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March is Water & Sanitation Month

Clean water, sanitation, and good hygiene are fundamental to human development. When people have better access to clean sanitation and water, they are healthier; they can be more productive, live more fully and contribute to society. With that said, more people die from unsafe water than from all forms of violence, including war. These deaths are an affront to our common humanity, and undermine the efforts of many countries to achieve their development potential.

According to the most current reports from WHO, 3 in 10 people worldwide lack access to safe, readily available water at home and 6 in 10 lack safely managed sanitation. In most rural areas, 1 in 3 people do not have a toilet and are forced to defecate in the open. Clean water and good sanitation prevent water-borne diseases like diarrhea, cholera and dysentery, all potentially fatal conditions in the developing world. More than 1,000 children die from diseases due to dirty, water.

In the developing world, women in particular bear the brunt of the lack of available clean and safe water. Women and girls often walk miles per day to transport water back to their homes. Each time a woman sets out for a distant water source, she risks encountering violence along the way. Reliable access to clean, close water would reduce that risk, empowers women with the time and security to invest in family, community development and gives girls the opportunity to attend school.

Seventy percent of the world's fresh water supply is devoted to agriculture. Over seventy eight percent of the world's poorest people live in rural areas are dependent on agriculture and related activities for their livelihood. The well being of these farmers is closely tied to the natural environment, access to clean water, and sanitation.

Access to water, sanitation and hygiene is a human right, yet billions are still faced with the daily challenges accessing even the most basic of services. Around 1.8 billion people globally use a source of drinking water that is contaminated and 2.4 people lack access to basic sanitation services, such as toilets or latrines. Water scarcity affects more than 40 percent of the global population; a percentage that is projected to rise. Proper water and sanitation is a key foundation for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, including good health and gender equality. Rotarians have the power to improve lives of millions of people around the world by continuing to dig wells, educate on how to monitor, maintain and repair systems, build sanitation systems, train people to repair water pumps and generators. Achieving sanitation and water for all may not be cost-free, however it will set people free. Access to sanitation and clean water means a child is free of disease, a woman is free of the back-

breaking chore of fetching water, a girl is free to attend school, a village is free of diseases, and our world is of greater equality and dignity for all.



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**ROTARY:
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WHY ATTEND DISTRICT CONFERENCE?

If you are new to Rotary, you might be wondering why you should shell out \$250 (plus hotel and your time) to come to District Conference. If you are a long-time Rotarian who has been to many conferences over the years, you might be wondering why you should bother with yet another. Let us outline a few things that you will get from investing in this weekend that might make you re-consider joining us in Corning next month!

Meet Rotarians From Around The District

There are many reasons to want to meet Rotarians from beyond your club - to make new friends, to meet people who have the same hobbies or passions outside of Rotary, or even to find someone to collaborate with on a service project. This is the best event for meeting people from around the district because there are many opportunities to socialize.

It's An Immersion Experience

Much like when you travel and experience another culture, a weekend at District Conference is an immersion into Rotary culture. You are surrounded by fellow Rotarians, everyone is speaking in acronyms, we get nerdy about community service, and we share the emotions that come with helping people, spreading kindness and changing lives. It's a celebration, a time to share ideas, an opportunity to socialize, and all within the bubble of the conference city. Get in the bubble and get inspired!

You Get To Eat, Drink & Be Merry

The food at the Radisson is great, there are cocktail hours each night to socialize and sip, we plan on having a wine tasting in-house and you have so many opportunities to have a great time - no matter how you define fun. You can take the opportunity to get a good night's sleep and hit the spa in your free time, or use this weekend to dance the night away and shop 'til you drop! We will lead you to the fun, but it's up to you to have a great time!

It's Fun For Spouses & Non-Rotarians Too

We don't always nail this one, but in Corning there is so much to do, we can't lose! Spouses and non-Rotarians will have plenty to explore at local shops and museums, and can even visit the spa in the hotel. We will also have several break-out sessions that are not Rotary related, so even the educational portion could be of interest to everyone!

Every Conference is Different

I have been to almost a decade's worth of conferences, both in our district and others. Even when the venue is a repeat, the event never was, so being in a new city means opportunities for many new things to see and do. It's sad to me when I hear someone say they've "been there, done that," because the planning committee works hard to maintain tradition, while incorporating new and fun features every year!

We Have Fun

Each year the fun at conference takes on different forms. This year we have planned a 1K walk to End Polio Now and everyone gets a tee-shirt to wear in it. We will have a hypnotist, line dancing and free time to explore a very fun and interesting city. You really don't want to miss this!

