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**ROTARY DISTRICT 7150  
AUGUST 2023 NEWSLETTER**

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 7150 | DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELISE HERETH**





**District Governor**



2023-2024 Governor  
Elise Hereth ..... VVS Community

**District Executive Committee**



**CNY Rotary President 2024-25**  
Lizzy Martin ..... Baldwinsville



**CNY Rotary President 2025-26**  
Bob Balk ..... Moravia Rotary



**Immediate Past DG**  
Jerry Seguin ..... Fulton



**District Trainer 2022-24**  
PDG Dennis Schonewetter ..... VVS. Comm.



**CNY Rotary Trainer 2024-25**  
PDG Deb Glisson... Onondaga North Rotary

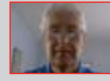
**Assistant Governors**



**Area 1**  
Steve Mercurio ..... Rome



**Area 2**  
Dorene Gortner ..... New Hartford



**Area 3**  
Jim Cook ..... New Hartford



**Area 4**  
Jim Eklund ..... Chittenango



**Area 5**  
Steve Osborne ..... Fulton



**Area 6**  
Linda Ervin ..... DeWitt



**Area 7**  
Charlie Smith ..... Marcellus

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James Morrow ..... Syracuse

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**ROTARY DISTRICT 7150**  
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

**A MESSAGE FROM DG ELISE**

**Greetings District 7150 Rotarians!**

Elise Hereth | DG | VVS Community

It's been my pleasure and truly an honor to start visiting our clubs. It does feel great to be a Rotarian! In addition to sharing Rotary International President, Gordon McNally's message and goals, I've been able to learn more about our clubs and the wonderful projects you do in your communities and the world. It is truly humbling and reminds me of that old adage that if you want something done, ask a busy person.

If you aren't already and are interested in getting involved at the District level, now is a great time. Both our current District 7150 and our larger District, Central New York Rotary (CNY-R) start next year and offer great opportunities to learn and participate.

Please reach out to our committees for programs, too, like, Diversity Equity and Inclusion, and Foundation...etc.)

Be on the lookout for new policies for some of our committees, including Foundation for Grants, and Youth Exchange. Since we will be in the new CNY-R next year, some procedures are being updated now, in preparation. Because three districts are joining together, some things might be different than what you are used to.

My club visit schedule is as follows:

<i>Adirondack Foothills</i> ..... Tentative	<i>Moravia</i> ..... 8/29/2023
<i>Auburn</i> ..... 9/5/2023	<i>New Hartford</i> ..... 8/16/2023
<i>Baldwinsville</i> ..... 7/11/2023	<i>North Utica-Whitestown</i> 10/26/2023
<i>Camden</i> ..... 7/24/2023	<i>Oneida</i> ..... Tentative
<i>Camillus Solvay Geddes</i> 12/12/2023	<i>Onondaga North</i> ..... Tentative
<i>Canastota</i> ..... 7/13/2023	<i>Oriskany Falls</i> ..... 8/16/2023
<i>Cato</i> ..... 8/7/2023	<i>Oswego Rotary Club</i> ..... Tentative
<i>Cazenovia</i> ..... Tentative	<i>Oswego Sunrise</i> ..... Tentative
<i>Chittenango</i> ..... Tentative	<i>Rome</i> ..... Tentative
<i>Dewitt</i> ..... 8/21/2023	<i>Sauquoit</i> ..... 10/18/2023
<i>Dolgeville Rotary</i> ..... Tentative	<i>Skaneateles</i> ..... Tentative
<i>Eastwood (Syracuse)</i> .... 7/18/2023	<i>Skaneateles Sunrise</i> .... 7/6/2023
<i>E-Club of D7150 NY1</i> ..... Tentative	<i>Syracuse</i> ..... 8/4/2023
<i>Fulton</i> ..... 10/19/2023	<i>Syracuse Inner City</i> ..... 7/19/2023
<i>Fulton Sunrise</i> ..... 7/28/2023	<i>Syracuse Sunrise</i> ..... 8/4/2023
<i>Greater Utica Sunrise</i> ..... Tentative	<i>Tully</i> ..... 11/2/2023
<i>Hamilton</i> ..... 11/9/2023	<i>Utica</i> ..... 11/2/2023
<i>Kuyahoor Valley</i> ..... Tentative	<i>VVS Community Rotary</i> ... 11/2/2023
<i>Little Falls</i> ..... 10/25/2023	<i>Waterville</i> ..... Tentative
<i>Marcellus</i> ..... 8/15/2023	<i>West Winfield</i> ..... Tentative
<i>Mohawk Valley, Herk.</i> ... 8/24/2023	Visit Complete

