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I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve as Rotary District 7150 District Governor for 2017-2018. To the incoming Presidents, congratulations! I am honored to be serving with you and your club this year.

I also would like to extend a warm thank you and appreciation to IPDG Peter Cardamone on his successful year of Rotary Serving Humanity. As District Leadership Team, we have worked together to keep continuity for the good of all members, projects, and recipients of the good works of Rotarians. I am committed with the incoming Leadership Team to continue to offer the same. We are here to work together to serve clubs and members of the District. We are looking forward to assisting wherever and whenever we can.

The first two months I will concentrate on my visits to the 42 clubs of our District. I look forward to learning about how our members are Making a Difference in their local and international communities. Each club, in addition to Rotary International President Ian H. S. Riseley, has prepared goals for the incoming year. I would like to share a few of the ones I will be focusing on during the 2017-2018 year of Rotary: Making a Difference.

1. Support and Strengthen Clubs: Online Tools, Membership & Creating a Strategic Plan (Club & District Levels)
2. Focus and Increase Humanitarian Services: Continued support of Polio, Service Projects, Foundation Giving
3. Enhance Rotary's Public Image and Awareness: Update of Rotary Club Central
4. Rotary Training: Zone Seminars, Rotary Leadership Institute
5. Plant a tree for each Rotarian in the District



As District Governor, I am excited about providing leadership, guidance, inspiration, and motivation as all of us work together to Make a Difference this Rotary year.

District Governor Phyllis Danks
Marcellus Rotary
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UPCOMING DG VISITS

DATE CLUB

July-10: Camden

July-11: Eastwood

July-12: Syracuse Inner City

July-12: Adirondack Foothills

July-13: Skaneateles Sunrise

July-13: Skaneateles

July-17: Canastota

July-17: Cato

July-18: Auburn

July-19: Onondaga North

DATE CLUB

July-20: Chittenango

July-21: Fulton Sunrise

July-24: Dewitt

July-24: Cazenovia

July-25: Marcellus

July-25: Camillus

July-27: Tully

Aug-1: North Utica-Whitestown

Aug-2: Baldwinsville

Aug-3: Sherrill

PLEASE REMEMBER:

- SCHEDULE A "MEET & GREET" TIME BEFORE THE MEETING
- DO NOT SCHEDULE ANOTHER PROGRAM WHEN THE DG VISITS
- STAND WHEN SHE/HE IS INTRODUCED
- BE READY TO EXCHANGE BANNERS
- TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A DG PRESENT A PAUL HARRIS
- YOUR ASSISTANT GOVERNOR SHOULD BE PRESENT TO INTRODUCE THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

HANDMADE GIFTS RAISE BIG BUCKS FOR POLIO

For \$50 or more, 74 Rotarians received hand crafted bottle stoppers created by PDG Ward Vuillemotto reach his goal of raising \$4,000 for Rotary Polio Plus since the Changing of the Guard in late June, 2016. The material, labor and love was donated by Ward and the \$4,050 was donated to RF PolioPlus in the donor's name and credited to their TRF accounts. It was a fun project with lots of wood chips flying and bottles of wine capped off. Many thanks to all that participated in this project!



