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MARCH 2022 NEWSLETTER

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 7150 | DISTRICT GOVERNOR DANA JERRARD

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 2021-2022 Governor
Dana Jerrard Utica

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Elise Hereth V.V.S. Community

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PDG Deb Glisson Marcellus

 **District Trainer 2022-24**
PDG Dennis Schonewetter V.V.S. Comm.


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Assistant Governor Trainer

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Submit club and district news to:
rotary7150@gmail.com

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

Bigger Will Be Better – Rotary’s Future in Upstate NY

Dana Jerrard | DG | Utica

There are 529 Districts in the Rotary world, and if you were to list them by number of members, largest to smallest, our home district, 7150, would be down the list at #516. Our Albany-area neighbors in District 7190 would stand at #524. To our south, the Binghamton-area district is on a decline, approaching Rotary’s Membership Mendoza Line of 1100 for district viability. We are clearly at a crossroads here in Central NY.

Rotary leaders in these districts have not been standing still, however. We have come together to take a proactive approach and assemble a 12-person team, each district equally represented, to consider options and approach Rotary International with one plan and one voice. From our district I am joined on this committee by DGE Jerry Seguin, DGN Elise Hereth, and PDG Dennis Schonewetter. Our February District Town Hall dealt with this subject, and the thoughts and ideas of those in attendance were very much appreciated.

There is a tremendous opportunity here. For many years these 3 districts, along with 7120 in the Rochester area, have held an MD-PETS training weekend for incoming club presidents and officers. Over the years the District Governors in these areas have trained together and have formed lasting friendships. We held a multi-district End Polio Now event in Syracuse last October. There is a level of trust, and a breadth of experience that, if combined, will benefit every Rotarian in the region, and by extension those we serve.

There is much work to be done, and every Rotarian in District will be invited to participate. We will combine the best practices and ideas to develop a unified and consistent Rotary presence in upstate NY. Our pooled resources will create a bigger lever for serving to change lives. Economies of scale (perhaps one joint Mega-Conference!) will foster Rotary friendships, the exchange of ideas, and community outreach.

The committee is in communication with Club and District Services (the support network at Rotary International) and also with Drew Kessler, our incoming member of the Rotary International Board of Directors. Their roles in the process are advisory; we want to make certain that our plan is fair and beneficial to all concerned, and within the RI constitution and by-laws under which we all operate.


Once the basic restructure framework has been approved, Rotarians from throughout these three districts will be convened to start working out the details together. Each District or club will bring its “dowry” of resources to the new structure, and by-laws and procedures will be critical to the ultimate disposition of those assets.

In whatever form this reorganization takes, this is your chance to work on the reimagining of Rotary in our area. I ask you to think about how you would like to contribute to the success of this process. Here is a partial To-Do List for the Rotarians who come together to tackle this project:

- Governance and administration (constitution and by-laws)
- Finance
- Technology
- The Rotary Foundation
- Club Health (membership, DEI)
- Public image and communication
- Strategic planning and development of a leadership plan
- Youth Programs
- Training
- Rotaract and Interact
- Events

I have greatly enjoyed making many new Rotary friends as I have traveled the District this year. The prospect of continuing the cultivation of that fellowship is providing another boost of personal Rotary enthusiasm. When you join us I am confident that you will feel the same way. We’ve been given a basket of lemons; let’s make some lemonade!!! ♦


District Officers

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 **Treasurer**
Tara Renner Onondaga North


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Co-chair, Darnell Hayes DeWitt

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Co-Chair, Cheryl Matt DeWitt

 **Diversity, Equity & Inclusion**
Co-chair, Devin White Eastwood

 **Membership**
Joe Caruso Utica


 **Innovative Clubs**
Lizzy Martin Baldwinsville

 **Public Image**
Lizzy Martin Baldwinsville

 **Parliamentarian**
PDG Dennis Schonewetter... VVS Community

 **Rotaract**
Jonathan Yost Eastwood

 **Veterans Service**
John “Ziggy” Zygmunt New Hartford

 **Youth Exchange & Rotary Youth Leadership Awards**
PDG Phyllis Danks Marcellus

 **Rotary Leadership Institute**
Donna Schonewetter VVS Community

 **Rotary Leadership Institute**
PDG Dennis Schonewetter... VVS Community

 **New Generations**
Tom Taylor Onondaga North

2nd Annual Tully Rotary Golf Tournament

Saturday, May 21st @ 10am

Vesper Hills Golf Club



Open to the public, Rotary Clubs, local businesses. More information at tullyrotary.com

