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Dear Rotarians;

Did you know that Rotary Fellowships can provide a great way to make new friends around the world and enhance your Rotary experience? Rotary Fellowships are international, independently organized groups of Rotarians, family members, program participants and alumni who share a common passion.

Currently, more than 60 fellowships similarly unite Rotarians in friendship and expand opportunities to enjoy their favorite recreational activities, sports, and vocation. These groups range from cycling to skiing, Latin culture to jazz, doctors to photographers, and even wine tasting to beer. Each Fellowship is officially recognized by the RI Board of Directors, but operates independently of Rotary International, with its own rules, dues requirements, and administrative structure

Joining a Rotary Fellowship is a great way to do this and now is the perfect time for Rotarians to explore the possibilities that these groups have to offer.

To join a fellowship, contact the group directly by visiting its website or consulting the Rotary Fellowships Officer Directory. Additional Rotary Fellowship resources can be found on the RI website at <u>www.rotary.org/fellowships</u>.

The following are a few examples of Rotary Fellowships and the types of activities that they are involved in:

The International Fellowship Cycling to Serve is a group of passionate cyclists who aim to do good in the world through cycling races and activities. This group organizes numerous bike rides and competitions around the world each year in order to raise funds for different charities. One such event is the fellowship's annual World Championships, which will take place in Aubonne, Switzerland. Proceeds from the event will be donated to two organizations;The Swiss Federation of the Blind and Visually Impaired, and the Karuna-Shechen Foundation in Eastern Tibet.

The International Fellowship of Rotarian Doctors is a group of doctors, nurses, and healthcare workers who volunteer their professional skills to improve global health and support both local and international health care initiatives. Examples of recent projects include a hospital restoration in Tanzania, polio eradication in India, and malaria education and prevention in Tanzania.

"Surface Above Self" is the motto of the International Fellowship of Rotarian Scuba Divers, a group of individuals who travel the world to participate in underwater diving expeditions. On each trip, this group contributes to a local Rotary club project or cause. Their most recent trips included a 10-day cruise through the Maldive Islands and a week- long trip to Little Cayman, the smallest of the three Cayman Islands.

If you have any questions about the Rotary Fellowships program, or are interested in starting a new prospective fellowship, please contact RI staff for guidance at rotaryfellowships@rotary.org.

Lastly, developing acquaintances and even friendships by participating in one of the Rotary Fellowships can help improve your understanding of the world. "The best way to cultivate

international understanding is through business and social intercourse," said Paul Harris at the Pacific Rotary Conference in Tokyo, 1928.

District Governor Phyllis Danks Marcellus Rotary phyl7150@gmail.com

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### COME TO THE RYLA BANQUET NEXT MONTH

In addition to being our fearless leader this past Rotary year, District Governor Phyllis is the chair fo the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA). That means she doesn't get to rest on July 1 - she has to wait until July 9, after the weekend of leadership training is complete. If you are not familiar, RYLA is a three day program held at Cazenovia College each July where students, chosen and sponsored by clubs from our district, come together to learn about leadership and how they can gain experience through service. If you wish to participate in the chaperone committee that stays with the kids all weekend (sleeping in the dorms and eating all the delicious meals) contact DG Phyllis. If you can't commit to the whole weekend, but are interested in learning more about the program, you can attend the final banquet that is open to all!

Sunday, July 8 at noon \$15 per person MUST SIGN UP BY JUNE 29TH contact Barb Devendorf at (H)315-655-4271 (C)315-256-2143 or barbara@GandWcpas.com

### UPDATED BYLAWS NOW AVAILABLE ON SITE

The updated District bylaws, voted on and passed at the District Conference, are now available on the district web site at <u>www.rotary7150.org</u>. You will find them under the Useful Pages tab or click here: <u>https://goo.gl/pHUocn</u>

The site is always being updated with great resources for clubs, so take some time to check it out if you are looking for inspiration, information or something new!