MEMBERSHIP

CLUB	July '16	July '17
ADIRONDACK FOOTHILLS	33	29
AUBURN	42	41
AURORA	7	3
BALDWINVILLE	49	55
CAMDEN	11	9
CAMILLUS-SOLVAY-GEDDES	30	33
CANASTOTA	19	18
CATO	17	16
CAZENOVIA	20	14
CHITTENANGO	46	36
DEWITT	78	72
DOLGEVILLE	20	19
EASTWOOD	26	27
E-CLUB OF SYRACUSE	15	14
FAYETTEVILLE-MANLIUS	7	3
FULTON	26	24
FULTON SUNRISE	23	24
GREATER UTICA SUNRISE	7	7
HAMILTON	32	32
KUYAHOORA VALLEY	26	25
LITTLE FALLS	27	28
MARCELLUS	27	28
MOHAWK VALLEY	28	28
MORAVIA	14	17
NEW HARTFORD	25	25
NORTH UTICA-WHITESTOWN	21	22
ONEIDA	57	53
ONONDAGA NORTH	7	7
ORISKANY FALLS	17	20
OSWEGO	32	30
OSWEGO SUNRISE	12	15
ROME	40	38
SAUQUOIT	15	16
SHERRILL	12	11
SKANEATELES	60	60
SKANEATELES SUNRISE	17	17
SYRACUSE	57	60
SYRACUSE INNER CITY	9	11
SYRACUSE SUNRISE	19	19
TULLY	25	21
UTICA	118	118
WATERVILLE	17	17
WEST WINFIELD	10	8
TOTAL	1,202	1,170

DISTRICT CHANGING OF THE GUARD

This year's District Changing of the Guard saw over 150 Rotarians gather together to celebrate our club and district leadership. The evening included presenting awards and recognition to clubs for membership growth, striving for the Presidential Citation and serving veterans. Vietnam veterans were honored with special pins. The first ever Michael D. Occhipinti Polio Plus award was presented in Mike's honor to PDG Ed Paparella. And of course all of the outgoing leaders welcome their incoming replacements. It was a fun evening filled with great, Rotary energy!

DG Phyllis shared that she is looking forward to her year and about this year's theme "Rotary: Making a Difference." As people of action, if we grow our clubs we will continue to do even more good locally and globally!

- 1) Deb Glisson of Marcellus Rotary received the home club banner, kept by the District Governor's club, from Tully Rotarian Gordie Howard
- 2) Club president all around the room exchange gavels and pins with their president-elects as part of the COG ceremony
- 3) Pin presented to more than a dozen Vietnam Veterans at the event
- 4) Clubs received recognition if they grew membership in the first 11 months of the year
- 5) Peter becomes a PDG and pins Phyllis with her District Governor pin
- 6) The room welcomes District Governor Phyllis Danks



"When our membership is growing - both in size and strength- our clubs are more vibrant, we have more to show the world, and we have more resources with which to help Rotary flourish. " - DG Phyllis

NEW PAGE DEDICATED TO MEMBERSHIP

District Membership Chair, PDG Deb Glisson, wants to make sure all clubs have access to helpful and up-to-date information regarding membership, so a new page has been created on the district web site featuring just that. Visit www.rotary7150.org and click on the Membership tab at the top to access more details on topics such as:

Resources for New Members and an orientation guide

How to access your Membership Leads

Club Membership Figures were to be reported by 30 June, 2017

This page is NOT just for club leaders or membership chairs. Membership recruitment and retention are something all Rotarians should do! So please take a few moment to check out the new page and maybe learn something new.

Do you have new club members? If so, please share their names and contact information with our District 7150 Membership Chair, PDG Deb Glisson (deborah7150@gmail.com). Deb would like to welcome and share updates regarding new members to our District!

Any questions relative to membership may be forwarded to District 7150 Membership Chair - PDG Deb Glisson (deborah7150@gmail.com). Please also keep in mind that PDG Deb is very willing and excited to visit your club to work on your strategic planning for membership! Membership does not often happen by accident; it involves planning!

**CLICK HERE TO
CHECK IT OUT**

Save the Date

Foundation Gala | Saturday, January 27, 2018

To get involved on this multi-club committee and be a part of a successful gala event, contact event chair Janet Joslyn at jmjoslyn83@hotmail.com



RYLA BANQUET

Sunday, July 9th

NOON at Cazenovia College | \$15/person

MUST RSVP by July 3rd

to Barb Devendorf at

barbara@gandwcpas.com or 315-256-2143

All are invited to the **WELCOME HOME DINNER**

Wednesday, Aug 2nd
at 5:30pm
The Rusty Rail
Route 5 in Canastota

We sponsored their year abroad and now they want to thank us, share their stories and we want to welcome them back. All Rotarians are encouraged to attend this special evening of laughter, tears and fun. A great place for fellowship, learning about our Youth Exchange Program and much more!