**CENTRAL NEW YORK ROTARY UPDATE**

**The CNY Rotary Leadership Team Is Growing & You Can Join**



**CNY Rotary Communications**

The CNY Rotary Steering Committee is excited to announce several chair appointments that have recently been confirmed. This team will help lead some of the key committees a district needs in order to best support its clubs and all are coming in with experience in their respective specialties. Please give a warm congratulations to the following Rotarian leaders:

- Membership Chair**  
Kimmy Talbot ..... Scotia Rotary
- Foundation Chair**  
Don Reese ..... Utica Rotary
- Finance Chair**  
Doug Larison ..... Cortland Rotary
- Youth Exchange Chair**  
Zoren Bullock ..... Trumansburg Rotary
- Training Chair**  
Deb Glisson ..... Onondaga North Rotary
- Public Image Chair**  
Deb Eves ..... Chestertown Rotary
- CNY Rotary Secretary**  
Dana Jerrard ..... Utica Rotary

But these chairs won't work alone! In fact, they will be leading committees that are designed to be bigger than any that our current, individual districts have ever had. And that's where YOU come in! The time

has come for you to submit your name and let us know which committee you would be interested in joining. There are many ways to get involved in supporting our clubs' membership, public image, Foundation giving and grants, Youth Exchange and more. There are even new committees that still need to be built for Rotaract, Events and Service. All the details and the contact form for signing up can be found on the Get Involved tab at [www.cnyrotary.org](http://www.cnyrotary.org). All are encouraged to express their interest by completing that [contact form](#) by August 31, 2023.

Are you ready to serve your fellow Rotarians by providing them with the training and resources to grow their clubs and increase their impact?

Are you looking for new experiences that will expand your network of Rotary friends and grow your Rotary IQ?


















Are you excited to meet more Rotarians from all around the new region?

This is your call to action! Let us know what would be fun and rewarding for you, as well as what fits your unique set of skills. All levels of experience welcome. Go to the Get Involved tab at [www.cnyrotary.org](http://www.cnyrotary.org) today!

Follow @CNYRotary on Facebook and Instagram to share in the exciting news of our newest leaders and get updates. Contact us at [centralnyrotary@gmail.com](mailto:centralnyrotary@gmail.com) if you have questions or feedback. ♦



**District Officers**

-  **District Secretary**  
PDG Pete Cardamone ..... Tully
-  **Co-Treasurer**  
Tara Renner ..... Onondaga North
-  **Co-Treasurer**  
Charrise Kidd ..... Fulton
-  **Finance**  
LaVerne DeLand ..... Fulton
-  **District Conference**  
Jenny Doane ..... Baldwinsville
-  **Foundation**  
Chair, Don Reese ..... Utica
-  **Diversity, Equity & Inclusion**  
Co-Chair, Cheryl Matt ..... DeWitt
-  **Diversity, Equity & Inclusion**  
Co-chair, Devin White ..... Eastwood
-  **Membership**  
Joe Caruso ..... Utica
-  **Innovative Clubs**  
Lizzy Martin ..... Baldwinsville
-  **Public Image**  
Lizzy Martin ..... Baldwinsville
-  **Parliamentarian**  
PDG Dennis Schonewetter... WS Community
-  **Rotaract**  
Jonathan Yost ..... Eastwood
-  **Veterans Service**  
John "Ziggy" Zygmunt ..... New Hartford
-  **Youth Exchange & Rotary Youth Leadership Awards**  
PDG Phyllis Danks ..... Marcellus
-  **RLI Site**  
Jenny Doane ..... Baldwinsville
-  **Environment Service**  
Chuck Tomaselli ..... New Hartford

