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February is Peace & Conflict Resolution month.

As Rotarians, we are proud of what we have achieved through polio eradication, however that job is not yet finished. It is no coincidence that the poliovirus remains in the poorest parts of the world; countries with high rates of poverty, illiteracy and hunger. We are trying to immunize children in places torn apart by armed conflict, places where tenuous governments cannot assist and health infrastructure is nonexistent. Even though we have reduced the number of cases of polio worldwide, the same obstacles that stand in our way of complete eradication are the same that stand in the way of peace.

We know that peace means so much more than the absence of armed conflict. Peace is the freedom from the fear that comes from poverty, the fear that comes from the lack of food, the fear that comes from the lack of water, the fear that comes from the lack of shelter, the fear that comes from the lack of education and the fear that comes from the lack of health care. A healthy society is where communities and individuals can flourish. It is a space where all people are welcome to pursue goals that enhance the well-being of themselves, their communities, and their environment.

We know, as Rotarians, that it is simply not enough to dream of a better, wiser world. A better world needs to be built! Therefore, the areas that support peace, such as health care, vocational training, conflict resolution, and hunger alleviation need our prompt attention. The absence of peace in the world has a direct impact on our lives and the lives of those we hold dear to us each, every day.

Our modern world is becoming smaller, highly integrated and more technologically advanced. It is also becoming highly fragmented, less peaceful and unsafe for both present and future generations. The world today is passing through an environment full of tension, violence, declining values, injustices, reduced tolerance and respect for human rights. There is no doubt that there is a greater need to create a culture of peace along with a conflict free environment.

Peace must start from the base; from where we stand. It is a pyramid being built, but never from the top. It must be built brick by brick, stone by stone and timber-by-timber. The monument (movement) of peace and for peace must start from each Rotarian. I believe as members of an organization, Rotarians make vital and necessary contributions to world peace. As our world struggles to find peaceful solutions to global tensions, Rotary service nurtures international goodwill. Rotary service relieves human want and suffering. Rotary service answers hate with love, fear with hope and distrust with cooperation.

Rotarians refuse to accept conflict as a way of life. Rotary projects provide training that fosters understanding and provides communities with the skills to resolve conflict. Through our service projects, peace fellowships, and scholarships, our members are taking action to address the underlying cause of conflict, including poverty, inequality, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and the unequal distribution of resources.



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CLUBS SHOULD START RYLA APPLICATION PROCESS NOW

This year's Rotary Youth Leadership Awards weekend will once again be in July at Cazenovia College. Applications for students to apply are now available here: <http://rotary7150.org/sitepage/ryla>

Why should your club participate?

It is just \$325 to sponsor a student for a weekend-long leadership program that will inspire them to lead through service, connect them with other rising stars and introduce them (and their families) to Rotary. After their training, students must complete a community service project and report to their sponsoring club about their experience. It's rewarding to hear how much the kids enjoy the weekend, because it is also a lot of fun, provides opportunities to connect with potential members (both the student and their parents) and it serves the New Generations avenue of service.

How does it work?

Clubs should distribute a copy of the application to their local school(s) for guidance counselors to give to students. You can refer guidance counselors to the district web site, under the YOUTH tab, for more information on the program. The deadline to receive completed applications should be on or around March 31st. Your club should form a committee of at least two Rotarians to review the applications (which must include an essay) and schedule interviews for the top applicants (or all applications if you wish). Interviews need to be conducted such that the final choice(s) can be submitted to DG Phyllis by the **deadline of May 1st**. Clubs can sponsor one or more students!

Want to get involved?

If this weekend sounds fun to you, contact DG Phyllis at phyl7150@gmail.com to get involved with the committee that puts it on. They are always in need of energetic Rotarians that enjoy working with youth to oversee the weekend, you get to stay in the dorms and the food at Caz College is fantastic!