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To keep up with club & district events

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DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2018

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



ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE

COME TO CORNING!

\$250/Guest includes all meals and registration

\$119/night - Queen Room

\$129/night - King or Double Bed

SAVE THE DATE NOW - PLAN TO BE AT CONFERENCE NEXT YEAR!

We will be once again putting together a weekend full of fun, education and fellowship, taking into account your feedback from this year.

We have a great location that's close to many interesting and unique attractions like the Corning Museum of Glass and so much more!

DOWNLOAD A REGISTRATION FORM AT
www.rotary7150.org

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT RECENT POLIO OUTBREAKS

By Ryan Hyland and Teresa Schmedding

Outbreaks of vaccine-derived polio have been reported this month in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Syria, according to the World Health Organization. At least 22 cases were identified in Syria and at least four in Congo. In both countries, health officials are working with the Global Polio Eradication Initiative to respond immediately to the outbreaks with supplementary immunization activities and field investigations. To prevent the virus from spreading further, investigations and immunizations are also being strengthened in neighboring countries, the World Health Organization said. Despite the new cases, the push to eradicate polio is stronger than ever, with fewer cases reported so far this year than ever before. It also got a boost last week at the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, where donors pledged \$1.2 billion for the effort.



Vaccine-derived cases are rare, and they differ from wild cases.

Click here for what you need to know to understand these outbreaks: <https://goo.gl/9AGvJS>

ATLANTA CONVENTION IN REVIEW

Keynote speakers included Ashton Kutcher and Bill Gates, \$1.2 billion was pledged from around the world to fight polio and thousands of Rotarians learned how we can affect peace worldwide. Click here for photos, videos, articles and more: <https://goo.gl/WNy1tS>

JOIN A COMMITTEE

Would you like to contribute further to Rotary by serving on a committee? Each of Rotary's committees, comprised of Rotarians and Rotaractors from around the world, works with the organization's leadership to ensure efficiency and promote the goals and priorities of the strategic plan.

The following are just some of the committees that are searching for qualified candidates for openings in 2018-19. All committees correspond via email, teleconference, and webinars as needed, and some involve at least one mandatory in-person meeting per year. Most committee business is conducted in English.

Audit Committee
Communications Committee
Election Committee
Finance Committee
Joint young leaders and alumni engagement committee
Leadership development and training committee
Rotaract and Interact committee
Strategic Planning Committee

For a full list of committees with openings, more on their functions and commitments, and to apply, click here: <https://goo.gl/8sGtM4>

GET ROTARY NEWS IN YOUR INBOX

Rotary International offers great e-newsletters on a variety of Rotary topics, including Youth Exchange, training, grants, vocational service, peace and polio. Get regular updates and the latest news by subscribing.

THREE EASY STEPS TO SUBSCRIBE:

- > Log into My Rotary at www.rotary.org
- > Under the "News & Media" tab, click Newsletters
- > Then select which newsletters you wish to receive and click "Update"

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!

CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS & TO REGISTER ONLINE

JUNE 23-27, 2018



AUBURN CLUB NEWS

Auburn Rotarians have been busy as they prepare for the inaugural Rotary Ribs Rhythm & Blues Festival, July 15 & 16, on Deauville Island at Emerson Park on Owasco Lake. This is a Kansas City BBQ Society (KCBS) and New York State Championship where amateur and professional bbq teams compete for points and the rights to go to the Jack Daniels National Championship in Lynchburg, TN. Big thanks go out to sponsors such as Lyons National Bank, Wright Beverage, del Lago Resort & Casino, Jonathan's Furniture, Tompkins Trust Company, Main & Pinckney and many other businesses.

