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Submit club and district news to:
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The deadline to submit brief articles with great photos for publication in an issue of 7150NEWS is the 25th of each month.

A MESSAGE FROM DG DANA

February Potpourri

Dana Jerrard | DG | Utica

On the 23rd of this month Rotary turns 117 years old. The day will include an international virtual gala, Celebrating Our Foundation, in our Rotary Zone 28/32. Event details are contained in this issue of District 7150 News.

Dozens of Rotary Districts (including our own) will once again participate in the Great Lakes Watershed Cleanup in late April, in association with Earth Day. We hope to duplicate the success of last year's inaugural event. Details to follow.

Kudos to the Rotary Club of New Hartford for its commitment to sponsor a new satellite club, with members focused on protecting our environment. Recruitment of the charter members is underway. We wish to invite people with a passion for service projects related to the environment. You don't have to live in the New Hartford area to join! New Hartford Rotarians Chuck Tomaselli, PDG Jim High, and Jim Cook are leading the charge.

Since July 1, 2021, District 7150 Rotarians have given more than \$19,000 toward the eradication of polio. This total is an increase over total district member giving for the 12 months of 2020-21. Our multi-district End Polio Now event in October, plus the formation of the Polio Plus Giving Society, have been the engine of this success. THANK YOU to all who have given, and THANK YOU to PDG Randy Wilson for your tireless work to keep polio eradication on our Rotary radar. We will keep our promise to the children of the world!

Twenty-six of our district's 41 clubs have completed qualifying training for participation in the Rotary Foundation District and Global Grants program. We had 60 Rotarians representing these 26 clubs at our Grants Management Seminar on January 18. For those remaining clubs wishing to take qualifying training, there will be another seminar during our District Training Assembly on Saturday, April 2.

And, finally, I ask of you a favor. In this time of extended cabin fever and pandemic uncertainty, many people are struggling to maintain mental health and stay connected to their social circles. Each of us knows of fellow Rotarians (and maybe some ex-members), whom we haven't heard from in quite some time. My request to you, in the spirit of Rotary fellowship, is you "cold call" one or more Rotarians with whom you have lost touch, to say hello, to ask how they are doing, and to remind them that they are missed. If you want to earn bonus points, make the call to a person who has not been a member of your Rotary inner circle. Send me a short email and let me know how it went. jerrarddana@gmail.com ♦

CELEBRATE OUR FOUNDATION!



Join us for a fast-paced 90-minute variety style show, with entertainers and some of the most talented leaders in Rotary. Celebrate Rotarians Doing Good In The World. This is our call to action - Rotary is needed more than ever!

Join us on February 23, 2022
<https://tinyurl.com/TRF-2022>

REGISTER TO ATTEND THIS FUN & VIRTUAL FOUNDATION GALA

PDG Don Reese | District 7150 Foundation Chair

Rotarians from Alaska to the Bahamas are invited to join the Zones 28 & 32 Foundation Gala, being held virtually on Wednesday, February 23rd at 8pm. It will be a fast-paced and entertaining evening with music, special guests and just an overall fantastic production. Certainly not your average zoom meeting! It is \$120 to attend, with \$100 of your registration serving as a donation to support the Rotary International Foundation and our PolioPlus fund – all of which you get credit for as a tax deductible donation and in Paul Harris Fellow points. Your donation counts towards the district's foundation giving, which comes back to us in three years for district grants! ♦

Rotary Foundation receives highest rating, 14 years straight Rotary International


For the 14th consecutive year, The Rotary Foundation has received the highest rating of four stars from Charity Navigator, an independent evaluator of charities in the U.S.

The Foundation earned the recognition for adhering to sector best practices and executing its mission in a financially efficient way, demonstrating both strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency. Only one percent of the organizations Charity Navigator evaluates have received 14 consecutive 4-star evaluations.

"We are honored to have been recognized and to be among the top 1% of charities evaluated," said Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair John Germ. "Our donors can feel proud knowing that their gifts will allow them to make an impact in their communities and the world for years to come."


The rating reflects Charity Navigator's assessment of how the Foundation uses donations, sustains its programs and services, and practices good governance and openness. ♦