DEADLINE: MAY 1, 2018

MEMBERSHIP

CLUB	July '17	Jan '18
ADIRONDACK FOOTHILLS	29	25
AUBURN	42	44
SOUTHERN CAYUGA	3	5
BALDWINVILLE	55	59
CAMDEN	9	9
CAMILLUS-SOLVAY-GEDDES	33	33
CANASTOTA	18	17
CATO	16	16
CAZENOVIA	14	14
CHITTENANGO	36	35
DEWITT	72	79
DOLGEVILLE	19	17
EASTWOOD	27	26
E-CLUB OF SYRACUSE	14	15
FAYETTEVILLE-MANLIUS	3	17
FULTON	24	26
FULTON SUNRISE	24	22
GREATER UTICA SUNRISE	7	6
HAMILTON	30	32
KUYAHOORA VALLEY	25	27
LITTLE FALLS	28	25
MARCELLUS	28	27
MOHAWK VALLEY	28	36
MORAVIA	17	16
NEW HARTFORD	25	21
NORTH UTICA-WHITESTOWN	22	21
ONEIDA	53	55
ONONDAGA NORTH	7	8
ORISKANY FALLS	20	17
OSWEGO	31	30
OSWEGO SUNRISE	15	16
ROME	38	38
SAUQUOIT	16	13
SHERRILL	11	12
SKANEATELES	60	57
SKANEATELES SUNRISE	17	15
SYRACUSE	60	60
SYRACUSE INNER CITY	11	10
SYRACUSE SUNRISE	19	19
TULLY	21	20
UTICA	114	107
WATERVILLE	17	17
WEST WINFIELD	8	9
TOTAL	1,166	1,173

THE FIRST DISTRICT 7150 PEOPLE OF ACTION SERVICE PROJECT NEEDS YOU!

Join us for a "People of Action" project event at this year's Multi-District President Elect Training Seminar (MD-PETS). The project is a clean-up, fix-up and paint-up in a family transitional area at the Syracuse Salvation Army headquarters. **The event will take place on Friday, March 16 from 1pm to 4pm.** We are looking for four emerging leaders who would like to participate. *The nominees can be Rotarians (not President Elects) or non-Rotarians.* They will be invited to attend all MD-PETS sessions held at the University Sheraton on Friday and Saturday, an amazing learning experience and great intro to Rotary for a prospective member. There is no cost to them and lodging will be provided if required.

Please submit the names of your nominee(s) along with their contact information by Feb 15th to marvd7150@gmail.com.

YOUR PASSPORTS TO SERVICE & FELLOWSHIP

Are you up for the challenge of visiting other clubs to participate in fellowship and service?

Get moving with DG Phyllis' challenge!

Make sure you submit your club's opportunities for service and fellowship to the District Newsletter editor by the 25th of February to be featured in the March edition so other Rotarians can join in your club's fun, and make sure to read through the newsletter for opportunities for your club to get their passport signed!



DISTRICT TRAINING FOR CLUB LEADERSHIP & MORE

All Rotarians are invited to attend this year's **District Training Assembly on Saturday, April 7th from 8-noon at VVS High School.**

This is a free educational program for ALL Rotarians in District 7150 that also includes a free breakfast! It is key that your club leaders (current and incoming) attend trainings for the following positions:

Club Secretary

Club Treasurer

Club Foundation Chair

Club Membership Chair

Club Public Image

This man on a horse is to draw your attention to this important training information!



The general session will include a tour of the district web site, review of Rotary Leadership Institute opportunities and a discussion on Facebook. There will also be training for Assistant Governors and a computer lab.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

so we have enough materials (and breakfast!) for all

Click here to sign up: <https://goo.gl/X7ROtD>

ANSWER THE CALL FROM NEW MEMBERS

Check out this blog from Rotary Voices about the importance of following through on membership leads that come from Rotary International and why it takes more than just an email to make a great first impression: <https://goo.gl/kg9ReE>
It's possible that you haven't received any of these leads yet, but all clubs should be aware that there is a system in place to distribute inquiries from potential members that come through the rotary.org web site.

It is important that your club follows through on any notifications from District Membership Chair Deb and that you mark the lead as completed once you've connected with the prospective member.

GIVE TO ROTARY & YOUR VALENTINE!

As part of the Rotary Global Rewards program, a discount program just for members, you can save when ordering flowers for your Valentine.



You get 20% off and Rotary get 8% of your purchase from 1800Flowers. Click here to shop today: <https://goo.gl/HsTNGJ>

Check out the other discounts and deals you can get here: <https://goo.gl/DcyjQQ>

DO YOU KNOW ROTARY'S VISION STATEMENT?