**DEWITT BLOOD DRIVE**

Cheryl Matt | DeWitt

In July, DeWitt Rotary held another of its successful Red Cross Blood Drives at DeWitt Community Church. What a partnership! Thank you to Rotarians Mike Miller, Jay Caporiccio and his wife Kathy Rovall, Tom Heister, Mark and Cheryl Matt, and former member Tom Carafa for checking in donors and handing out snacks. Tom Heister also donated blood that morning, as did Iris Evans and Mark Strodel. The drive was well attended, with 30 donors registered and 34 units of blood collected, of which 20 were very needed type O's! Watch for our next blood drive on Saturday Sept 9, 2023 from 8am-1pm.



**THE DISTRICT 7150 LEGACY PROJECT FUND FAQ'S**

PDG Dana Jerrard | Utica



**How many Legacy Project Grants will be awarded?**

There will be at least five, but probably more. Clubs are encouraged to think big and submit proposals for any amount up to \$10,000. We will award grants until the \$50,000 fund balance is depleted.

**Can clubs join together and submit a joint proposal?**

Absolutely! We encourage club leadership to reach out to neighboring clubs in support of one project. Keep in mind:

- Grants will be limited to \$10,000 per project, so even a multiple-club proposal can be for no more than \$10,000
- Clubs may submit only one grant proposal, including multiple club projects.
- One contact person per project is required, even for those with multiple clubs participating

**Do these Legacy projects have to be new initiatives?**

The Legacy Fund will support both new and existing projects.

**Where is the money coming from?**

The fund is supplied by the reserves of District 7150. In recent years, district leadership has made changes that have had positive financial impact. For example, the cost of committee meetings and training via Zoom is far less than district-wide in-person gatherings. We have also saved printing costs as our online functionality has improved. In response to many Rotarians across the district, we have developed budgets for our district conferences with a keen eye on costs. Current district leadership is promoting the use of the surplus generated to serve the local communities of District 7150 before we join to form CNY Rotary in July, 2024.

**Could our club support an international project with a Legacy Grant?**

No, the Legacy Project Fund will support projects that address a documented need in the local community(ies) served by the club.

**Could the application deadline of September 15, 2023 be extended?**

NO!!! Because of our transition to CNY Rotary, we have set up the timeline to give clubs adequate time to plan their projects, execute them, and submit all expenses for reimbursement. Grant Funding Timeline:

- Applications accepted - July 1, 2023 to September 15, 2023
- Awards announced - October 1, 2023
- All funded expenses incurred and reported by June 1, 2024
- All funds disbursed by June 30, 2024

**District 7150 Legacy Project Committee:**

- **Elise Hereth**  
VVS Community ..... 2023-24 7150 DG
- **Lizzy Martin**  
Baldwinsville... 2024-25 CNY Rotary President
- **Jerry Seguin**  
Fulton ..... 2022-23 7150 DG
- **Dana Jerrard**  
Utica ..... 2021-22 7150 DG
- **Randy Wilson**  
Sauquoit ..... 2019-20 7150 DG
- **Dennis Schonewetter**  
VVS Community ..... 2013-14 7150 DG
- **Don Reese**  
Utica ..... 2002-03 7150 DG



## CREATING A CULTURE OF CARE from Rotary's Membership Minute

### Rotary International

This year, RI President Gordon McInally is encouraging Rotary members to create a culture of care, both within Rotary and around the world, by making mental health a priority. In a caring culture, leaders and members focus on helping each other thrive.

