

Rotary District 7150 NEWSLETTER

December 2018

 *Wishing all Rotarians joy & peace this holiday season!*

We are in the holiday season which represents a time of peace and good will. I encourage all of our clubs and each of you individually to take this opportunity to emphasize our “Acts of Kindness” initiative. As Rotarians we understand the affect our good deeds can have on others, particularly those who are not as fortunate as most of us. We can “Be the Inspiration” to others to make this world a better place. Small actions can produce large results. My official club visits are now complete (Whoopee!!). Thanks to all of you for making me welcome and giving me the opportunity to know each of you and your clubs. We are doing wonderful things in central New York. Keep it going!

Janet and I wish you all joyful and safe holidays.



BE THE INSPIRATION

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

DECEMBER'S ROTARY TRIVIA CONTEST

[Click here](#) to download a fun public image challenge!

Congrats to Berlin Bauer, winner of the November trivia
See page 2 for the answers and more!

Get your December trivia submitted to DG Marv at marvd7150@gmail.com
by mid-January to be entered to win!

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ROTARY'S SIX AREAS OF FOCUS

Between the Four Way Test and Five Avenues of Service, sometimes the Six Areas of Focus get forgotten. Even the most informed Rotarian can have trouble reciting all six! Here is the answer to November's trivia question, "What are Rotary's six areas of focus?" and don't miss a feature in the next six editions of the newsletter where we will highlight Rotary's work in each area.

- Maternal & Child Health
- Basic Education & Literacy
- Economics & Community Development
- Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolution
- Disease Prevention & Treatment
- Water & Sanitation

ROTARIANS DOING BUSINESS

Are you a Rotarian who owns a business? Are you willing to extend a discount to your fellow Rotarians? We are looking to spotlight a Rotarian-owned business and need your submissions. Email newsletter editor Lizzy at ebrown@advancemediany.com with a short profile of your business (what, where, how long you've been doing it, etc.) and a special offer just for District 7150 Rotarians. We will only feature one per newsletter, selected at random from all submissions received by the 25th of each month. In Rotary we place value on our members' vocational skills and Rotarians take pride in doing business with the highest ethical standards. It only makes sense that we should be considering doing business with one another! Hopefully this business spotlight will help us learn about and connect with one another!

PASSPORT PROGRAM CHANGE: YOU CAN GO SOLO!

In the past you had to travel in groups of at least two Rotarians to get your passport signed and we're changing the rules (in your favor!). Now you can qualify for a passport to be signed even if you are visiting another club's meeting or event on your own. [Click here](#) to get all the details on the program that encourages you to connect with more Rotarians in our area, and to download your passport!

REMINDER: UPDATE CLUBRUNNER BY JAN 1

All clubs need to have their membership data up to date in ClubRunner by the end of the year so that the invoices generated by the district and Rotary International are accurate for the number of members you have in your club. This means if anyone has joined or left since July, those changes need to be made to your membership list in ClubRunner. Your club president or secretary would be in charge of this task.

COUNCIL ON RESOLUTIONS POSTS RESULTS

The Council on Resolutions meets online each year. Representatives from all of Rotary's districts vote on resolutions that clubs, districts, the RI Board, and the General Council or Conference of RIBI have proposed. The RI Board of Directors will consider all resolutions that the Council adopts. Examples of some of the resolutions that passed are:

- To request the RI Board to consider emphasizing vocational service in Rotarians' businesses or professions
- To request the Trustees to consider increasing the amount of district designated funds available for district grants

You can review the full list of what was adopted and rejected, along with more details on each [here](#).

MEMBERSHIP MATCHSTICK CHALLENGE

Have you ever heard of a “Matchstick Detail” or “Elevator Speech?” It’s your 30-second sales pitch (approximately the time it takes for a match stick to burn out or an elevator door to close!). Do you have one for Rotary? When someone asks you “What is Rotary?” can you effectively describe it in a matter of seconds? This person could be your club’s next new member, so it’s best to be prepared!

The District Membership Committee is challenging Rotarians to develop their own Matchstick Detail. Here are some examples:

“Being a Rotarian means passionate people enjoying doing good in our world, through local and international project, even saving lives!”

“Rotary works with the World Health Organization and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to eradicate polio from our world!”

We want to see your best Matchstick Detail. Submit to PDG Deb Glisson at deborah7150@gmail.com by midnight on January 25th. Prizes will be awarded to the top three submissions, as determined by the District Membership Committee, and include 300 Paul Harris points as the grand prize! If you have any questions, contact Deb at (315) 263-7037.