Last June, Rotary's Board of Directors approved a new vision statement that will help set a future course for Rotary to thrive in the years ahead. With input from many, work has begun on building a strategic plan and priorities that will bring this vision to life. Learn more about the process and see the new vision statement here: <https://goo.gl/gjEk59>

SPEAKERS BOOKED FOR TORONTO CONVENTION

Plans are coming together for the next amazing Rotary International Convention, June 23-27th in Toronto, Canada. Here is the list of speakers you will get to hear from:

- Helen Clark, former prime minister of New Zealand and former administrator of the United Nations Development Programme
 - Dr. Isis Mejias, ambassador of the Water and Sanitation Rotarian Group and Rotary Global Grant Scholar
 - Jane Nelson, director, Corporate Responsibility initiative, Harvard Kennedy School
 - Anja Nikolova, 2015-17 Rotary Global Grant Scholar, Yale University
 - Caryl M. Stern, president and CEO of UNICEF USA
 - Mel Young, president and founder, Homeless World Cup
- More are planned too! Click here for the convention's speaker page and check back for updates: <http://www.riconvention.org/en/toronto/speakers>

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Just a short drive away in Toronto, this is your best opportunity to experience a once-in-a-lifetime event like an international convention.
Register now to get the best price!

**BOOK BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE
ONLY A FEW HUNDRED
HOTEL ROOMS LEFT!**

**REGISTER & BOOK YOUR
HOTEL ON THE SAME SITE
DON'T DELAY!**

JUNE 23-27, 2018



**CLICK HERE
TO
REGISTER &
BOOK
HOTELS
ONLINE**

DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2018

April 27-29, 2018 | Radisson Hotel, Corning NY
www.rotary7150.org



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COME TO CORNING!

PARTICIPATE IN THE END POLIO NOW WALK

MEET LOCAL ROTARIANS FROM THE CORNING CLUB

SPEND TIME GETTING TO KNOW OUR YOUTH EXCHANGE STUDENTS

ENJOY AN ARRAY OF BREAKOUT SESSION TOPICS

MEET DR. MESMER

SHOP, HIT THE SPA, TASTE SOME WINE,

BLOW SOME GLASS, GOLF AND & MUCH MORE!

**\$250/Guest includes all meals, registration,
entertainment and education for the entire weekend!**

PLUS, Call the Radisson Corning to book your stay at (607) 962-5000
\$119/night - Queen Room OR \$129/night - King or Double Bed

ONLINE REGISTRATION NOW AVAILABLE!

SIGN UP TODAY & START PLANNING YOUR CONFERENCE EXPERIENCE

**DON'T
DELAY!**

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER



ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

District 7170 | Owego, NY

Saturday, March 10th from 7:30am - 3:30pm

Click here to register online: <https://goo.gl/ei9J26>

9th Annual Tully Rotary Club



Saturday, March 3rd from 1-4pm

at the Tully Masonic Lodge

**Come one, come all to a
GREAT, LOCAL, FAMILY
event and cure your cabin fever!**

Taste the best local chilis and enjoy music from
Butternut Creek Revival,
beverages from Cortland Brewing Company,
celebrity judges & much more!

SIGN UP NOW

Can your chili be the winner?

Click here to download a
registration form: <https://goo.gl/4Jf9xU>

\$25 registration fee

REGISTER EARLY

Competitor spaces are limited!

For more information, contact Jim Austin at
pastorjfa@gmail.com at (315) 345-3144

Bring Your Passport to BALDWINSVILLE!