#### Useful Pages -

Public Image Tools
Books for the World
OneRotary
CNY Rotary Rocks
NEW Rotary 315!
2017-18 Presidential Citation
District Bylaws
Council on Legislation
Manual of Procedure 2016
Club Officers' Kits
2016/17 RI Changes for Clubs
Past Newsletters

#### MEMBERSHIP **CLUB** July '17 May '18 ADIRONDACK FOOTHILLS 29 26 AUBURN 42 45 BALDWINSVILLE 55 60 CAMDEN 9 9 CAMILLUS-SOLVAY-GEDDES 32 33 CANASTOTA 18 17 CATO 16 16 CAZENOVIA 14 14 **CHITTENANGO** 36 34 72 83 DEWITT DOLGEVILLE 19 18 EASTWOOD 27 27 **E-CLUB OF SYRACUSE** 14 14 3 15 FAYETTEVILLE-MANLIUS FULTON 24 27 **FULTON SUNRISE** 24 21 **GREATER UTICA SUNRISE** 7 6 30 33 HAMILTON **KUYAHOORA VALLEY** 25 28 25 LITTLE FALLS 28 MARCELLUS 28 26 MOHAWK VALLEY 28 35 MORAVIA 17 16 **NEW HARTFORD** 25 25 NORTH UTICA-WHITESTOWN 22 21 ONEIDA 53 56 **ONONDAGA NORTH** 7 8 **ORISKANY FALLS** 20 17 **OSWEGO** 31 30 **OSWEGO SUNRISE** 17 15 ROME 38 35 SAUQUOIT 16 13 12 SHERRILL 11 **SKANEATELES** 60 56 SKANEATELES SUNRISE 17 16 3 5 SOUTHERN CAYUGA SYRACUSE 51 60 9 SYRACUSE INNER CITY 11 SYRACUSE SUNRISE 19 21 TULLY 21 20 UTICA 114 109 WATERVILLE 17 18 WEST WINFIELD 8 9 TOTAL 1,166 1,175

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PDG Ward is closing out his Bottle Stopper challenge at the COG on June 29th. So here's the deal - You make a \$100 donation of The Rotary Foundation for PolioPlus between May 1, 2018 and the closing of the Changing of the Guard on June 29th, and you will receive a beautiful hand crafted bottle stopper (PolioStopper) as a gift from PDG Ward.

What better way to honor your club's incoming or outgoing president, than presenting them with a PolioStopper with a "Club President" or "Past President" lapel pin imbedded in the top of the bottle stopper. These are available by pre-ordering and making you contribution by June 22th.

#### BUT WAIT, WAIT, THERE'S MORE!

As an extra incentive to Rotarians for those who contribute \$200 or more, For the first ten Rotarians to take up this offer with a contribution of \$200 or more, PDG Ward will also transfer 100 of his own PHF points to the contributing Rotarian's PHF account, adding an extra 100 points to their contribution points. That's a hand crafted bottle stopper, 200 PH points the contributor's contribution and 100 extra points; a total of 300 PH points. Such a deal !

#### HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

Contact PDG Ward at 315-247-4449 or <u>Wardtv37@mac.com</u> for details .. or send your check made out to The Rotary Foundation with PolioPlus in the memo line, to Ward Vuillemot, 8 Teasel Lane, Skaneateles NY 13152. All funds go to The Rotary Foundation.



## **PROGRAM IDEA**

If your club is looking for an interesting speaker on a vital local service, here is a speaker for you. Greg Eisenhut with Mercy Flight would love to share with your club more about their non-profit, independent air medical service and ways that your club can support their efforts. Contact Greg to schedule him as a speaker! Greg Eisenhut geisenhut@mercyflightcentral.org

(585) 315-5487

### NEW MEMBERSHIP COURSES ONLINE

In the latest edition of the Rotary Leader you can check out the new courses available at <u>rotary.org</u> on Membership. Please make sure your club's membership chair reads through these to gain new insights and be prepared to set your club up for success in this important area! Click here for more information: <u>https://goo.gl/hNxLfG</u> (you probably have to be logged into My Rotary to access this!)

