and outgoing Club President Stephen Turnbull



Jerry Kraus (R) and outgoing Club President Stephen Turnbull

HOW DID THE ROTARY FOUNDATION START?

The Rotary Foundation started by Rotary International in 1917 when Rotary International's sixth president, Arch C. Klumph, suggested an endowment fund for Rotary "to do good in the world." It has grown from an initial contribution in 1917 of \$26.50 from the Rotary Club of Kansas City, Missouri, to more than \$4.4 billion dollars in total contributions. The Rotary Foundation made its first grant of \$500.00 to the International Society for Crippled Children in 1930, and to this day, it continues to "do good in the world" in the name of Rotary.

Thank you for supporting The Rotary Foundation and its work.

PROGRAMS OF SCALE: THE SECOND AWARD RECIPIENT

The Together for Healthy Families in Nigeria program is working to reduce the maternal and neo-natal mortality rate by improving health seeking behavior and quality care for pregnant women, mothers, and newborns in Nigeria. A 2020-21 Programs of Scale honorable mention, the partnership between Rotary Districts 1860 (Germany) and 9110, 9125, 9141, 9142 (Nigeria), the Rotary Action Group for Maternal and Child Health (RMCH), the federal and state ministries of health, and two professional medical associations are working to provide education and training for quality care, knowledge of healthy timing and spacing of pregnancies, and full adoption of the national system for death surveillance and response.

Learn More About Programs of Scale



UTICA ROTARY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Jerry Kraus | Utica

Rotary Club of Utica is again holding a charity golf tournament to support the Club's Urban Tree Planting Project. The Tees for Trees tournament will take place Sunday, August 14, at Hidden Valley Golf Club in Whitesboro, NY.

The registration and sponsorship forms are attached. Forms may be filled out by downloading the forms and opening in Acrobat Reader or print forms and fill in by hand.

The tournament is only a little over a month away so start forming your team(s). Everyone is welcome to play so please pass this email and forms to others or send them to the event page on our Club website at: Tees for Trees Charity Golf Tournament. Questions? Contact [Jerry Kraus](#).

The fun starts at noon with registration and lunch. The tournament is a four-person scramble format. The fee is \$95 per person, and includes lunch before golf, golf fees and cart, dinner after golf, door prizes, trophies, team photos and more! Tee-sign hole sponsorships are available for \$100 for an 18" x 24" sign.

The Rotary Club of Utica Urban Tree Planting Project is planned in cooperation with Unitarian Universalist Church and Mohawk Valley Community Action Agency. The project's goal is to aid urban homeowners in enhancing the value of their property, improving the air quality within their community by reducing carbon emissions, and providing a canopy of shade to lower the heat index during summer months.

DOWNLOAD FORMS TO REGISTER OR SIGN UP FOR SPONSORSHIP



ROTARY PUTT-PUTT FOR POLIO

Terry Bennett | Fulton

The Fulton Rotary Club in partnership with Scoops at Lakeview Lanes will hold Putt-Putt for Polio, a fundraiser for Rotary International's Eradicating Polio Initiative. The event will be held Saturday, Aug. 6, from noon to 4 p.m. at Scoops Ice Cream and 18-hole Mini Golf at Lakeview Lanes, 723 West Broadway, Fulton.

All proceeds for the event will be donated by Lakeview Lanes to the Polio Eradication Program. Below, getting ready for the event are, from left to right, Fulton past president and District 7150 Governor Jerry Seguin, president Bill Lynch, past president and Secretary Nancy Kush Ellis, and past president and District 7150 Assistant Governor Steve Osborne.

Since the start of the RI's initiative to eradicate polio, the incidence of the disease has plummeted 99.9 percent. ♦



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