



# 7150NEWS

**ROTARY DISTRICT 7150**  
**FEBRUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER**

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 7150 | DISTRICT GOVERNOR JERRY SEGUIN**




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District Governor



2022-2023 Governor  
Jerry Seguin..... Fulton

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**District Trainer 2022-24**  
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A MESSAGE FROM DG JERRY

February is Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month

Jerry Seguin | DG | Fulton

As armed conflict continues in the Ukraine, people continue to be displaced and persecuted. Most of these individuals are civilians with children accounting for nearly half.

Through the efforts of Rotary International we continue to pursue projects that help with conflict resolution and prevention. Rotarians around the world are assisting in training local leaders to prevent and mediate conflict.

What about the refugees?

Additionally, Rotarians work on projects that address the immediate needs of refugees. Recently Rotary District 7150 completed an international project that provides both water purification filters and tablets to families and individuals in the Ukraine.

We are not done.

Our clubs and district are continuing to work on projects in support of humanitarian relief for the Ukraine. If your club is interested in assisting in this effort please contact myself or PDG Don Reese, 7150 Foundation Committee Chair. If you are interested in exploring other opportunities please visit [rotary.org](http://rotary.org).

Save the date for 7150's District Conference, May 5-7, 2023. Our conference committee has been working overtime preparing for this year's district conference in Clayton, NY. We expect a large turn out as members from Districts 7170 and 7190 will be joining us this year.

You may register for this event on Club Runner [rotary7150.org](http://rotary7150.org) or [cnyrotary.org](http://cnyrotary.org)

**Tully Rotary Club**

**3RD ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**VESPER HILLS GOLF CLUB | TULLY**

**MAY 20 | 10am | Captain & Crew**

**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](http://TULLYROTARY.COM) FOR MORE INFO**

CNY ROTARY SEEKS TRANSPARENCY & MORE VOLUNTEERS

CNY Rotary Steering Committee

Thanks to the conversations members have with their District Governor, we know you have questions about what's happening with the future of our districts. What exactly is CNY Rotary? Why the term "CNY?" Are there people from my district involved in the CNY committee? What is the committee doing?

The answers to those questions and more were shared at virtual town hall meetings in January. Steering committee and action group members from all across our region presented updates on the work they are doing and fielded questions from members. There is one more town hall on Thursday, February 16th at 7pm. You can register to get the Zoom link at [www.cnyrotary.org/events](http://www.cnyrotary.org/events).

One consistent question we have heard is "Why does CNY Rotary matter to me as an every day Rotarian?" That's a great question with many, many answers! The way our new district operates will have very little impact on your club's day-to-day activities. You will remain autonomous groups and plan your own meetings, projects and activities just as you have always done. The district will continue to serve as a resource to clubs with leadership training, support foundation giving, provide guidance on your public image, and help your membership recruitment and retention efforts. CNY Rotary is seeking to provide even better support from a broader leadership team that will be poised to serve our larger region starting in July 2024.

In truth, CNY Rotary can be whatever you want it to be for you. It can be an entity you continue to only interact with when your Assistant Governor pays a visit or you go to our annual conference. It could be the people that provide you with excellent training and networking opportunities because you are a club leader. If you are an experienced member, it could be a team you join to lend your expertise in service to your fellow Rotarians. If you are a newer member (or maybe

Action groups still to be filled:

- Service
- Events
- Youth
- Rotaract

**JOIN A GROUP & HELP BUILD**

CNY Rotary


Submit your name at [www.cnyrotary.org](http://www.cnyrotary.org)

a newly engaged member), it could be a place to further develop your skills in a variety of areas, from project management, to event planning, to graphic design and more. If "the district" ever felt like a place for elites or some kind of exclusive club, please put that notion aside. Members with talents to share are welcome, regardless of how long you've been in Rotary or if you have ever volunteered at this level before. Now is the time to step up and be of service in a way that makes Rotary better for your fellow members, more accessible to new ones, and more widely recognized for our good work around the world.

If you want to be more involved in the planning of CNY Rotary, submit your name at [www.cnyrotary.org](http://www.cnyrotary.org). Watch for calls for volunteers in the near future as we work to fill these new, robust committees where it will hopefully be many hands making light work! Be sure to follow @cnyrotary on Facebook and Instagram, continue reading your district newsletter and check our web site for future news and updates. ♦




District Officers




District Secretary

Pete Cardamone..... Tully




Co-Treasurer

Tara Renner .....Onondaga North




Co-Treasurer

LaVerne DeLand ..... Fulton




Finance

PDG Randy Wilson..... Sauquoit




District Conference

Chair, Linda Iannone..... Utica




District Rotary Foundation

Chair, Don Reese ..... Utica




Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

Co-chair, Darnell Hayes ..... DeWitt




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... 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

DEWITT ROTARY SEASON OF SERVICE

PDG Cheryl Matt | DeWitt

DeWitt Rotary members participated in the annual Wladis Law Firm "Hats & Gloves" giveaway in the Syracuse school district. The Club donated \$ 1000 to their efforts and every elementary student in the SCSD received a new hat and new gloves. The DeWitt group was assigned to Salem Hyde elementary on the north side of the city. The students were very talkative and very welcoming. They also appreciated getting new hats & gloves for the winter ahead.