Check out the schedule overview:
<https://goo.gl/aXRSHZ>

Register today: <https://goo.gl/73Dc2k>

MEMBERSHIP

CLUB	July '17	Feb '18
ADIRONDACK FOOTHILLS	29	26
AUBURN	42	44
BALDWINSVILLE	55	58
CAMDEN	9	9
CAMILLUS-SOLVAY-GEDDES	33	32
CANASTOTA	18	17
CATO	16	16
CAZENOVIA	14	14
CHITTENANGO	36	36
DEWITT	72	81
DOLGEVILLE	19	17
EASTWOOD	27	26
E-CLUB OF SYRACUSE	14	14
FAYETTEVILLE-MANLIUS	3	17
FULTON	24	27
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	35
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	35
SAUQUOIT	16	13
SHERRILL	11	12
SKANEATELES	60	57
SKANEATELES SUNRISE	17	15
SOUTHERN CAYUGA	3	5
SYRACUSE	60	60
SYRACUSE INNER CITY	11	9
SYRACUSE SUNRISE	19	19
TULLY	21	20
UTICA	114	107
WATERVILLE	17	17
WEST WINFIELD	8	9
TOTAL	1,166	1,171

THE NEWEST ROTARACT CLUB: SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

In November of last year, efforts began to form a Rotaract club at Syracuse University. The effort was spearheaded by Rotary Youth Exchange alumni Karina Corcuera Falconett, who has just started her first year at the SU School of Architecture. Karina has been working with Jonathan Yost and the Eastwood Rotary Club to found this new Rotaract club. The SU mentor for the new club is Nicci Brown, a former Rotary ambassadorial scholar from Australia. Nicci now serves as the Vice President of Communications for Syracuse University. The new club solidified quickly, with 10 students at the first meeting in November. In the initial meeting, the club's first charitable endeavor was discussed. The club wanted to focus on doing something for children. Jonathan suggested that the club could partner with the NYS Mentoring Program, which was featured at our most recent district conference. The club agreed. We got in contact with the NYS Mentoring Program, received the training, and began mentoring at Dr King Elementary School, which is about a mile from the SU campus. The new Rotaract club is up to 8 volunteers mentoring at the elementary school weekly.

The official paperwork to charter the club was sent to RI early this year. The application was accepted and approved on Feb 2nd, 2018. The club is now officially the Rotaract Club of Syracuse University! In addition, the club applied to SU to become an officially recognized student organization of the university. On February 12th, that request was granted and the club is now also an officially recognized student organization of SU. The new club now stands at 16 members. Of those members, 5 were members of Interact clubs at their high schools.



DON'T FORGET THERE'S HELP!

If your club needs a plan to get more members, is looking for help with launching a newsletter or would like guidance adding the RI Foundation to your will, you have resources available to you. Contact the appropriate district leader to get the one-on-one help you need to succeed!

RYLA REMINDER



Don't forget that you should be starting the application process with local sophomores and juniors to find your club's RYLA student(s) for this year's

leadership weekend at Cazenovia College. The committee puts together a wonderful weekend with keynote speakers, team-building exercises, and work hard to instill a passion for leadership through service in these budding youth leaders. It's \$325 for your club to sponsor a student. If you haven't done it before, please consider making it a part of what your club does! Applications should go to schools now so you can get them back in time for review, to interview the students and submit your selection(s) to the committee by May 1st. Click here to get more information and download an application: <https://goo.gl/HSAbU5>

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

District Membership Chair, PDG Deb, would like to warmly welcome the newest members of District 7150 Rotary Clubs!

To the Syracuse Sunrise Rotary Club:

Jacki Corsitto
Nicole Hurley
Nilsa DeJesus
Christian Samara
Janelee Kraus

To the Camillus-Solvay-Geddes Club:

Amanda Perrine
Richard Martin
Brian Conboy

To the Marcellus Rotary Club:

Catherine Sturtevant

Clubs should also consider submitting a feature for the newsletter highlighting a new member with a photo!

ATTRACTING YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

In order to understand the newest generation of professionals, you have to put assumptions aside. Today's college grad entering the work force values experiences over possessions, want to have a mentor and want the ability to improve the world. Check out this Emerging Leaders Toolkit from Rotary International to learn how you can make your club more attractive to young members and ensure the future of your club's ability to do good for another generation: <https://goo.gl/1XrpAC>

ON POLIO, TIME MAGAZINE ASKS: WILL 2018 BE THE YEAR WE GET TO ZERO?