That makes August **Membership and New Club Development Month** – the perfect time to evaluate your club's culture and adjust if needed. Members are more likely to stay if their club experience is fulfilling. Use these ideas to help members feel involved, valued and cared for:

- Communicate with people at every stage of their membership. If members think their experience in the club can be improved, take action to make changes. You can also use these two surveys to learn more about what members are thinking – the [member interest survey](#) will help you understand what new and prospective members care about and how they want to contribute, and the [member satisfaction survey](#) (or an [online version](#)) can be distributed each year to all members. By asking for feedback regularly and responding to it, you show that you're open to change, and you empower members to be involved in creating their ideal club experience.
- Use the [Club Health Check](#) to identify areas where your club could improve and determine how to keep your club relevant for members and the community.
- Take the [Creating an Inclusive Club Culture](#) course to discover ways for your club to become more inclusive, diverse and equitable. Remember that for any Learning Center course, you'll need a My Rotary account.

Recent Rotary research confirms that the club experience is what matters most to our members. So how do we take intentional action to make that club experience a great one? Learn more with [tips from Tom Gump](#), aide to RI President-Elect Stephanie Urchick, and a video about [transforming your club's culture](#).

You can find more resources on [My Rotary](#). ♦

## WE NEED TO KNOW WHO IS LEADING YOUR CLUB

### D7150 Leadership

Each year our clubs have a turnover of leadership. Sometimes secretaries or treasurers stay on for multiple years, while presidents are almost always refreshed each July.

How are you communicating to the district and Rotary International who is leading your club and why does that matter? It's important to put your club's executive team into ClubRunner's database each year so that the people who support your club leaders can communicate with them. When you put this information into ClubRunner, it is automatically communicated to Rotary International too. This is a task that your club president or secretary will have the access to do and you can [click here](#) for step-by-step instructions on how to do it.

Every club should have at least their main club leadership identified (President, Secretary, Treasurer and President Elect), but you can input all kinds of titles to tell us who is serving as your Public Image Chair, Foundation Chair, Membership Chair, Youth Exchange Officer and more.

It's a very easy tool to use once you access it, but if you hit any roadblocks (like logging in), you can always reach out to our district secretary Peter Cardamone for support at [peterf7150@gmail.com](mailto:peterf7150@gmail.com).

We ask that all clubs check and be sure their club's executive team is current and accurate in ClubRunner as soon as possible. Thank you for all you do to put service above self! ♦



**Save the Date  
Pins for Polio!**  
Friday October 6th  
Sherrill Community Activity Center  
139 E Hamilton Ave, Sherrill, NY  
**MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW!**  
VVS Community  
**Rotary**  
Club

SAVE THE DATES: March 15-17, 2024

NEW LOCATION: DOUBLETREE CARRIER CIRCLE, SYRACUSE



Multi-District PETS

Training for President Elects, Assistant Governors and members of Rotary Districts 7120, 7150, 7170 and 7190

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## DISTRICT DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION (DEI) INTERVIEW

DEI Co-Chair Devin White of the Eastwood Rotary Club interviewed Bob Balk of the Moravia Rotary Club who shared his insight into life as a Rotarian in a wheelchair. [VIDEO](#)





*In appreciation of our services as Rotarians and our efforts for the betterment of our communities, the Pakistani Community of CNY has invited any interested Rotarians to share in the celebration of the 76th Independence Day of Pakistan. Pakistani immigrants, from all walks of life, who are now residents of Central New York are once again celebrating on Sunday August 13.*

*Click ad at right to reserve a spot*



**Celebrating**  
**76th Independence Day of Pakistan**  
City of Syracuse | Onondaga County | Central New York

On behalf of  
**Pakistani-American Community**

You are cordially invited  
on **Sunday, August 13, 2023**  
to celebrate the  
**76th Independence Day of Pakistan**

<b>Flag Raising (1:00 pm)</b> Syracuse City Hall Steps 233 E Washington St. Syracuse, NY 13202	<b>Cultural Celebration (2:00 pm)</b> Atrium 201 E Washington St. Syracuse, NY 13202
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