DeWitt Rotarians volunteered at the **Samaritan Center** in Syracuse five times in 2022. They prepared nutritious meals and served food to 150 – 200 guests each time. After, they washed dishes, swept floors and cleaned the kitchens.

Before the holidays, DeWitt Rotarians sold special edition Syracuse papers at the Fayetteville and Manlius Dunkin' Donuts shops, collecting over \$ 1700 in donations for the Syracuse Christmas Bureau. The annual **Old Newsboys** project helps ensure that less fortunate families and children have food, books, and toys for the holiday season. ♦

TULLY ROTARY TAKING ORDERS NOW FOR FREE TREES

Robert Burns | Tully

Even though it is cold and snowy, we are thinking about Spring. The Tully Rotary Ecological and Environmental Sustainability (T.R.E.E.S.) project is preparing to plant trees, but we need your help.

We are taking orders for **FREE** trees now and plan to have them ready for you in April.

Whether you want one tree or one dozen, we want to get them to you and we can even help you get them planted.

The TREES Initiative will be a major effort focused on improving the environment in the Southern Hills and around the world. It will create a central theme for a range of additional future projects, and it will help Tully Rotary connect with the community. We pledge to plant 1,000 trees over the next 5 years (2021 start) in the Tully area. Each tree will represent a thing of beauty as well as a way to improve the environment by improving air quality, drinking water and more.

Fill out the order form on our [web site](#) and get it back to us fast before we run out. Remember that our T.R.E.E.S. project is funded from generous contributions from the community. We appreciate any donations. You can find the order form on our website at [www.tullyrotary.com](#). ♦

The Oswego Rotary Club's Christmas Giving Project, which started six years ago, makes Christmas brighter for elementary students. With the help of **The Garrett Dunsmoor Foundation** and the **Callen family**, presents and complete holiday meals were gifted in December.

"It is such a tremendous feeling to see the smiles on the kids' faces, says Carrie Penoyer, who came up with this idea when she was the Club President. I'm so glad we've been able to continue this project, that was part of the Dream Fund all those years ago. Thankfully, we have received grants and member donations throughout the years to keep it going."

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

Email your photos and well-written articles to [rotary7150@gmail.com](mailto:rotary7150@gmail.com)

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

EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 2023

New Hartford Rotary Club will permanently be meeting on Wednesdays at 12:15 PM at Preswick Glen, 55 Preswick Glen Drive, New Hartford, NY 315-734-9586

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# REGISTER NOW

## DISTRICT CONFERENCE | May 5-7, 2023

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



Rotary District 7150



Rotary District 7170



Rotary District 7190




1000 Islands Harbor Hotel, Clayton, New York

→ LEARN MORE

EARLY BIRD RATES END  
FEBRUARY 28, 2023!

Register for Friday-Sunday or  
Saturday & Sunday only  
*Discounted packages available for teens  
and children, so bring the whole family!*



**The Oswego Rotary along with the Tarandi Foundation recently made a donation to Jennifer's Elves, a project through Behavioral Health in Oswego. Books, puzzles, coloring books and crayons will be given to kids who utilize the different programs within the center. This was the final project of the year for Oswego Rotary CARES.**

**The North Utica/Whitestown Rotary would like to thank everyone for their support of our Wagon of Cheer raffle. The club made over \$1000 and is pleased to announce that the winner was fellow Rotarian, George Carpenter, of the New Hartford Club.**



## TRAINING FOR CLUB LEADERS IS STARTING SOON GET INFORMED!

Lizzy Martin | Baldwinsville

It's the time of year that we start to prepare your club leadership for the 2023-24 Rotary year with several training events. The first of these is meant to prepare your incoming club president (aka president elect) for their official training with a series pre-training sessions held virtually (see adjacent schedule). The zoom link for Pre-PETS will be emailed to club presidents, secretaries and president elects, with the same link used at all four sessions that will cover a variety of topics. Other club leaders are welcome to sit in on these sessions as well.

The next big event is the Multi-District President Elect Training Seminar (MD-PETS) at the Sheraton at SU, March 17-19, 2023. We bring together the four upstate New York districts for a day and a half of training that includes networking, inspiring speakers, informative break out sessions and some fun sprinkled in. All clubs pay for this training and should have someone

attending on their behalf. If your president elect is unavailable or still TBD, consider sending an emerging leader, board member, foundation chair, membership committee member or anyone interested in learning more about being a leader. All attendees must register at [www.RotaryEmpireMDPets.org](http://www.RotaryEmpireMDPets.org).