More than 25 out-of-state, regional and local bbq team will be competing, More than 100 sponsors, partners and vendors are part of this event - something that's unheard of for a first year event. Learn more and get advance tickets from www.auburnrotarybbq.org. We welcome all district Rotarians to come join us - See It, Hear It, Taste It.

Several Auburn Rotarians were also busy attending the Rotary International conference in Atlanta this past month, and several club members aided the Books For The World project as they packed a pallet full of books from the Unions Springs School District.



MVRC WELCOMES AG

Mohawk Valley Rotary Club members welcomed Assistant District Governor Anthony Piana at their weekly meeting. Piana spoke about how many area Rotary clubs are involved in significant local and international service activities.



Pictured Left-Right: Irving Mason, President Heather Irons, Assistant District Gov. Tony Piana, President-Elect Cindy Bennett, Treasurer Elyse Enea Bellows.

B'VILLE NEWS

Baldwinsville Rotary held their biggest fundraiser of the year on Saturday, June 10th. Hundreds of families came to Mercer Park for Seneca River Day - a free community event that's fun for any age. The park was filled with classic cars, live animals, food and craft vendors, bounce houses, live music and plenty of entertainment from magic to balloon animals. Club members set a new record of duck tickets sold for The Great Seneca River Duck Race, with 2,819 little plastic ducks getting dumped into the river to race to a fun noodle finish line. About 50 ducks escaped the race and swam down river, while the rest moved at a record slow pace to determine the winners of 12 prizes, including a grand prize of \$1,000 cash. All prizes were donated by local businesses and individuals. Duck ticket sales, sponsorships and proceeds from concessions typically add up to over \$10,000 for the club to use on programs and for charitable donations throughout the year. More photos are available at www.BaldwinsvilleRotary.org.

Left: Rotarian Sean Becker dumps plastic ducks into a giant tub to prepare for the duck race. Right: Onlookers watch from shore as the ducks take off in The Great Seneca River Duck Race.



Over 30 Baldwinsville Rotarians, friends and family gathered for a fellowship night at the NYS Chinese Lantern Festival that was held at the NYS Fairgrounds. The group arrive right around sunset, in time to watch a live dance and music show until it was darker out and the lanterns came to life. Walking around a path in a newly remodeled area of the fairground, they saw scenes of animals, flowers and statues made of beautiful and colorful lanterns. The festival also had food stands and vendors with beautiful art. Special guests at the event included the club's youth exchange student Matt Luken and his parents, Paul and Evelyn, visiting from The Netherlands.



DISTRICT 7150'S FIRST AFRICAN, FEMALE PRESIDENT

Zimbabwe native Blessed U. Sikhosana, a member of the Syracuse Sunrise Rotary Club since 2008, will make history when she becomes the club's president on July 1, 2017. She will be the first ever African female president in both the club and in District 7150. Her position as a club leader reflects how Rotary International is evolving with the times. "Growing up, I never expected to see a woman in Rotary, let alone an African one become president. I could never have gotten to where I am if people didn't kick down some doors ahead of me. Because of that, I feel a duty to kick down doors for other people," Reverend Blessed said. During her one year term she plans to focus on attracting new members, focusing on women and Millennials, and hopes to fight poverty at home and abroad. For more information, please visit www.syracusesunriserotaryclub.org.



Rome Rotary Canalfest 2017

August 3, 4, 5



Fireworks * Flower Show * Amusement Rides *
Fishing Derby * Photo Contest * Crafters * Food *
Waterski Shows * No Beer, Alcohol or Smoking

Two great bands!!

Classified - Thursday Night

Fulton Chain Gang - Friday Night



Little Falls Rotary's 20th Annual CANAL DAYS GOLF TOURNAMENT

Saturday, August 12 at 9am

Mohawk Valley Country Club | \$85/person

includes donuts & coffee, lunch buffet, greens fees and
cart, prizes and 1 mulligan



Click here to download a registration form:

<https://goo.gl/yV7fyK>

Camillus-Solvay-Geddes Muleskinner 5K



Saturday, Aug 12th

Registration at 7:30am

CSGRotary.org

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New York State BBQ Championship! Great BBQ, Music & More!