Vesper Hills Golf Club, Tully

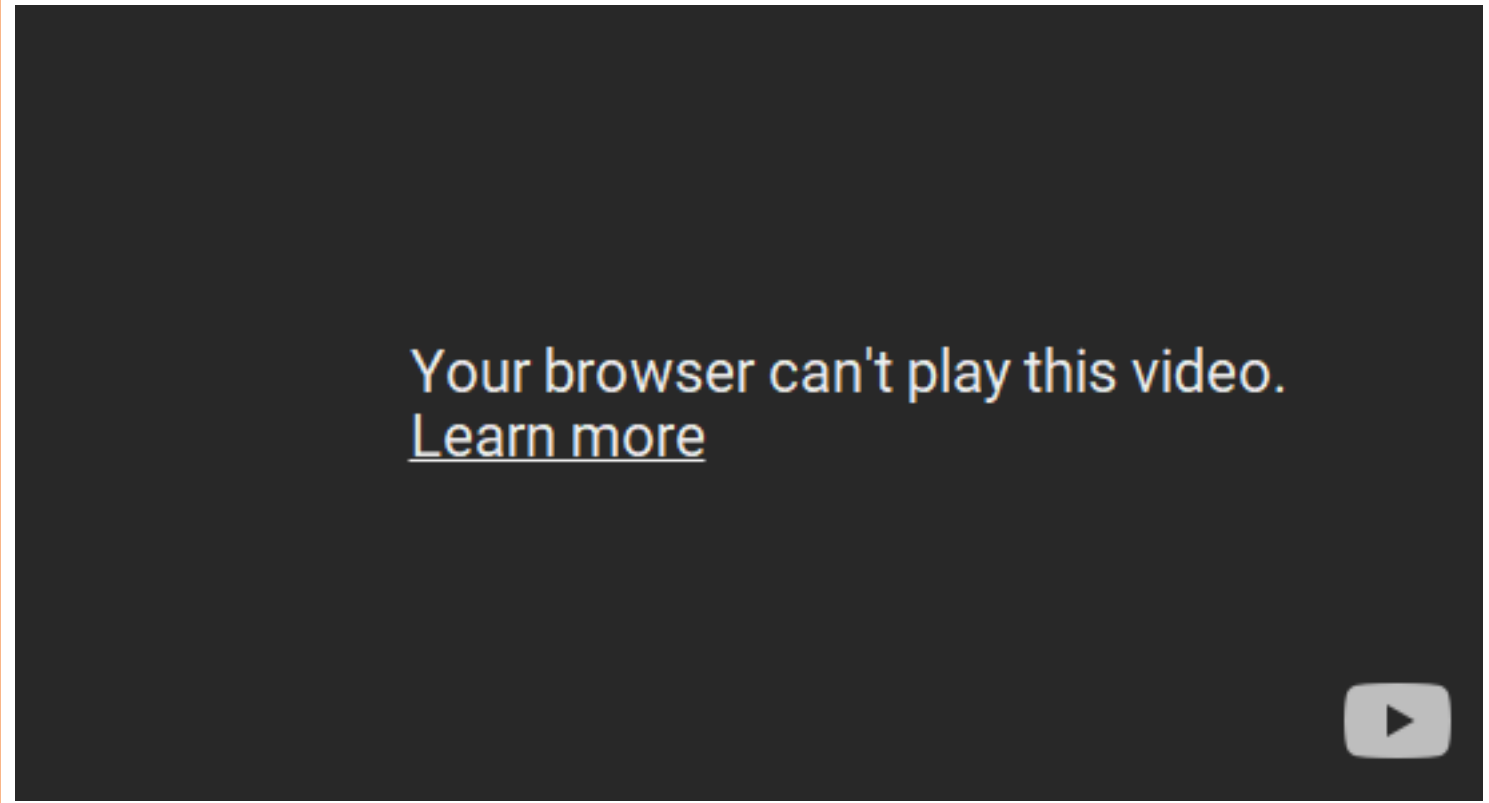
Food at the turn - Dinner - Raffles and prizes

Proceeds fund the Tully Rotary Ecological and Environmental Sustainability project (T.R.E.E.S.)

Register by May 7, 2022

call/text 315.696.1825

Our membership video series in 7150NEWS continues, this time on what to do when you've found that new member. A great member induction can set the tone for how welcome someone feels in their new club and how welcoming your other members will be towards them. Watch this short clip with tips on how to make inductions special and why that's important. See you again next month with more membership tips in a short clips!