If you wish to stay overnight, discounted rooms are available at \$132/night (plus taxes and fees) and the link to book one is also on the registration web site. The room block is only held through February 13th, so availability and rates are not guaranteed if you procrastinate. Other club leaders, Rotarians and guests are welcome to register for and attend this event with the purchase of a meal package at \$135/person. That includes Friday evening's social event, Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner, and Sunday breakfast. Choose the appropriate option in the registration if you wish to join us!

And finally, we encourage all club leaders to save the morning of Saturday, April 1 to attend our District Training Assembly. This half day of condensed training is free for all to attend, with courses on various topics and special training for club secretaries, treasurers, membership chairs, foundation chairs and public image chairs. This is also open to any member to attend if you want to learn more (and you will learn a lot!). Watch your email and our district Facebook page for the announcement when registration is opened. Did we mention you get a delicious breakfast from VVS Community Rotary!? For FREE!

Remember, resources are always growing and changing for Rotarians. It doesn't matter if you have been in your leadership position before or for ten years or more. There is always something more to learn, be it a trick that could save you time or a tool that could make your life easier. Take advantage of training opportunities and you will be rewarded with a great Rotary experience! ♦

### PRESIDENT ELECT TRAINING 2023 SCHEDULE

Pre-PETS | ZOOM LINK WILL BE EMAILED TO YOU

|                         |                             |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Tuesday, Feb 7 @ 7pm    | 📺 Goals & Learning Center   |
| Wednesday, Feb 15 @ 7pm | 📺 Club Finances & Insurance |
| Thursday, Feb 23 @ 7pm  | 📺 Meeting Formats           |
| Monday, Feb 27 @ 7pm    | 📺 RI Foundation             |



BOOK A ROOM BY FEB 13TH

**YOU MUST REGISTER FOR THIS**

Multi-District PETS  
Sheraton at Syracuse University  
March 17 - 19, 2023

[www.RotaryEmpireMDPets.org](http://www.RotaryEmpireMDPets.org)



THERE’S STILL TIME TO SUPPORT BUILDING A SCHOOL IN TANZANIA

Bob Hansen | Fulton, MO

An update from from Fulton, Missouri Rotarian Bob Hansen in Tanzania:

I recently returned from Tanzania where my team of nine were monitoring our projects, explored new opportunities, and strengthened relationships with our partners. I’m happy to report that all of our projects are exceeding our expectations. We have an outstanding staff there that makes my job so much easier.

I did spend time at the Oltepeleki village that is needing a classroom, latrine, and rainwater-catchment system. I had not been there before and was surprised with how remote it really is. I can see why the families want their own school since the distance the children need to walk each day is not only long but hilly and quite wild.

It is no surprise that they frequently come into contact with threatening animals. We learned that the children that died last year while on their way to school were killed by cape buffalos. We weren’t sure, since lions and poisonous snakes are often found in that area. The people of this village are determined to keep their young

kids close and they will succeed in building not only a preschool, but also a small primary school for 6-9-year-olds.

They think that between the mud/stick classroom that they built and a more sustainable block classroom (hopefully funded by your district), they can achieve this goal. The one-room school concept is not uncommon in remote areas. I saw their attempt at digging a pit for a latrine and was surprised at how deep they were able to go.

I was glad to have visited this village and their school since it gave me firsthand understanding of the situation and their future challenges. Their need is real, so I hope that your district can rally the clubs to construct what they need. Here are a few photos taken from that visit. We gave kids polio vaccine, vitamins, deworming meds, and other vaccine shots.

All new moms brought their kids to this grove of trees where we set up our mobile clinic. In the future, we will use the new classroom.

~ Bob Hansen, Fulton, MO

If your club has questions about how it can support this project, check out our informational zoom recording here: <https://youtu.be/IBy5pgGGspE>. If you, as an individual, or your club, wish to make a donation to help us reach our \$20,000 goal and provide this community with the school facilities they need to keep their children safe, make your check payable to Rotary District 7150 “Tanzania Project”, and mail to: Gerald Seguin, Rotary DG 7150, 2822 County Route 57, Fulton, NY 13069. Contact DG Jerry, [jseg.rotary7150@gmail.com](mailto:jseg.rotary7150@gmail.com), or AG Steve Osborne [swosborne1975@gmail.com](mailto:swosborne1975@gmail.com).



CALL FOR MEMORIALS

Rotary District 7170

Rotary District 7150

Rotary District 7190

Help us honor Rotarians we've lost at this year's conference with a memorial service on Sunday morning. Submit details about members who have passed since the last conference by April 21st for them to be included.

Submissions should include:

- Name (including nickname)
- Club Name
- Rotary Bio (date joined, positions held, etc.)
- High Resolution Photo

Submit to: [pdg.dennis.s@gmail.com](mailto:pdg.dennis.s@gmail.com)  
Learn more at [www.rotary7150.org](http://www.rotary7150.org)



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





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