Rotary

Ribs Rhythm & Blues Festival



July 15 & 16, 2017

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Owasco Lake, Auburn NY

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SWING



SERVICE

8th Annual "Swing for Service"
Golf Tournament

A joint venture with Fulton Rotary Club,
Fulton Sunrise Rotary, Fulton Kiwanis
and Fulton Lions

Saturday, August 19, 2017

Emerald Crest Golf Course

State Route 3, Fulton, NY 13069

8:00 AM Shotgun

\$85.00 per player includes greens fees, cart,
18 holes of golf and steak bake afterwards at
Tavern on the Lock in Fulton

To download a registration form,
click here: <https://goo.gl/zwtFGL>

GOLF WITH US!

51st Annual

Great Cassetty Hollow

Classic Annual

Golf Tournament

Jul 21, 2017 at 12:00 PM

Captain & Crew Tournament | \$80/person

Click here to download a registration form:

<https://goo.gl/GY6KPy>

REGISTER EARLY - SPACE LIMITED

Includes 18 holes, cart, prime rib dinner, beer/soda,
goodie bag and entry into multiple hole competitions

FULTON SUNRISE PRESENTS COLLEGE FUNDS

Last month, the Fulton Sunrise Rotary Club presented two local students with scholarships. Bryn DeMong was presented with a scholarship to help further her education. Bryn, a graduate of Phoenix Central Schools, will be attending Onondaga Community College, and then continue at Upstate Medical to complete her studies in Radiology. Pictured from left are Bryn's mom, Joanne, Bryn and Rotary President Linda Rossiter.



Colin Cornell was presented with a scholarship as well. Colin is a graduate of G. Ray Bodley High School, attended Citi and will be entering Cayuga Community College this fall to study Mechanical Technology. Pictured with Colin is his dad, Jeremy, and Rotary President Linda Rossiter.

DEWITT ROTARY BUYS BEARS

Dewitt Rotary recently donated \$ 1200 to the McMahon Ryan Child Advocacy Center in Syracuse so they could buy teddy bears. Each child served by the agency, no matter their age, gets a "Ted E. Bear" that helps the child on their path of recovery and healing. Research has shown that an item of comfort goes a long way. Accepting the donation for the agency was (Photo)- Linda Cleary left, Executive Director of McMahon Ryan Child Advocacy. Presenting the donation was James Wright, center, the incoming President of Dewitt Rotary, and Mark Matt, right, Dewitt Rotary's Foundation Chair.



ROME ROTARY GIVES TO KIDS NEAR & FAR

Last month the Rome Rotary Club handed out four scholarships to local students. It was an excellent event with a great turnout from members. This year they added a new scholarship specifically for a child of an EADs worker. The club also used modern technology to give one scholarship as the student was in California. They were able to FaceTime with him and he accepted his scholarship from afar.

Award recipients
Matthew DiBlois-Norte Dame
Katie Belmont-Whitesboro High
Kathryn Sarceno-RFA
Jerrad Bartczak-EADS also Whitesboro High



MOHAWK VALLEY GIVES SCHOLARSHIP

MVRC president Heather Irons presented the clubs annual scholarship award to Skylar Mower, high school senior at Central Valley Academy. The Mohawk Valley Rotary Community Service Award is given to a student who is enrolled in a two- year college program and best exemplifies that spirit of volunteerism through participation in his or her community. Community service defines Rotary's character, is the basis for its appeal and visibility in the community, and is the reason Rotary continues to grow. The Mohawk Valley Rotary is committed to values of excellence, integrity, equitable community, intellectual curiosity, collaboration, and leadership. Pictured Left-Right: Student Skylar Mower, Club President Heather Irons, Rotarian & CVA Superintendent Richard Hughes.



