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To submit your club's news for this newsletter, the district Facebook page or www.rotary7150.org, send to Lizzy Flinn-Brown, Public Image Chair, at ebrown@syracuse.com

Be a gift to the world

REGISTER COMPLETELY ONLINE

THE OPTION TO SNAIL MAIL WITH A CHECK IS STILL AVAILABLE TOO!

Get ready to party!

Youth Night on Friday with happy hour & fellowship

Plenary & break-out sessions Saturday will balance sharing and learning with topics relevant to every Rotarian
Saturday's formal event will be festive and hilarious
(hint, hint!)

On Sunday we will honor Rotarians at our Memorial Service, Awards Ceremony and get excited about the *next* conference!

Rotary District 7150 CONFERENCE

April 29 - May 1, 2016
Holiday Inn, Auburn NY



Register Online Today!
www.rotary7150.org



FOLLOW ROTARY DISTRICT 7150 ON FACEBOOK FOR USEFUL
NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM RI AND AROUND OUR DISTRICT!

From the DG...

My fellow District 7150 Rotarians.

As we move into the eighth month of this Rotary year, Joan and I want to remind you of the year-end celebration we have planned for you at the upcoming District Conference in late April. In addition to great fellowship, we intend to provide you with more opportunities to learn not only more about Rotary, but more about what's happening right here in our own district. There will be plenty of displays in the House of Friendship, Rotary vendors and an assortment of interesting workshops throughout the weekend. We will be highlighting youth programming from right here in our district, presenting awards for various Rotarian and club achievements, as well as an outstanding show on Saturday night that you surely won't want to miss!

I want to also take this opportunity to thank all of you and the clubs you represented for an outstanding show of support at the recent Membership & Grants Seminars. With such an outstanding attendance, over 98 people from around the district, we were able to certify 30 clubs as eligible to apply for Rotary grants. With that in mind I thought it only fitting that I share with you another resource from Rotary International.

COMMUNITY MARKETPLACE

Rotarians and Rotaractors are developing innovative resources that help clubs and districts operate more efficiently and connect with each other. So how do you get the word out about your creation? Post it in our Community Marketplace and share it with the Rotary world! The marketplace features solutions made for Rotarians by Rotarians.

You can submit your community resource to have it posted here. Your submission must be Rotary-related and include a brief description. Contact us here to make a submission: <https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/contact>

MATCHINGGRANTS.ORG

The goal of [matchinggrants.org](https://www.matchinggrants.org) is to facilitate communications between Rotarians looking for projects to finance, and Rotarians looking to finance their local projects. Submitting a project on this site will not submit it to The Rotary Foundation. Once they've agreed to undertake a project, partners must submit a grant application to The Rotary Foundation.

TAKE ROTARY WITH YOU

This smartphone and tablet app enables you to stay connected with Rotary wherever you go. Read the latest Rotary news, keep in touch with Rotary's social networks on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, and watch videos. The app also provides direct access to popular documents, Rotary Showcase, Rotary Club Central, the Rotary Shop, and End Polio Now.

3 CLICKS TO PEACE

A 3-step guide to how to pursue peace in personal life and expand to communities and cultures around the globe. The website describes teachings and principles of peace, the path to peace as well as ideas for what you can do to achieve peace at home, and help promote peace in the world. www.3clickstopace.org

DG Mac

From the Jan. 23rd District Seminars...



We had a packed house with almost 100 in attendance to learn more about membership, communication and grants.

A big congratulations to Baldwinsville Rotarian PJ Scott as he was awarded the Rotary International Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service. He is very deserving of this prestigious award for his commitment to and active role in annual giving!



District Conference HOUSE OF FRIENDSHIP

This year we are asking clubs to step up their displays to be more dynamic, interactive and memorable. Please consider asking a member to take on this effort and come up with a creative way to showcase your club's top fundraiser, main program or biggest project of the year.

Need ideas? Check out the District Conference page at www.rotary7150.org for ideas and examples to inspire your new display.

Having the best HOF is UP TO YOU!



Instead of just a trifold with pictures from your big fundraiser...



Also bring examples of items that you were able to donate as a result of your successful fundraiser so people can visualize how your efforts benefitted your community!