#### ROTARY WINS AWARD FOR POLIO EFFORTS

Rotary was recognized for their work to eradicate polio worldwide with a Hero Award for Best Nonprofit Act as part of their One Billion Acts of Peace campaign, ld by the PeaceJam Foundation. Each year they pick two finalists for six categories for work that impacts ten

areas considered most important by the 14 Nobel laureates that run the foundation. Winners are then chosen by people from around the world. Click here to read the full story, learn more about the foundation and the Hero Awards, and get more news on polio: https://goo.gl/ocDgLM



#### DISTRICT & INTERNAT'L EVENTS pg 4





With almost 50 Rotarians from District 7150 attending and over 20,000 Rotarians from around the world, this is going to be an amazing experience!

CLICK HERE TO PLAN YOUR CONVENTION TRIP

Want to connect with District 7150 Rotarians while in Toronto? Download the free Google Hangouts app, available on iPhone and Android, and log in with your gmail email address. Email Lizzy with your gmail address and she can add you to a group of district Rotarians so we can text each other for free (will use a little data if you are not on wifi).

# Welcome Home Dinner

All students in our program are required, as a stipulation of their participation, to attend this annual event to briefly relate their impressions, as well as afford our out-bounds for this next year, the benefit of their experiences. This is very special and exciting night for everyone in attendance as we hear about their challenges and joys!

### Wednesday, August 1 | 6pm | Fireside Inn, Baldwinsville

\$25/person advanced registration before July 24th or \$30/person after that or at the door

#### Register at <u>www.rotary7150.org</u>

Find us under the Events tab!



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### **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT IN ERIE** Come To The Zone Institute & Level Up Your Rotary Skills



Travel to the shores of Lake Erie for inspiring speakers, leadership development and, most importantly, fun! Join leaders at the zone level for a whole new training and transformational experience. Typically attended by district leaders, this really is a great program for any Rotarian! Entitled the "Celebration Zone," this year's event will be celebrating life, leadership, success, Rotary and the world.

SEPTEMBER 26-30, 2018 Learn More & Register At www.CelebrationZone.org

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### AUGUST 11, 2017

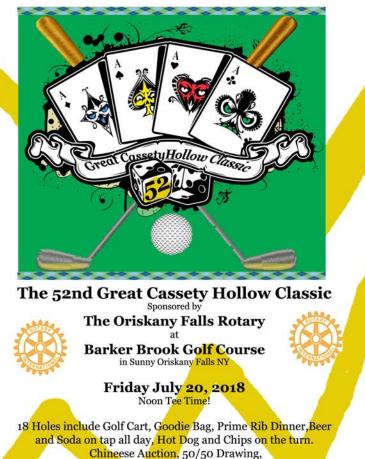
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**Register at 7:30am** Camillus Fire Station, Newport Rd For More Information Visit

www.CSGRotary.org

#### **GET YOUR EVENTS IN THE NEWSLETTER & ONLINE**

Submit to Lizzy by the 25th of each month to be included ebrown@advancemediany.com



Chineese Auction, 50/50 Drawing, **Championship** Trophies for: Lowest Mens Team Lowest Womens Team Lowest Mix Team

Captain and Crew Teams 4 Hole in Ones at all Par 3 Holes, Contests at all 18 holes, Skins & Mulligans \$80 per player, \$100 Hole Sponsor \$160 Captain~Sponsor

Bruce 315-796-7661 Keith 315-893-7790 Contact

Deirdre 315-821-2307 Chris 315-520-0741

### **SAVE THE DATE** Kuyahoora Valley Rotary's Dinner Dance Saturday, September 29th at 6:30pm

The Miner's Table in Middleville

\$40/person or \$75/couple All Rotarians & friends are invited!

Proceeds will help rehab a home with Habitat for Humanity of Herkimer County, paying for the materials needed for the project!

#### JOIN B'VILLE ROTARY'S FUN COMMITTEE FOR A NIGHT AT THE



Meet up Wednesday, June 20th at 8:30pm at the entrance

Tickets available with senior and child discounts

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### **CHITTENANGO HONORS COMMUNITY SERVICE**



Chittenango Rotary recently presented a Community Service Award to Mike and Donna Lynch for their many years of service to the Chittenango community. The Lynch's exemplify Rotary's tenet of *Service Above Self* with their involvement in local projects such as development of the Chittenango Creek Walk and the Lions Botanical Garden, adult literacy tutoring for the Madison County Reads Ahead program, being a docent for Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum, Chittenango Garden Club, Sullivan Food Pantry and more.