FULTON NOON PINS PHF

The Fulton Rotary Club Foundation recently honored retired Superintendent of Schools Michael J. Egan with a Paul Harris Fellowship, making a \$1,000 donation to the Rotary Foundation in recognition of his many contributions to the Fulton and Oswego County community. Egan, an administrator in the Fulton City School since 1978, is currently President of the Oswego Industries, Inc. Board of Director; member of the Operation of Oswego County Board of Directors, President of the Literacy Coalition of Oswego County; and a founding member, past president and current Secretary of the Weston T. Hyde Oswego



County Educational Foundation. In presenting the award, past and incoming Rotary President Jerry Seguin asked Egan's wife Merry to pin the Foundation pin on her husband in honor of her support for him over the years. In the photo, Mike Egan, center, accepts the Paul Harris Award from Seguin as Merry Egan looks on.

SUBMIT YOUR NEWS

Get your club's news to the editor by the 25th of each month!

Email to
Lizzy Flinn-Brown at
ebrown@advancemediany.com

EXCHANGE STUDENT VISITS MOHAWK VALLEY RC

Mohawk Valley Rotary Club welcomed back past exchange student Maximilian. Max is visiting the United States from Germany. He lived with Mindy & her family pictured below while studying at Ilion High School 5 years ago. He continues to stay in touch with Mohawk Valley Rotary Club and his host family. Max spoke today at our meeting and said "He will always visit his host family, keep in touch with them, and has the best memories of his time in the Mohawk Valley."



Photo Left-Right: Max Davenport, Madrid 2-13-2014 Nate Davenport 2015-2016 and Max Koenig 2010-2011 from Salztizzer, Germany. Mindy Barstien, MVRC YEO holding the sign.

DATES TO NOTE FOR YOUTH EXCHANGE

Rotary District 7150's Youth Exchange program is celebrating its 50th year! Save the date of January 6, 2018 for a celebration of this milestone.

More important dates for mandatory Youth Exchange training:
July 18 in Utica & July 25 in Syracuse

Database Help Needed

The award-winning District 7150 Youth Exchange Committee is in need of assistance in developing and maintaining a database of student information. If you are willing and able to assist with this project or would like more information about what it would entail, please contact YE Committee Chair Tom Taylor at ttaylor@bhlawpllc.com

YE STUDENTS EMBARK ON USA BUS TRIP

Eleven students from our district are starting their tour of the USA along with 72 other exchange students from other districts. The trip goes coast to coast using two buses and provides the students a great look at our country, stopping at many landmarks along the way.

Two of the six chaperones on the trip are from the Baldwinsville Rotary Club. This is an annual event that has been going on for over 30 years. A fun and educational way to have one last big adventure before ending their exchange year!



BALDWINSVILLE'S JUNE STUDENT OF THE MONTH

June's Student of the Month, and the last one for this school year, was senior Jason Li. Many know him and his family, who run China King restaurant on Genesee Street in Baldwinsville. Jason shared about his future, which starts at Onondaga Community College and will end at pharmacy school. He plays the violin and shared about his childhood in China and learning the English language at age 5. It was a pleasure to meet Jason and his family friend Susan (shown in the photo).



STEP PROGRAM IN FULL SWING

The district currently has ten students who are be hosting students from around the world and then going abroad with them as part of the Short Term Exchange Program (STEP). The Youth Exchange committee gives their thanks to Catherine Docous of the Oneida Club who does a great job running this program.

STEP is a summer-long, family-to-family exchange program that is ideal for anyone who wants the opportunity to exchange exchange without impacting their school schedule. With STEP, a student travels to the US to live with the family of a local student for four weeks. Then both students travel abroad to stay with the foreign student's family for four weeks.

Participating countries include Spain, France, Germany, Austria, Italy, England, Ireland and more.

For more information visit www.7150youthexchange.org, and choose the Summer Outbound program under the "Our Exchange" tab.

In this photo, STEP student Eugenio, from Sicily, exchanges banners when visiting the Baldwinsville Rotary Club.