In December, Time Magazine highlighted World Polio Day and the efforts of our organization to eradicate a disease for the second time in human history. "...A lot of the credit has rightly gone to Rotary International, the global service organization that made polio eradication its mission in 1979." They go on to discuss the importance of completing the mission, no matter the cost. Read the article here: <https://goo.gl/538iVL>

ROTARY THEME FOR 2018/2019 REVEALED

Rotary International President-elect Barry Rassin laid out his vision for the future of Rotary, calling on leaders to work for a sustainable future and to inspire Rotarians and the community at large. Rassin, a member of the Rotary Club of East Nassau, New Providence, Bahamas, unveiled the 2018-19 presidential theme, Be the Inspiration, to incoming district governors at Rotary's International Assembly in San Diego, California. "I want you to inspire in your clubs, your Rotarians, that desire for something greater. The drive to do more, to be more, to create something that will live beyond each of us." Click here to learn more about incoming RI President Barry's vision: <https://goo.gl/eUQWni> or watch the video below!



ROTARY THEME ETIQUETTE:

Only use or wear the theme for the current year and be sure to update all theme logos each July 1!



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

JUNE 23-27, 2018

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!



DON'T DELAY!

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER & BOOK HOTELS ONLINE

DISTRICT TRAINING ASSEMBLY

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

The general session will include a tour of the district web site, review of Rotary Leadership Institute opportunities and a discussion on Facebook.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP](#)

DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2018

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



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COME TO CORNING!

\$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 OPEN!

SIGN UP TODAY & START PLANNING YOUR CONFERENCE EXPERIENCE

**SCHEDULE
NOW
AVAILABLE!**

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

The Rotary Club of DeWitt
invites you to its

64th Annual Pancake Day

Under the tents at **Shoppingtown Mall** parking lot on

Saturday, May 12, 2018, 7am to 2pm

All You Can Eat Pancakes!

All proceeds support DeWitt Rotary's service projects
and other charitable causes in our community

Advance Sale Tickets: \$7.00 each / 2 for \$10.00
At the Door: \$8.00 each



Rotary Club of DeWitt

Buy your tickets from a DeWitt Rotarian or
Order online at: www.DeWittRotary.org

SAVE THE DATES

SENECA RIVER DAYS

June 8th & 9th

Paper Mill Island & Mercer Park, Baldwinsville
www.BaldwinsvilleRotary.org

Father's Day Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, June 17th

Austin Park Pavilion, Skaneateles

ROTARY RIBS RHYTHM & BLUES FESTIVAL

July 21-22, 2018 at Emerson Park, Auburn
www.AuburnRotaryBBQ.org

PAINTING WITH *B'ville Rotary*

**THURSDAY, MARCH 29TH
from 7-9pm**

at Painting with a Twist
7421 Oswego Rd, Liverpool
\$35/person

Join us for a fun evening of painting,
bring some wine and snacks to share
and be ready for some laughs!

*The painting can be done on one canvas or
two - perfect for couples and individuals!*

Register here: <https://goo.gl/GdG8Sc>
Passcode: rotary1



Mohawk Valley Rotary Club

presents

All You Can Eat

Spaghetti Dinner

Thursday, March 8th

4 - 7pm



Ilion Elk's Lodge #1444

8 West Street, Ilion

\$7.00 Adults

\$4.00 12 & under

**Tickets are available at the door or call
315-939-2750 for advance tickets.**

Funds raised benefit Mohawk Valley Rotary's Community Service Projects
including literacy, Youth Exchange Program, Polio Plus, Books For the
World & many more.

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!

2ND ANNUAL FEED CNY

Saturday, June 2, 2018

Utica College Gymnasium, Clark Athletic Center

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.



BALDWINSVILLE'S FEBRUARY FUN

Rotarians in B'ville have been keeping busy trying to beat the winter blues and get out and socialize. Several attended the Foundation Gala on February 10th where they swept at least 10 of the silent auction baskets and a member won the 50/50 raffle. The next day, a bunch of members and some guests (like DG Phyllis and PDG Deb) gathered at Beaver Lake Nature Center to go on a snowshoe hike and have a comfort food cook-off with crock pot treats. First place was DGE Marv's ham and cabbage soup and a close second was Jim Maddaloni's mac and cheese. This event is an annual tradition for the club so plan on joining us next year! The club also welcomed Dennis and LaVerne Deland to a Tuesday evening meeting where Dennis led the club in some fun line dancing.

There's always something fun to do in Baldwinsville and the club invites all other clubs to bring their passports and join in the fellowship. In March they will be holding a painting party (see page 6) and attending a local dance party in April. Get details and stay up to date on B'ville Rotary meetings at www.baldwinsvillerotary.org!