7150 AG MEDICAL LEAVE

DG Dana Jerrard | Utica

Assistant Governor Blessed Sikhosana will be having major surgery soon, and will be on a recovery path that will possibly last until late May. I know that you will all join me in wishing Blessed an uneventful procedure and complete recovery. Blessed, you will be in the thoughts of everyone in your Rotary family. Be well.

In an attempt to maintain the good communication between and among Area 6 clubs and the district, we have enlisted the help of Linda Ervin of Dewitt Rotary, who will be your first point of contact in Blessed's absence. Linda will be working with AG Trainer Jenny Doane to make this a smooth transition. Please extend to Linda all the courtesies that you have provided to Blessed in the past. I know that she will be up to this task. Linda, thank you for volunteering to fill this important role. ♦

PLANTING 1000 FOR TULLY T.R.E.E.S.

Dave Perkins | Tully

Even though it is cold and snowy, we, at Tully Rotary, are thinking about Spring. The Tully Rotary Ecological and Environmental Sustainability (T.R.E.E.S.) project is preparing to plant trees, but we need your help. We are taking orders of FREE trees now and we plan to have them ready for you in late April. Whether you want one tree or one dozen, we want to get them to you and we can even help you get them planted.

Fill out the online order form on our webpage (tullyrotary.com) as soon as you can, since these are available on a first-come, first-served basis! These trees are available to homes in the Tully area and surrounding towns - spread the word!

Remember that our T.R.E.E.S. project is funded from generous contributions from the community. We appreciate any and all donations. We pledge to plant one thousand trees to help the environment — help by making a gift to [Tully Rotary](#). We accept PayPal! ♦

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION CREATES CHANNEL FOR DIRECT HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT IN UKRAINE REGION

Rotary International | rotary.org

In response to the deepening humanitarian crisis in Ukraine, The Rotary Foundation has created an official channel for Rotary members around the world to contribute funds to support the relief efforts underway by Rotary districts and has designated its Disaster Response Fund as the main avenue for contributions. To this end, The Rotary Foundation has approved:

- Now through 30 June 2022, designated Rotary districts that border Ukraine and the Rotary district in Ukraine may apply for grants of up to \$50,000 each from the Disaster Response Fund. These expedited disaster response grants can be used to provide relief to refugees or other victims of the crisis including items such as water, food, shelter, medicine and clothing.
- During this same period, other impacted Rotary districts that wish to offer support to refugees or other victims of the crisis in their district can apply for \$25,000 grants from the Disaster Response Fund.
- Now through 30 April 2022, Rotary districts can transfer unallocated District Designated Funds (DDF) to support the Disaster Response Fund, directly supporting these Ukraine-specific humanitarian grants.
- Contributions to the Disaster Relief Fund in support of Ukraine can be made here. All funds need to be received into the Disaster Response Fund by 30 April 2022 in order to qualify for use in support of the Ukrainian relief efforts.
- Although the Disaster Response Fund will be the main avenue for Rotary Foundation support, Rotary and Rotaract clubs are also encouraged to create responses to the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine.

In addition to support provided through the Disaster Response Fund, the Foundation is coordinating with partners and regional leaders, exploring effective solutions to the increased humanitarian needs. We are in contact with the United Nations High Commission on Refugees – USA to prepare for and respond to the needs of those being displaced in Ukraine and to neighboring countries.

ShelterBox, our project partner for disaster response, is in communication with Rotary members in Eastern Europe to explore how it may offer support with temporary transitional housing and other essential supplies. The Rotary Action Group for Refugees, Forced Displacement, and Migration is also mobilizing its resources to assist in this crisis.

A million people have fled Ukraine and are in dire need of emergency aid. The United Nations estimates that number could grow to as many as 5 million people displaced. Rotary clubs in Europe and around the world have stepped up their relief work, some working on the ground to help displaced families.

We will continue to monitor the situation in Ukraine and neighboring countries. Visit My Rotary and follow Rotary on social media to stay updated on how clubs can get involved and what actions Rotary members have taken and the impact it has had for people in the region. For all other questions and to obtain more information, please contact the Rotary Support Center at rotarysupportcenter@rotary.org. ♦

ROTARY PROJECTS AROUND THE GLOBE - MEXICO

Rotary International | rotary.org

About 150 Californians from District 5340 joined members of five District 4100 clubs in Baja California to raise six houses (and partially build another) for families in El Trébol, a rural community near the U.S.-Mexico border. Project Mercy, a San Diego nonprofit, installed cement slabs and cut much of the lumber in advance of the day-long burst of energy on 4 December.