Photo: from I-r Rotarian Theresa Vincelette, recipients Donna and Mike Lynch and Rotarians Robin McCombie, Karen Fauls-Traynor and Sherry Menninger.

### **AUBURN ROTARY READY FOR BLUES & BBQ**

Auburn Rotarians are gearing up for the second annual Rotary Ribs Rhythm & Blues Festival, July 20-22 on Deauville Island at Emerson Park in Auburn. We've added a free concert night for Friday July 20th featuring a Syracuse favorite, Chief Big Way!

The Rotary Ribs Rhythm & Blues Festival is a Kansas City BBQ Society (KCBS) sanctioned event and New York State championship. Both amateur and professional BBQ teams from the Northeast and Canada compete for the best ribs, brisket, pork and chicken. And several of these teams will be selling their BBQ! The weekend's Grand Champion receives an automatic invitation to the Jack Daniels National Championship in October.

The music is Rhythm & Blues, with great performers from Syracuse, Rochester, Buffalo and Woodstock, NY. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$12 for kids ages 12 and under. We invite and welcome all District 7150 Rotarians to come and enjoy this great event with us. Learn more at <u>auburnrotarybbq.org</u>.



### **MVRC ROTARIANS DO ANNUAL CLEAN UP**



MVRC held their annual highway cleanup. We cleanup route 28 in Herkimer twice per year

# SAVE THE DATE

September 28, 2018 Mohawk Valley Rotary Club's 6th Annual Fall Foliage Golf Tournament

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For more info contact: Roger Skinner (315) 868-3847 or Frank Green at (315) 866-2110

Click here to download a registration form: https://goo.gl/KymvFT

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#### ADIRONDACK FOOTHILLS & MARCELLUS CLUBS ARE GOING GREEN FOR RI PRESIDENT IAN RISELEY



The Adirondack Foothills Rotary Club and its sponsored Boy Scout Troop planted trees in honor of RI President Ian Riseley, and his wish that during his tenure a tree be planted for every Rotarian on the globe!



### OSWEGO HONORS OUTGOING AG



At a recent noon meeting, Oswego Rotary Club President Carrie Penoyer thanked Jenny Doane for being their Assistant Governor for the past 3 years. Jenny has given the Club much support and guidance during her terms and leaves big shoes to fill for incoming AG Jerry Seguin ;)



In nearby Lafayette, there is a charity farm called Matthew 25, whose sole purpose is to grow fresh fruits and vegetables for local food pantries. Marcellus Rotary reached out to

the farm's manager, Rick Rarick, and presented the idea of donating 26 apple trees to the farm (26 for the current number of members of Marcellus Rotary). Rotarians were thrilled with the concept and Matthew 25 Farm was pleased to be the recipient of the club's generosity. Not only were they going to plant a tree in the spirit of Mr. Riseley's vision, but these trees were going to bear fruit that would help people who are at risk of hunger. The purchase was made and the trees were delivered to Matthew 25 on a cold day in April. (Did we mention that it was still snowing?) A few days later, manager Rick, and Rotarians Matt Murphy, Charlie Smith, and another Rotary member, Pat Reagan arrived on site to plant a portion of the trees.

#### **SKANEATELES ROTARY BUILDS TABLES FOR VETS**

On Tues, June 5th, seven Skaneateles Rotarians made their way to Clear Path for Veterans, in Chittenango, NY to cut and assemble two 8 foot picnic tables to be used on the Clear Path grounds. They were met by Matt Foster, CP grounds maintenance manager and a volunteer, who supplied the equipment and direction for the project. The materials and labor were supplied by Skaneateles Rotarians; Mary, Robin, Roy, David, Danny, Marv &

Ward. The day was successful, enjoyable and an eye opener of what Clear Path has, and is, accomplishing for our veterans. To learn more of the Clear Path for Veterans project, facility and their mission, visit their



website at www.clearpath4vets.com