Photos

Top: Rotarian Sean Becker and his daughter Rachel wheel out their winnings at the Foundation Gala

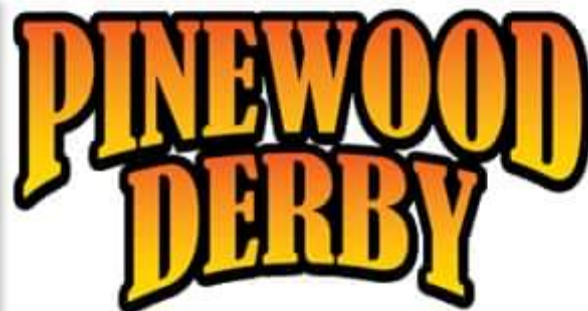
Bottom right: All the attendees at Beaver Lake Nature Center for the annual Soup 'n Snowshoe event

Bottom left: Line dancing with Dennis during a Tuesday evening meeting



AUBURN ROTARY MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Auburn Rotarians are in the giving and receiving mood these days. We presented a check for \$4,059 to the Warm The Children program as proceeds from the Jim Balloni Memorial Pancake breakfast. We also received a \$2,500 sponsorship check from LNB for the Rotary Ribs Rhythm and Blues Festival, July 21-22. And we were proud to co-sponsor the Cayuga County Pine Woods Derby event at the Fingerlakes Mall on Saturday March 10th.



DEWITT WELCOMES TWO NEW MEMBERS

Nikki Trifunovski was inducted into Dewitt Rotary in February. Her membership was sponsored by Dewitt Rotarian Mark Matt. Nikki is a former Rotary outbound exchange student and has served in the Peace Corps. She is a Design Rep at National Grid. Members of the Rotary District Youth Exchange program were on hand to congratulate her. From left are: Randy Wilson, DGN from Sauquoit Rotary, Dewitt Rotarian Mark Matt, Sally Fedrizzi



from the Baldwinsville Rotary, Mike DeBottis from Oneida Rotary and Nikki.

Michelle Mayer was also inducted into Dewitt Rotary in February. Michelle lives in Fayetteville and is a Family Services Counselor with Catholic Cemeteries. Her membership was sponsored by Dewitt Rotarian Tim Burns. Welcome Michelle !



CHITTENANGO CHILI FUN

Chittenango Rotary had an opportunity engage with the community, promote Rotary and have some fun at a Chili Cook-Off at the First Baptist Church in Chittenango on Saturday, February 24. President Wayne Hamilton cooked up a few batches of his famous chili and faced stiff competition from other community organizations, including the chef from Clear Path for Veterans. Unfortunately, Wayne's entry didn't take home the grand prize, but there is always next year!

Pictured below: President Wayne Hamilton and Past-President Sherry Menninger serve up chili.



CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF ROTARACT



District 7150 will be growing through developing Rotaract Clubs in the coming years and Rotary is making it easier for these young volunteers to transition to Rotary as they age out of Rotaract - for adults age 18-30. It's a great milestone to celebrate five decades of this program, which is a great way for college students and young professionals to connect and do good in their communities. Don't miss all the coverage in the latest edition of The Rotarian for March 2018!

BALDWINVILLE INTERACT KIDS READING TO YOUNGSTERS

Baker High School Interact students (from left to right) Kessie, Hannah and Aidan took time to visit Reynolds Elementary school and read some Dr. Seuss to the youngsters. The kids in this Interact Club have done several great projects that not only meet a need in their schools and community, but that fit with the areas of focus for Rotary!



ROTARACT & INTERACT PRESIDENTIAL CITATIONS

Did you know that there are Presidential Citations for Rotaract and Interact Clubs? Do your club advisors know to share this information with the clubs? Their goals are very similar to our club citations, focusing on strengthening their clubs, growing their service impact and doing a good job of communicating it all through public image. Here are some helpful links to access both the citation outline and a guideline of how and where to input progress updates! (NOTE: You must be logged into My Rotary to access these documents!)

Rotaract Presidential Citation: <https://goo.gl/DQcQyA>

Rotaract Achievement Guide: <https://goo.gl/HS1AAH>

Interact Presidential Citation: <https://goo.gl/82V79s>

Interact Achievement Guide: <https://goo.gl/6KV7pP>

Interact

Rotary Sponsored Club



Rotaract

Rotary Club Partner



B'VILLE STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Every month we are wowed by two students from Baker High School and February was no exception. Future politician and piano player extraordinaire, Connor Sullivan was ready to join Rotary on the spot. We talked about him getting involved in Rotaract when he goes to college next year and enjoyed getting to chat with his parents. Devon Van Dervoort is an artist and traveler who brought several family members to witness the special evening. She wants to study fashion and art history and was about to embark on a trip to her 33rd country the next day! It was a fun night with the families. We hope you will make it a point to attend the next presentation, which is moved to the third Tuesday, on March 20th.