"It was awesome to see the two districts come together to help these people in need get a leg up in their lives," says Kim Muslusky of the Rotary Club of Rancho Bernardo Sunrise (San Diego). The \$52,000 project was funded by Rotary members. ♦

MARTIN APPOINTED AS DISTRICT GOV NOMINEE DESIGNATE

DG Dana Jerrard | Utica

It is my distinct pleasure to announce the DGND Nominating Committee, IPDG Cheryl Matt, Chair, has selected Baldwinsville Rotarian **Lizzy Martin** as the District Governor Nominee Designate for the current 2021-22 Rotary year. Lizzy joins a class of 529 DGNDs in the Rotary world who are on a leadership track to serve as District Governor during the 2024-25 Rotary year.

On a track to be a third-generation District Governor, Lizzy has distinguished herself as a Rotary leader on the Club, District, and Zone levels, and has shown to be a forward-thinking, energetic and creative Rotarian. Her knowledge of and enthusiasm for Rotary will serve her well as she trains for her year as DG.

Lizzy was born in Ithaca and raised on a dairy farm in the southern tier. She studied public relations and earned a communications degree from SUNY Oswego, graduating in 2006. Following graduation she moved to the Syracuse area and started her career in newspaper advertising. Her position has transitioned over the years to focus more on digital marketing under the banner of Advance Media New York, still working directly with The Post-Standard and syracuse.com.

She lives in Baldwinsville with her husband Scott, dog Vinny and a cat named Mouse. She enjoys being creative, spending time with family and friends, and having cookouts and campfires.



Lizzy Martin, recently selected as 2021-22 District 7150 District Governor Nominee.

In 2009, Lizzy joined Rotary at the age of 25, upon the urging of her granddad, who was a Past District Governor in District 7170 (Ithaca Rotary Club). Her father is also a Past District Governor in District 7170 and is a member of the Ithaca Rotary Club to this day. Soon after joining, Lizzy became club secretary and has remained in that role minus the year she served as club president during the 2019-20 Rotary year.

Lizzy has been active on several club committees including Seneca River Days, the club's former 5K fundraiser and all the fun committees. She recently formed a Donations Committee that facilitates collections for local charities among club members and she takes the lead on coordinating volunteers for the Old Newsboys charity each December.

Lizzy has been the public image coordinator and newsletter editor for the club for many years, managing the club's web site and social media accounts. Lizzy is also active at the district level, working with several Past District Governors as their District Conference chair. She has served as the District Public Image Chair since 2015 and is currently District Innovative Clubs Chair and an active member of the District's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion committee. She recently retired as District Newsletter Editor. Lizzy is a graduate of Rotary Leadership Institute and is a Paul Harris +4. ♦

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BALDWINSVILLE SELLS OUT NEW PIZZA FUNDRAISER

Lizzy Martin | Baldwinsville

Baldwinsville Rotary hosted the inaugural Great B'ville Pizza Roundup to raise money for local food pantries on February 11th. The concept was simple, give people one pizza made up of eight slices from eight different local pizza places so they could taste them all with one purchase. With so many pizza places in Baldwinsville, it wasn't as hard as it might sound!

The inventor of this concept, Rotarian Ken Schmidt, teamed up with other members to get commitments from eight pizzerias and then set up a web site for people to pre-purchase their pies – www.bvillepizzaroundup.com. The community could choose from all cheese, all pepperoni or "best of," which was a slice of the best specialty flavor from each pizzeria (see photos). Each pizza had a different price point, marked up so we could be supporting the participating pizza places with the purchase of their food and still raising money for the food pantries.

Pre-ordered pizzas came with a set up pick up time so we could spread out when pizzas would need to be ready from 5-7pm on a Friday evening. Rotarians volunteered to pick up pizzas at the pizzerias, while others stayed behind to assemble the eight slices into one pizza. Things got a little hectic at times and the club learned a lot about how to run things more smoothly next time around, but that's just because the community loved the idea so much that all the pizzas were sold out and demand was high. There have been many calls from the community to do it again and the club is aiming for another February event in 2023. Pizza places enjoyed the business boost as well! The Baldwinsville Community Food Pantry, the VFW Veteran's Food Pantry and Baldwinsville Rotary's Backpack Program each received \$1,000, their slice of the \$3,000 in profits from this event. Follow [Baldwinsville Rotary](https://www.facebook.com/BaldwinsvilleRotary) in Facebook or visit www.baldwinsvillerotary.org for the latest news and information on club activities. ♦



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