YOU MUST SUBMIT A REGISTRATION FORM TO GET YOUR SPACE
Download yours at www.rotary7150.org on the District Conference Page



ARE YOUR GOALS IN?

It was the responsibility of each club president to set goals in My Rotary for their club's foundation giving. If you did not set them, you will receive a notification that they have been set for you. You can still go in and change them. Here's how:

HOW TO ENTER FOUNDATION GOALS

Rotary Club Central is the tool for clubs to input their foundation goals and to track their contribution progress.

1. Go to www.rotary.org and log in to My Rotary with your email address and password. Click "Forgot Password" if you need to retrieve your credentials and they will email you the information you need to log in.
2. Once logged in, click on *Manage* and proceed to *Club and District Administration*. Under *Club Activity* you find **Rotary Club Central**.
3. Along the top you will see three tabs: Your Club, Service, and Foundation Giving. Click the **Foundation Giving** tab.
4. You will first see a trend graph for annual giving. Scroll down to the **Goals and Progress** section.
5. You should see three tabs labeled with last year's, this year's and next year's dates. This year's date (2015-16) should be already selected. Click **Edit** to enter your club's data.

facebook

Here are my top picks for pages to follow to keep up-to-date on the latest Rotary news and info in our district!

Rotary District 7150

<https://www.facebook.com/RotaryDistrict7150/>

Rotary 7150 District Conference

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1561975420704947/>

This is a private group you must ask to join, for Rotarians in our district only!

Rotary Alumni D7150

<https://www.facebook.com/RotaryAlumniD7150/>

This page is for anyone who was a member in our district or participated in a Rotary program - like RYLA, Youth Exchange, Peace Scholar, GSE, etc!



LIKE, SHARE, POST & GET SOCIAL WITH ROTARY

Please contact District Public Image Chairperson Lizzy Flinn-Brown if your club needs help with their social media!



SAVE THE DATE

The Rotary Club of DeWitt's
62nd Annual

Pancake Day

Saturday
May 7, 2016
7am-2pm

Get tickets today at
www.DewittRotary.org

CAZENOVIA WINTERFEST

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6th

Cazenovia Rotary Club sponsored events include:
Horse Drawn Carriage Rides from noon until 2pm.
Rides are free and can be enjoyed by the whole family.

Scrabblefest from 2-4pm at the library
Prizes will be awarded to the winning teams.
Pizza & hot cocoa available!

Donations will be accepted at both events for the "Dolly Parton Imagination Library."

For info contact Sandra Patrizio at spatrizio1@gmail.com
or 315-655-4734



Adirondack Foothills Rotary's 2nd Annual

Ice Fishing Derby

Saturday, February 27, 2016

On Hinckley Lake | \$25 per entry

Registration: 6am-9am at NYS Launch on Route 365

Fishing is from 7am to 3pm

**50/50 RAFFLE TO BENEFIT
ADIRONDACK FOOTHILLS ROTARY CLUB**

Cash prizes every hour!

GRAND PRIZE AT END OF DERBY FOR LARGEST PICKEREL & PERCH

Prizes awarded at Tavern on the Gorge at 4pm

FREE CHILI FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS

*On-site registration available or contact
a member of Adirondack Hills Rotary Club*



The 7th Annual Tully Rotary **CHILI COOK-OFF & ICE HARVEST**

Saturday, February 20th

Ice Harvest at 11am at Green Lake in Tully
Chili cooking at 11:30am, Open to Public at 1:30pm
at the Masonic Lodge
14 State Street, Tully

MUSIC, PRIZES, AND CHILI!

Can you beat past champs the Syracuse Sunrise Club?

Get your registration form here:

<http://goo.gl/XT8OjI>



SYRACUSE INNER CITY ROTARY CLUB

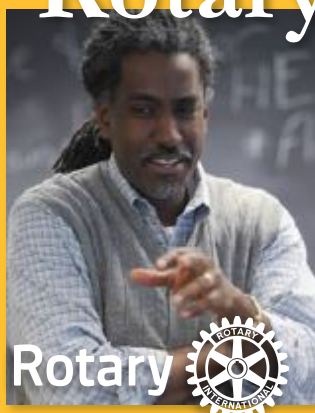
Rotary Community Chat

Monday, Feb. 22 at 6:00 pm
Grace Episcopal Church
819 Madison St., Syracuse

Timothy Eatman
Imagining America

Can campus and community come together to make
dreams of action and revitalization a reality?