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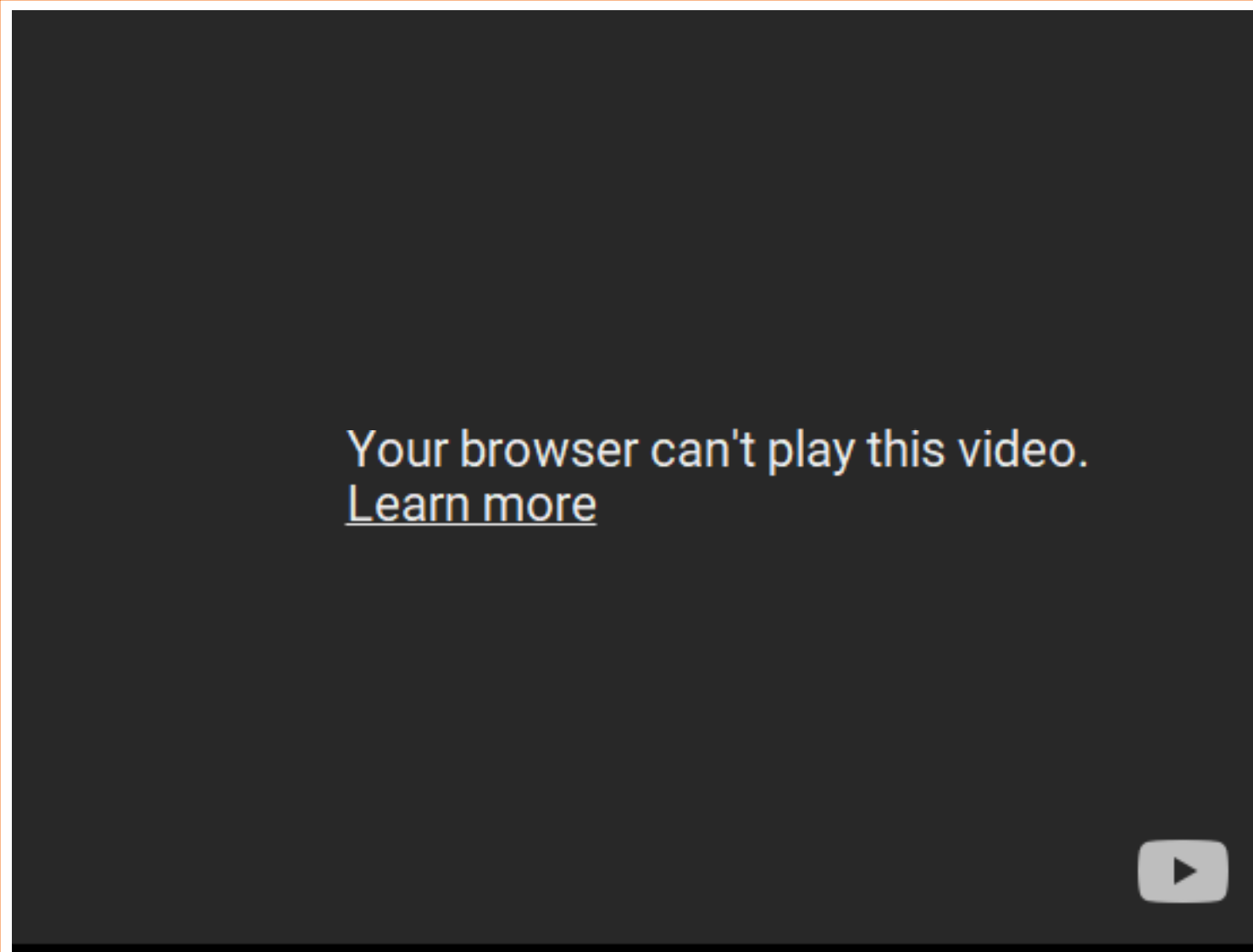
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LEARN HOW TO GROW ROTARY THROUGH VIDEO

Lizzy Martin | Innovative Clubs | Baldwinsville

Start the video above to launch another YouTube video in this series about Rotary Membership. This is part two of the learning session on club and membership types that you can utilize to innovate your club or when starting a new club (like a satellite club). Learn something new in just 2 minutes! Stay tuned to 7150NEWS for more membership videos each month.

RI President-elect Announces Her Theme

Inspired by The Beatles, incoming Rotary International President Jennifer Jones is asking Rotarians to imagine more, dream big and be the people of action that turn dreams into reality. The theme for the 2022-23 Rotary year will be "Imagine Rotary," in the spirit of

the song, "Imagine," by The Beatles. The lyrics of the song talk about a better world, that's more peaceful and where people come together – something Rotarians the world-over can identify with.

[Read more about Jennifer's thoughts behind her theme](#) and download the theme logo which is available in several formats and colors from the [Public Image Resources](#) section of the district's website.

The new theme should not be used until July 1 and we continue to "Serve To Change Lives" until then! ♦



CHITTENANGO & INTERFAITH WORKS

Karen Fauls-Traynor | Chittenango

Chittenango Rotary Club's most recent project was to collect personal care items for new Americans from Afghanistan who will be settling in the central New York area. With assistance from the Interfaith Works agency in Syracuse, items were packed into storage totes called Welcome Kits and distributed to families, getting them started with some of the things they need in their new lives.