MEET YOUR MEMBERSHIP COACHES

District 7150 now has a complete District Membership Committee! The committee, chaired by PDG Deb Glisson includes a Membership Coach for each of area in the district. [Click here for additional membership resources](#)

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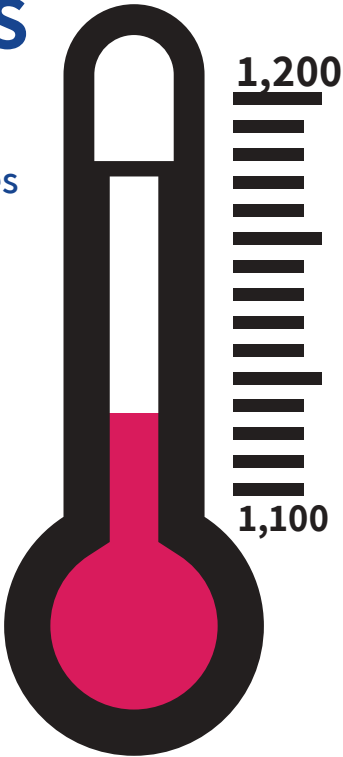
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CURRENTLY AT 1,123 MEMBERS



SPEAKER CONNECTION

We first heard about this children's book at the District Conference in Corning and it is finally being published! You can invite the author, Doug Cornfield, to speak at your upcoming club meeting and share about the origin of this book. All proceeds from the sale of A Pound of Kindness will be donated to the Disability, Dream, & Do (D3) programs. [Click here](#) to learn more! Contact Doug at doug@daveclarkbaseball.com or 607-329-0010



DISTRICT GRANTS MANAGEMENT SEMINAR



SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 2019 | 9-11am

East Syracuse Fire Station

FREE TO ATTEND

Not only is this a free, educational event, it is also required that at least TWO members of your club attend the seminar in order for your club to be eligible to apply for a District Grant or Global Grant 2019-2020.

**CLICK HERE TO
REGISTER ONLINE**

These funds are available to us because Rotarians in our District 7150 contribute to the Rotary International Foundation Annual SHARE Funds.

Foundation Gala

DISTRICT 7150

FRIDAY, FEB 1, 2019

YAHNUNDASIS GOLF CLUB

6PM COCKTAILS & SILENT AUCTION

7PM DINNER & AWARDS

\$50/PERSON & CASH BAR

DRESS CODE: BUSINESS ATTIRE

**SEEKING GIFT BASKET DONATIONS
FOR THE SILENT AUCTION!**

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DISTRICT CELEBRATION

Join us for a new, shorter District Conference that will be one giant celebration! Featuring:

- Scenic location & amazing views from the hotel
- Delicious meals all weekend
- Double, Triple & Quadruple room discounts
- A murder mystery night
- Guest speakers you have never heard before
- Prizes, awards & recognition for inspiration
- And a focus on the amazing work our clubs are doing throughout the district

Cost for a couple to attend: \$712

Includes registration, two-night hotel stay, five meals for each and a weekend of entertainment, education and celebration!

May 3 & 4, 2019

**Crowne Plaza Hotel
Lake Placid**

Registration Instructions:

1. Register you and your guest at www.rotary7150.org
2. In your confirmation email, click the link 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.

REGISTRATION SALE ON NOW!

REGISTER BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR FOR JUST \$30/PERSON

Click here for hotel details & to register today!

DEWITT ROTARY SUPPORTS RESCUE MISSION

Recently, The Rotary Club of DeWitt made a \$1000.00 donation to Carolyn Hendrickson of The Rescue Mission. Each year The Rescue Mission helps children who otherwise do not have the means to attend summer camp. The gift of \$1000.00 will send two children fully prepared for a week of summer camp in Onondaga and Cayuga counties (Camp Talooli Pennellville, Camp Casowasco, Moravia or BT Washington Community Center, Auburn). In 2017 The Rescue Mission sent 72 children to camp programs in the CNY area.
(Photo: left to right DeWitt Rotarian Carolyn Hendrickson Rescue Mission Senior Philanthropy Officer, DeWitt Rotary Philanthropy Chair Mark Hansen, DeWitt Rotary President Linda Ervin).