Please RSVP by Fri. Feb. 19 at RotaryCommunityChats@gmail.com
or 315-468-1025 so we have enough chairs!



**FOR THE LATEST NEWS
CHECK OUT THE EVENTS
CALENDAR AT
ROTARY7150.ORG**

**USE THE NEW EVENT
SUBMISSION FORM TO
GET YOUR EVENT ON
OUR CALENDAR, POSTED
TO OUR
FACEBOOK
AND IN THE
NEWSLETTER!**



LOST & FOUND

After the District Seminars at the Baldwinsville Public Library, someone left behind a men's, Haggar brand, brown jacket. It is being held for you at the library - please contact Meg Van Patten at megv@bville.lib.ny.us or (315) 635-5631 x 203

JOIN THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE GROUP

Want to be a part of the district's premiere event?

Find out how rewarding it is to team up with Rotarians from around CNY to plan District Conference!

Openings include Programs Coordinator, Registrar and Sergeant at Arms.

**TRAINING PROVIDED
START TODAY!**

For more information visit
<http://goo.gl/WLXRxi>

Volunteers Needed



Join Donna & Dennis Schonewetter in judging various events at the sub-state Future Farmers of America (FFA) competition for the Vernon-Verona-Sherrill FFA chapter.

No experience required & it's fun!

April 2, 2016

Interested volunteers can email Dennis at dennis7150@gmail.com

FOUNDATION GIVING

WHY GIVE TO THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION?

BECAUSE WE GET THE MONEY BACK!

We have to wait three years, but we will get funds returned to the district based on how much was donated from members in our district. Clubs can then apply for a District Grant to use the money for a scholarship, to fund a new program, or to grow an existing program.

WE CAN ONLY REAP WHAT WE SOW!

In this graph you can see how giving has resulted in tens of thousands of dollars coming back to the district for us to use in the coming years. However, we are lagging behind in this year's giving, which impacts how much we will have access to in 2018-2019.

What can you do? Here are some ways to step it up:

USE ROTARY DIRECT

Sign up for auto payments to your bank or credit card, so you never forget to give. You choose the amount & frequency of your contribution.

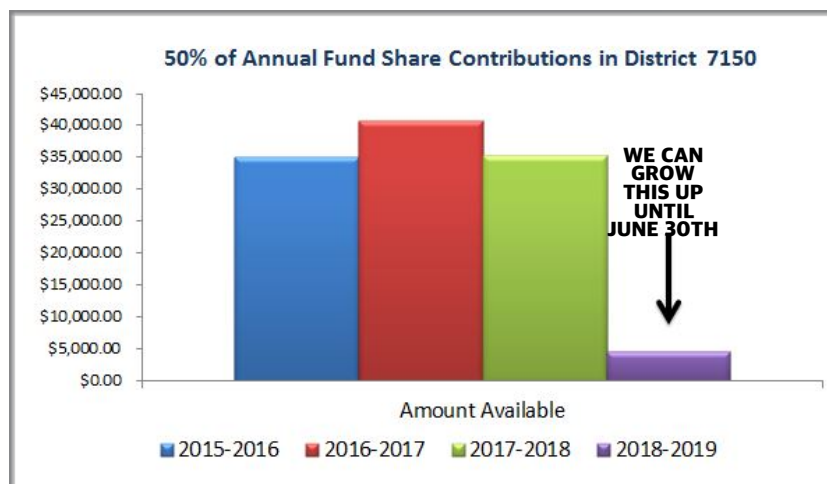
Download the registration form here <https://goo.gl/kTHsbh>

ENCOURAGE FELLOW MEMBERS

Share why you choose to give and inspire those around you!

UTILIZE/PROMOTE GRANTS

Remind members of how your club has benefitted from the grants program or come up with a new idea that could be funded by a grant as inspiration for your members to make their contributions!