SUNDAY, FEB 11TH - FELLOWSHIP

Annual Soup 'n Snowshoe
Beaver Lake Nature Center, 12-3pm
Join us for a snowshoe hike and bring
a soup, chili or chowder to share as
we warm up with delicious fellowship
after



TUESDAY, FEB 13TH - FELLOWSHIP

Students of the Month Presentation
Red Mill Inn, 7pm



TUESDAY, MARCH 13TH - FELLOWSHIP

Join our next Book Club meeting to
discuss "From Killing Fields to
Boardroom," by Dr. Emad Rahim
Red Mill Inn, 7pm

You can also see our upcoming
meetings and what's on the
agenda at

www.BaldwinsvilleRotary.org



International Women's Day

A Community Wide Celebration

*"Empowering and inspiring young women
to become agents of social change"*

Featuring: **Dr. Sally Roesch Wagner**

Founder and Executive Director of

Matilda Joselyn Gage Foundation

(Author, Lecturer, and Feminist Studies Expert)



Door Prizes and Raffles

Silent Auction

Cocktails and Dinner

Musical Performance by

Loren Barrigar

Location: Welch Allyn Lodge

Date: March 8, 2018

Time: 6 - 9 pm

Tickets : \$50

www.iwd.yapsody.com



Skaneateles Rotary Club 

Contact Amy Tormey for Sponsorship Opportunities
amy.a.tormey@gmail.com

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LET GREATER UTICA SUNRISE SIGN YOUR PASSPORT

The Greater Utica Sunrise (GUS) Club invites all District 7150 Rotarians to visit their meeting on
TUESDAY, APRIL 3rd @ 7am
Hampton Inn, N. Genesee St., Utica

The club is asking for donations of children's books for their Little Free Library boxes and you can enjoy speaker Robert Todd, a golf pro and author

Come with three of your fellow club members and get your passport signed!

MVRC HAS SUCCESS AT 1ST CHILI EVENT

Mohawk Valley Rotary held its first annual Mohawk Valley Rotary Club Chili Challenge Cook-Off event on Sunday, a daylong event that benefits the club to help with their community service projects. This event was held at Francesca's Banquets in Ilion, drawing an estimated 200 people. Competing teams included PK's Pub, Heidelberg Bakery, Moose River Coffee, Franco's of Ilion, Dan's Fan's, Dominick's Deli, O'Baby's, The Java Shop by Cucina Berto, Travellodge Little Falls, Asteroga Ale House, America Dining Creations from Herkimer College, Fat Cat's, and The Brass Tack.

More than tasting chili, the family-friendly event included a beer tasting put on by Saranac Brewery, a 50/50 raffle and music by DJ Kenny the Promo Guy, all hosted by WKTV's Steve McMurray.

Franco's of Ilion took home the crown for hottest chili; Travellodge Little Falls was awarded for Best Presentation, People's Choice went to Dan's Fans, and Most Unique was awarded to American Dining Creations at Herkimer College for their delicious duck chili served with a crispy duck pot sticker.



SAVE THE DATE

ROTARY RIBS RHYTHM
& BLUES FESTIVAL

July 21-22, 2018

Emerson Park, Auburn

www.AuburnRotaryBBQ.org

Adirondack Foothills Rotary

Ice Fishing Derby

2018 4th Annual

Pre Register Party
Feb 23rd 4-8pm
at the Alamo in Poland.
Raffle & Giveaways

Hinckley Lake

Saturday, Feb 24th
7AM to 3PM

Cash Prizes Every Hour
1st & 2nd Place Pickerel
1st & 2nd Place Perch
Prizes to be awarded 4pm at Tavern on the Gorge

REGISTER
at Hinckley Boat Launch Rt 365 Remsen
6am to 9am
\$25 Registration fee.
Make Checks Payable to Adirondack Foothills Rotary
For More Information: 315-277-0122

Grand Prize
Mounting of the largest Pickerel & Perch
Mounting Sponsored by Paul Cobb Slice of Paradise Taxidermy

Fishing Starts at 7 am and ends at 3pm
No Lines in the water before 7am
Last fish must be entered in by 3:10pm
Fish determined by length.
Must be reported to registration station in the hour caught.
No stockpiling fish
Registered fishermen CANNOT fish with Non-Registered fishermen on day of Derby.
Participants to receive prizes at Tavern on the Gorge at 4pm
Free chili for participants.
Tickets are available at: Alamo Bar & Grill, Hudson's Adirondack Beverage Center, Northway Stop and Shop, Tavern on the Gorge, or an Rotary Member.
Can Register at Derby.
Entrants Assume All risks
All New York State Regulations Apply
Except for lying about how the big one got away

Keepin it Reel.
Have an Ice Day!