FULTON NOON CLUB RECOGNIZES TWO STUDENTS



Each month the Fulton Noon Rotary Club invites two high school seniors to lunch for an update on what they have been doing during the last four years at G. Ray Bodley High school. The latest two students were honor students Ana Snyder and Ean Stevenson. Ana has taken the opportunity to shadow various employees at Oswego Health as she is interested in entering the health field after college and will major in biology. She has done Irish dance for 12 years and is also President of the Hope Club and a student Mentor at Volney Elementary School. Ean has been involved in golf and swim team for most of his high school career, serving as the captain of the golf team. Ean was the club's Rotary Youth Leadership Awards student while in 11th grade, he is into robotics and is a lifeguard at several pools and summer camps. Ean will major in engineering when he finishes high school. Congratulations to both of these impressive young people!

Rotarian Judy Young, the club's chairperson for student and youth activities joins the students and presents them with a Certificate of Achievement Award.

OSWEGO USES GRANT TO PLANT

The Oswego Rotary Club planted 2 English Oak trees last month in Leotta Park in conjunction with the Oswego Sunrise Rotary club and Ontario Orchards. The Oswego Sunrise Rotary club is constructing a gazebo in the same location. Purchase of the trees was possible through local matching grants in District 7150. Another great community service project for both clubs. Pictured are: Carrie Penoyer, Bob Pompo, Dave Granoff and Sabine Ingerson.



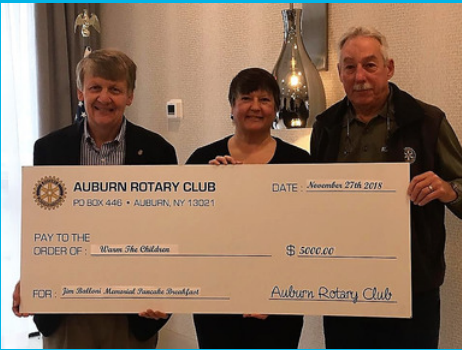
BALDWINVILLE STUDENT OF THE MONTH FOR NOVEMBER

Last month's honoree was a familiar face for the B'ville club because Griffin Seifritz was also the student they sponsored to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards weekend this past summer. He is an impressive young man whose efforts were also noticed by Baker High School's guidance counselor who nominated him for the honor. He started the garden club at school, where all vegetables to the local food pantry. He is also hoping to study energy at Cornell after graduating next June. Photo: Griffin poses with his Student of the Month certificate and his parents.



AUBURN ROTARY'S LOCAL DONATIONS MAKE INTERNAT'L IMPACT

It was a very busy November for Auburn Rotarians between their annual pancake breakfast to raise monies for Warm The Children and bell ringing in behalf of the Salvation Army (photo on left). This year's Jim Balloni Memorial Pancake Breakfast was a big hit in more ways than one. Besides raising \$5,000 for Warm The Children of Cayuga County (middle photo), the Auburn Rotary Club received a pleasant surprise from Missions of Miracles. It started with leftover Local GEICO bags and kids sunglasses from Lori Myers' Syracuse agency being donated to Genesee School's Fill-A-Belly program at the conclusion of the pancake breakfast. Fill-A-Belly received all canned good food donations at the breakfast too. Unbeknownst to us, those Local GEICO items were re-purposed by the Fill-A-Belly folks and sent to Missions of Miracles in North Syracuse, who then sent these items in a suitcase to El Salvador to be put to good use there. Come to find out the sunglasses were a big hit! In El Salvador, that country experiences a high incidence of cataracts in children in that country. We received a photo of folks in El Salvador opening the suitcase of these GEICO items (photo on right).



MOHAWK VALLEY ROTARY CLUB SERVING WITH THANKS

MVRC members spent Thanksgiving Eve at the Salvation Army in Herkimer's food pantry serving meals to those who came in. They also spent some time on the Saturday before Thanksgiving cleaning the Fort Herkimer Historic Church. The Fort Herkimer Church is one of the oldest buildings in New York state, having served as a fortified refuge for early settlers during the French and Indian War and the Revolutionary War.



ACT OF KINDNESS: NEW HARTFORD ROTARY

The Rotary Club of New Hartford furnished a new studio apartment at the Veterans Outreach Center in Utica, NY. These apartments were constructed to assist homeless veterans and their families. The club raised almost \$2,000.00 from its summer concert concession sales and the sale of Friends Helping Friends passes for Boscovs. Items purchased and/or donated.

ACT OF KINDNESS: UTICA ROTARY

Thanksgiving morning some Utica Rotarians and family members gathered at the First Presbyterian Church on Genesee St in Utica to await food delivery assignments. This is an annual tradition for Utica Rotary. Meals are delivered to the home bound who may not have anyone to share their day. Kindness and smiles are provided and each dinner was marked with a happy face and the word "Enjoy" written on top.