AUBURN FUNDS RAISED



Auburn Rotarians Ed Helinski, Rob Forcey and Michelle Barber display a check for \$3,625 for Warm The Children of Cayuga County. This money was raised from the Jim Balloni Memorial Pancake breakfast.

MORAVIA GETS FD AWARD



At a January meeting, Mr Ed Shea from Moravia Volunteer Fire Department presented Moravia Rotary Club with their 2015 Community Service Award, citing "For all of your support and donations to our organization. Thank you!!" The award is intended to thank us for purchasing and installing an Automated Electronic Defibrillator (AED) in the public meeting hall of the fire department.

Photo is of President Tom Collins receiving the award from Ed Shea of the MVFD.

UTICA PARTY SUCCESS



45th Annual Rotary Christmas Party
In December, the Utica Rotary once again hosted a Christmas Party at MVCC for people who attend The Arc. This was the 45th party, and another successful event!

FULTON NOON LEARNS ABOUT NATURE & NURTURE

Dick Drosse, left, of the Friends of Great Bear organization spoke to the Fulton Noon Rotary Club at a recent meeting. Dick was introduced by Rotarian Charrise Kidd.



The Great Bear Recreation Area is composed of 432 acres of nature and trails about four miles south of Fulton. The 432 acres is actually owned by four entities: the City of Fulton, the Town of Volney, the New York State Canal Corporation, and a private owner. The Friends of Great Bear are actually in the process of kicking off a \$150,000 campaign to purchase the 150 acres owned by a private owner, which, when completed, will be managed by the Town of Volney. Dick passed out a brochure that explained the history of the land. The Great Springs waterworks at one time, in the early 20th century, shipped natural spring water by railroad throughout the Eastern United States. In 1910, a thousand apple and cherry trees were planted on site and a commercial fruit operation sold fruit, apple cider, and other farm products. In addition to this fund raising initiative, the Friends of Great Bear is busy acting as stewards of the multiple trails and have built numerous bridges and bog bridges over watery and muddy sections of the trails. One of the trails is even one of the original towpaths of the 1828 Oswego Canal. The Friends of Great Bear does great work maintaining this area for all of our use.

Fulton noon Rotary Club President Bridgette Seguin welcomes club member Major James Purvis as guest speaker at a recent meeting. Major Purvis, who with his wife Major Kathryn Purvis heads up the Salvation Army's Oswego County Worship and Service Center, gave an update on the Army's activities in Fulton and Oswego County. One program, Bridging the Gap,

serves first-time youthful offenders aged 16 to 19 referred from the court system with a 12-week life skills program.



EASTWOOD CALL FOR DOME WORKERS

Working a concession stand at the Carrier Dome generates about \$20,000 each year. Would your club like a cut? Are your members interested in working on a multi-club project? This is your shot!

Eastwood is in need of new, committed volunteers to help them finish the season strong. Have questions about signing on for this job? Check out their Frequently Asked Questions:

<https://goo.gl/s74pm5>

Remaining schedule for the season:
 Tues 2/2: SU vs Virginia Tech at 8pm
 Thurs 2/11: SU vs. Florida state at 7pm
 Sat 2/20: SU vs. Pittsburgh at 2pm
 Sat 2/27: SU vs NC State at 2pm
 Sat 3/5 Monster Jam at 7pm
 Plus two lacrosse games & a concert before the end of the season

This is a fun opportunity to work side-by-side with Rotarians from several clubs!

To volunteer, contact chairperson Bill Ellithorpe at wellithorpe@verizon.net

TULLY ROTARY MLK MEALS



The Tully Rotary Club helped serve 200 dinners at the Samaritan Center in Syracuse on Martin Luther King Jr. day

NEWEST SKAN ROTARIAN



Jan 21st - Skaneateles Rotary officially inducted Dale Drake into our club. Dale is sponsored by Lee Bennett and is classified as an IT Program Mgr. Amy presented Dale with a Rotary Plaque, a Rotary

hat, shirt and apron. We welcome Dale into the world of "Service Above Self". Pictured (l-r): Amy, Dale, Cheryl & Lee

FULTON SUNRISE LEARNS ABOUT LATEST EPIDEMIC

At a recent Fulton Sunrise Rotary meeting, Rotarian Linda Eagan introduced Steve Bourgeois who is the Senior Investigator for the State Police based in Fulton. He has been with the Police for 32 years and



works with four other Investigators throughout Oswego County. Steve talked about the top most investigated areas which revolve around heroin and other substance abuse and sex crimes. The crimes and victims involve both youth and adults from all walks of life, although much is generational. There is a heroin epidemic and the arrests and convictions for drug involvement have increased greatly in the past ten years.