Free Chili for Participants

50/50 RAFFLES
To support Adirondack Rotary

MOHAWK VALLEY ROTARY CLUB NEWS



Mohawk Valley Rotary did some work for CNY Books for the World. Our club held our weekly Rotary meeting as a Book-legger project. The Books for the World program is just one of the many service projects that the Mohawk Valley Rotary Club participates in.



Mohawk Valley Rotary Club would also like to congratulate Rotarian Richard M. Dowe for receiving a very prestigious rotary award, the Paul Harris Fellow!

Photo Left-Right: Rotarian's Michele Hummel, Cindy Bennett, Richard Dowe, Roger Skinner

CAZ ROTARY MEETING SHAKE-UPS - CHECK SCHEDULE

The Cazenovia Rotary Club's meeting schedule and meeting locations are changing a bit over the next few weeks. Click here to see their schedule before you visit them: <https://goo.gl/1Tscnh>

VOLUNTEER OPP: BE A STOP ON TOUR DE CURE

The CNY Tour de Cure is the American Diabetes Association's (ADA) annual fund raising event. It is a great opportunity for clubs to participate in a meaningful community service project and support those riding to raise funds to combat diabetes.

This year's event in Central NY will be Sunday, July 29th, 2018, starting and finishing at Oneida Shores County Park in Brewerton. The cycling route lengths are 10, 35, 65, and 100 miles and the walk is an easy 5K or 3.1 miles, and all are supported from start to finish with rest stops, food to fuel the journey and fans to cheer on the riders. Last year the CNY Tour had over 700 registered cyclists and 150 plus volunteers. This year we anticipate there will be approximately 900 participants supported by several hundred volunteers.

Volunteer opportunities abound and for those groups manning the rest stops there will be a competition to see which Rest Stop has the best theme or decorations. So not only can you have your great club team building event, you can win a great prize to use to celebrate! Volunteers are especially needed to help setup in the Park on Saturday, July 28th and the Day of the Event, Sunday, July 29th.

To Volunteer or for more information contact Sherrill Rotarians Elise Hereth, elisehereth@gmail.com or (315) 335-5222, or Merry Speicher at clarkmerry@twcny.rr.com or 737-3931, or visit the CNY Tour de Cure website: www.diabetes.org/cnytour. Volunteer today or sign-up to be a Participant!! You will have a great time!

THE LATEST FROM BALDWINSVILLE

The Baldwinsville Rotary Club has had an eventful 2018 so far. In January, the club partnered with the Greater Baldwinsville Chamber of Commerce to hold the B'ville Big Chill, an event that celebrates winter on the river with a polar plunge, food event and pub crawl. They also welcomed a new member who transferred from the Las Vegas Rotary Club, Sarah Brown. Welcome Sarah!



Sadly, the club had to say goodbye to longtime member Jacquie Olmsted as she lost her life to cancer. Her generosity and commitment were an inspiration that many will carry in their hearts.

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CSG ROTARY HELPS LOCAL RESIDENCE FOR HOMELESS WOMEN & CHILDREN

Camillus-Solvay-Geddes Rotary donated to the Chadwick Residence a check for \$500. The check was presented to Jenni Gratien, Executive Director of Chadwick Residence. Chadwick Residence opened its doors to homeless women and children in the fall of 1986. For nearly three decades, women have successfully completed programs in nursing and childcare while others have received degrees from Onondaga Community College, Le Moyne College and SU. Helping the women reach their goals fulfills the Chadwick Residence mission to empower women to develop the knowledge and skills necessary to achieve independence and self-sufficiency. The Camillus-Solvay-Geddes Rotary Club has long been a supporter of Chadwick Residence and this is their second donation to the organization. Visit the CSG Rotary Club on Tuesdays at 12:30pm at the Coppertop Tavern on Milton Road in Camillus.



SHERRILL ROTARY SUPPORTS PANTRY

Several Sherrill Rotary Club members recently presented a check to the Verona Food Pantry. Sherrill Rotary Club is part of Rotary International serving both global and local communities. Rotary members are actively involved in making a difference in the Vernon-Verona-Sherrill communities. The Verona Food Pantry is sponsored by the Verona Area Council of Churches. The Pantry offers everything from canned goods to meats to personal hygiene items, and much of their stock is received by donations. The Food Pantry covers the entire town of Verona, including an area heading into Vienna, Sylvan Beach and the outskirts of Lowell and Rome. Both organizations rely solely on volunteers to accomplish their missions and welcome new volunteers.