For more information, visit: www.interfaithworkscny.org

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY ROTARY ACTION GROUP (ESRAG)

Peter W. Michel | New Hartford

A link to the District's Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group (ESRAG) website, www.esragd7150.org, can now be found on the district's website under the **Useful Pages** tab. The District 7150 ESRAG website was recently shared with Rotary International's ESRAG Climate Task Force Solutions Committee. It received kudos as an example to what other districts might do to promote environmental actions by their clubs. This marks the first time it is presented to the district!

The New Hartford Club is sponsoring the first EcoClub in District 7150. It is open to folks who are not currently Rotary members, have a passion for environmental action, and see the advantage of belonging to an organization with a broad reach and support structure. Chuck Tomaselli will be the club's mentor. To inform and enroll new members, informational presentations will happen in February. Links to the ZOOM sessions will be made available. ♦



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DEWITT TRADES PANCAKES FOR BASKETS TO KICK OFF SPRING

A tradition six decades in the making, DeWitt's pancake breakfast a casualty of COVID-19

PDG Cheryl Matt | DeWitt

Sadly, after 65 years of serving up pancakes, bacon, sausage, and maple syrup to the DeWitt community, COVID-19 forced DeWitt Rotary to cancel their 2020 Pancake Day. The club had depended on the net profit from that one event for a year's worth of their philanthropic projects. Canceling the event not only had an impact on what the club could give back to the community in terms of funds and projects, it also deprived the local area of an unofficial "kick-off to spring" social event that people looked forward to on Mother's Day weekend — *for six decades*.

So, the next year several members of the club came up with a brand-new annual fundraiser — a Spring Basket Sale. Because it was a such a huge success in 2021, the event is being planned once again for May 2022. DeWitt Rotary is inviting Rotarians from all clubs in the district to support their efforts while at the same time purchasing a quality spring basket full of treats for yourself or as a gift.

The baskets are being sold on a pre-order basis and each will be full of products, goodies, promotional items, and a freshly potted plant. Valued at over \$225, the basket's \$75 sale price is truly a great value.

Sponsorships are also available for businesses or individuals who will receive publicity along with other items. A large promotional package will be donated by Cumulus radio enabling higher-level sponsors to be mentioned on the radio.

Sponsorship levels include:

PLATINUM (\$2,000.00+)

Logo on club and Cumulus website, mention in on air promos with Cumulus, name in basket program book, 1 basket, mention in media promotion/interviews

GOLD (\$1,000.00+)

Logo on club and Cumulus website, mention in on air promos with Cumulus, name in basket program book, 1 basket, mention in media promotion/interviews

SILVER (\$500.00+)

Logo on club and Cumulus website, mention in on air promos with Cumulus, name in basket program book

BRONZE (\$250.00+)

Logo on club website, name in basket program book

DONORS (\$50.00 +)

Name in basket program book

Basket pickup is 10am to 3pm, May 7 at Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church in DeWitt. Visit DeWittRotary.org or email DewittRotaryClub@gmail.com.



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THE BOYS OF 1905 - A HISTORY OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

Rotary Club of Chicago leaders went on to establish Rotary International in 1910

Rotary Club of Chicago | rotaryone.org

Happy Birthday Rotary — It all started in Chicago... Rotary's founder, Paul Harris, was born in Racine, Wisconsin in 1868. He was raised by his paternal grandparents in Vermont and attended the University of Vermont, Princeton, and the University of Iowa. In 1897 he settled in Chicago and established a law practice. However, he missed the close social relationships typical of small towns. Paul developed an idea for a club which would band together business and professional men in friendship and fellowship.

On February 23, 1905, the Rotary Club's first meeting took place in Room 711 in Chicago's Unity Building (now where Block 37 stands). Paul named the club "Rotary" because the members met, in rotation, at their various places of business. The idea caught on, first in other U.S. cities and then in other countries. He was Rotary president from 1910 to 1912 and a member of the Rotary Club of Chicago until his death on 27 January 1947. Today there are over 33,000 clubs in more than 200 countries with over 1.3 million members.

Paul Harris and five business friends discussed creating a business networking group off and on in 1904. Then on February 23, 1905, Paul Harris had dinner with his closest friend, Chicago coal dealer Silvester Schiele. Afterwards they walked up to Room 711 of the Unity Building where they met their host, Gustavus Loehr, a mining engineer; and another friend, Hiram Shorey, a merchant tailor. Harris proposed that they form a club. No name was chosen for the group. But they agreed to meet next at the offices of Silvester Schiele.

The second meeting was March 9. Three other men, Harry Ruggles, William Jenson, and A. L. White joined them. Ruggles was a printer, and created the "name badge" version of the Rotary "wheel" and also started singing in Rotary. In fact his singing kept the group from disbanding more than once. It was also decided that "rotating" the meetings made "Rotary" the most logical name. Two weeks later the group gathered at the office of Silvester Schiele, in his coal yard at Twelfth and State Streets. Six of the previous seven were present along with Charles Newton and Arthur B. Irwin. ♦



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