SYRACUSE ROTARY DISTRIBUTES GRANTS



The Rotary Club of Syracuse made their annual contributions to 19 organizations, after reviewing a record 31 applications for support. Over the years, in keeping with its motto of "Service Above Self", the club has funded other worthy local not-for-profit organizations which help to make Greater Syracuse a better place to live and work.

Grants range from \$1000 to \$7500 for a total giving of \$37,500. The checks were mailed to Interfaith Works of CNY, Bhutanese Community in Syracuse, Chadwick Residence, Charity for Children, Easter Seals, Girl Scouts of NYPENN Pathways, Hospice of CNY, Literacy CNY and many more. For the full scoop, visit <http://www.syracuserotary.org/index.html#grants2015>

UTICA LOVES YOUTH EXCHANGE



Youth Exchange Program students sponsored by the Rotary Club of Utica

(l-r) Elly Galiley, Chile; Zoe Martin, Belgium; Sara Majzik from Hungary; Mike Quintana, Ecuador; Sophia Constantino, Brazil; Ezra Mead, Germany; Jenna Cherney, Denmark; Luke Michel France.

They are musicians. They are engineers. They aspire to be investigative reporters. They are students of the Rotary International Youth Exchange Program ready to take on the world from the Mohawk Valley.

Each of the six students sponsored by the Utica Rotary Club addressed members at their meeting January 22. The 2016-2017 outbound students include three from Clinton Central School: Zoe Martin to Belgium, Ezra Mead to Germany and Sophia Constantino to Brazil. Luke Michel, from Whitesboro High School, will study in France while New Hartford High School students Jenna Cherney will be leaving for Denmark and Elly Galiley to Chile.

Rotarians also heard from Clinton High School student Mikel Quintana about his exchange to Equator in 2014-15. Sara Majzik, Utica Rotary's current inbound student from Erd, Hungary made observations about her first six months in the United States. Three things that stand out for her are how much Americans follow sports, the fun of holidays "especially Halloween and Thanksgiving " and snow. She said, "We get some snow in Hungary but not like you have here. My friends keep saying, this is nothing, but I don't know."

SKAN ROTARY DICTIONARIES



Skaneateles Rotary club distributes Dictionaries to the 3rd graders and Thesauruses to the 5th graders of State Street School. Principle Steve Wedrick and Club President, Bill Blessing, along with Ward Vuillemot distributed 107 thesauruses and 94 dictionaries!

ONEIDA HOSTS YOUTH EXCHANGE WEEKEND



On the weekend of January 23rd, the Oneida Rotary Club hosted all of the Youth Exchange students from around District 7150. It was a weekend filled with lots of activities that started with a delicious meal and social hour on Friday evening and ended with outbound orientation on Sunday. A fun time was had by all!

B-VILLE INTERACT GETS CHILLY FOR CHARITY



Baldwinsville High School Interact students volunteered to staff a table at the B-ville Big Chill polar plunge & food tasting event to help sell ribbons for the Baldwinsville Rotary Club's new honor Tree

program. The program sells ribbons for \$1 that people can use to write a message on to honor a veteran, soldier or loved one. The ribbons will adorn the trees in front of the B-ville Public Library on Memorial Day Weekend! This was the kick-off for selling ribbons and the students raised \$28!

TULLY INTERNAT'L YOUTH DAY



The Tully Interact team had our first every Interact International Day where exchange students from Argentina, Finland, Chile, and Japan presented the the Interact about their countries. Then we celebrated International goodwill by skating in downtown Syracuse on a beautiful afternoon. We hope to do it again next year!