Left to right in the photo: Sherrill Rotary Jennifer Wengert; Linda Finnerty, Verona Food Pantry Director; and Rotary members, Elise Hereth and Kim Frarey



OSWEGO & BVILLE HONORED

Oswego Rotary and Baldwinsville Rotary were honored with Community Service awards through the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Central New York Chapter. Last year both clubs participated in Great Strides, the CFFs largest national fundraising event with local walks in their respective communities. Annually, more than 125,000 people participate in hundreds of walks across the nation to support the Foundation's mission to cure cystic fibrosis and raise awareness for this rare genetic life-shortening disease that makes it difficult to breathe. This year's Oswego walk is April 29. Registration is free, but walkers are encouraged to raise funds. For additional information about Cystic Fibrosis: www.cff.org Pictured at the award ceremony/annual meeting are: Oswego Rotary Club President Carrie Penoyer, Kristin Wise, CF CNY chapter Development Director and Jenny Doane, representing the Baldwinsville Club and Rotary District 7150, Area 5 Assistant Governor



SAUQUOIT ANNOUNCES 2ND ANNUAL "MEALS OF HOPE"

When? Saturday, June 2, 2018 (late afternoon)

Who? Rotarians, Rotary Club Sponsors, Boy Scout Troop 14, Hugh O'Brien Youth Award Sophomores (120) and other volunteers.

Where? Utica College Gymnasium, Clark Athletic Center, Utica, NY

2018 Goal? To pack 50,000 meals for distribution to local food banks and community pantries throughout the Mohawk Valley.

We hope to have collaboration among all Area 1, Area 2, and Area 3 Rotary Clubs in support of this multi-Club community project.

For a program presentation at your Club, or for further information, contact Dave Bauer, Sauquoit Rotary Club President, at dave.the.rotarian@gmail.com, or contact Randy Wilson at randyw7150@gmail.com.



B'VILLE STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Jonathan Bond and Caitlyn Bradshaw were the January Students of the Month. The club welcomed the students and their families for the monthly awards presentation, where they get to know the kids better, share with them what Rotary is all about and hopefully impress upon them how valuable service can be to their lives. Jonathan is in band, likes to lift weights and wants to attend LeMoyne to study linguistic forensics (the meaning behind words). Caitlyn hopes to attend Binghamton to be a teacher, although she also admitted to being interested in politics, and she has been active in the Civil Air Patrol. The next Students of the Month presentation will be Tuesday, February 13th. Feel free to join the club as part of your Passport to Fellowship!



The current inbound group of Youth Exchange Students from all around District 7150 got to visit Clinton Square in downtown Syracuse to do some ice skating.



The YE committee led a weekend of orientation for the class of students going outbound next fall. The current students helped the future exchange students work on their language skills!



OSWEGO SPONSORS INTERACT CLUB

Oswego Rotary Club and Oswego Sunrise Rotary present a check to Oswego City School District Superintendent Dean Goewey to help fund the Rotary Interact club at OHS. Matt Bock is the advisor for the club and teaches media courses including the daily television news segment.

Pictured are: Aimee Callen, School Board President; Kevin Hill, President Oswego Sunrise Rotary; Dean Goewey, OCSD Superintendent and Carrie Penoyer, Oswego Rotary Club President.



UTICA ROTARY'S PAID INTERNSHIPS

Paid Internship Applications are now being accepted for the spring/fall academic terms of 2019 offered by the Rotary Club of Utica, NY. **Full time students attending local colleges are encouraged to apply by the application deadline of November 14, 2018.**

Through paid internships with local businesses and not-for-profit organizations, students from area colleges will have access to the knowledge and experience needed to succeed in a variety of professions.

In addition, area businesses will be able to evaluate students for possible future employment, thereby creating the opportunity to keep some of our best and brightest minds here in the Mohawk Valley.

Internships are awarded on a competitive basis by The Rotaract Committee of Utica Rotary Club. Information and Application are available at: www.UticaRotary.org Select: Rotaract Application Internship.