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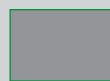
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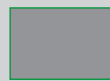
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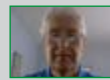
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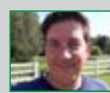
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A MESSAGE FROM DG JERRY

March is Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month

Jerry Seguin | DG | Fulton

“Clean water, sanitation, and hygiene education are basic necessities for a healthy environment and a productive life.”

District 7150 Rotarians continue to be people of action providing clean water throughout the world. Our Rotarians have dug water wells in the Sudan that provide clean water for whole communities. They have provided whole house water filters for families in Honduras. Recently our District has provided water filters and water purification tablets to families and individuals in the Ukraine.

We continue to work on water, sanitation, and hygiene. A component of District 7150’s Tanzanian school project is rain water catchment. For the first time this village, will have a school and a fully functioning hygienic latrine.

Our Rotarians support of this project has been overwhelming. As of this writing we have raised over \$12,000 toward our goal of \$20,000. Thank you!! For more information on water related projects visit our causes page at: Rotary.org.

If you have not already registered for 7150’s District Conference, do so soon. We already have more than 150 Rotarians and guests registered; please join us May 5-7, 2023 in Clayton, NY for this year’s district conference.

We are only 17months from the official charter of CNY Rotary on July 1, 2024, and this year’s conference will be a great opportunity to meet fellow Rotarians from Districts 7170 and 7190. You can register for the conference on Club Runner, rotary7150.org or cny-rotary.org. ♦

THANK YOU!

While our district monetary resources are not large, our Rotarians have hearts of gold!

Thank you for supporting The Rotary Foundation and the efforts of our District Rotary Foundation Committee. Please continue to support the Foundation Annual Fund – Share Fund and of course, Polio Plus. We can make a difference in this world. It starts with one Rotarian, One Club, One District and grows from there.

Thank you!

**PDG Don Reese, Chair
District Rotary Foundation Committee**

TOWN HALLS, TRANSPARENCY AND MORE TO COME IN CNY ROTARY

CNY Rotary Steering Committee

All the volunteers working to build CNY Rotary would like to thank the members who took the time to attend the recent Town Hall events. The three, one-hour zoom meetings brought up many great questions about what goes into a project like this and how our work is going to translate into action. Here are a few of the common questions we heard and addressed in the meetings:

Why are districts coming together?

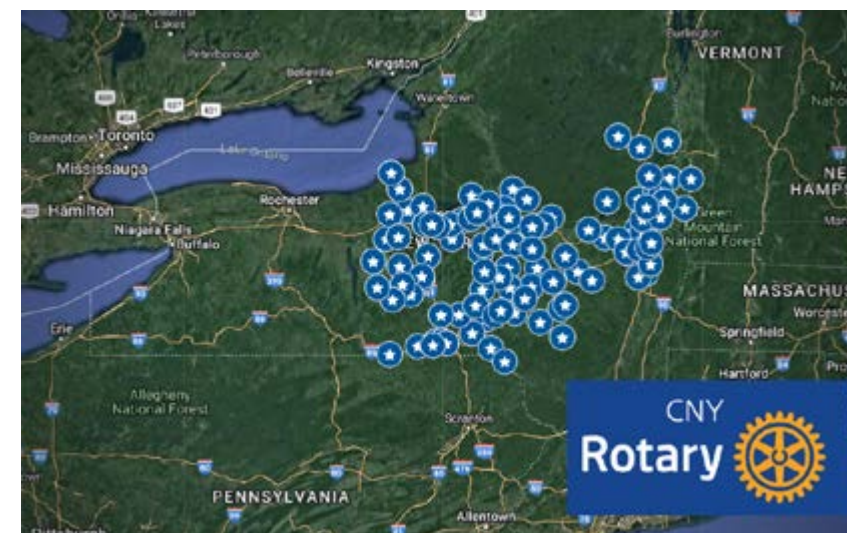
The short answer is due to declining membership numbers. The long answer is that Rotary wants to have districts be of a certain size in order to justify the costs associated with supporting each district. With our three districts just barely at or below that threshold, our leaders chose a proactive solution rather than having Rotary International decide for us.

Will the President of CNY Rotary visit all the clubs like District Governors do?

Rest assured that everyone will get a chance to meet with the President of CNY Rotary. It will be more common that clubs come together for a visit, but we feel that this is a great opportunity for clubs to make new connections and establish new traditions.

CNY Rotary sounds like a really big district. Is that normal?

Broadly speaking, each of our districts currently have about 40 clubs and about 1,000 members. So becoming CNY Rotary with about 115 clubs and about 3,000 members sounds pretty big. Having a district that takes five hours in the car to connect its furthest corners is a new challenge for us, but none of this is new or unique in Rotary. Many districts cover regions far larger, like the entire state of Alaska. Some requiring boat or airplane travel. Many span multiple countries. There are leaders who must be bilingual in order to communicate with all of their members. And we are not talking about districts on the other side of the world either. You can find districts with these added travel and distance challenges right here in North America. CNY Rotary’s leadership team will be built to serve this larger footprint and in-person gatherings will be adapted to



In addition to answering questions, the CNY Rotary Steering Committee shared some visuals at the Town Hall meetings to help members understand the footprint of the new region. Here is a map that shows where all the clubs are currently located in CNY Rotary, giving you an idea of how much we cover in the central part of the state!

be as accommodating as possible. Thankfully we are all adept at virtual meetings, which will make it even easier to stay connected in between our get-togethers!

How do these changes impact my everyday experience in Rotary?

This is a great question! The average member is not likely to notice anything change in their club experience as we transition to CNY Rotary. Clubs will continue to operate autonomously just as they do today.


















Club leaders who receive training, support and resources from the district will have new, expanded teams to work with. There will be many more leadership roles on district committees, providing more members with rewarding opportunities to serve their fellow Rotarians. So, if you want to serve in new ways, it is great news for you!

CNY Rotary’s events like District Conference will attract a much larger crowd, which helps us attract exciting speakers and presenters to inspire us with bigger and better ways to serve.

Speaking of the District Conference, you will get an opportunity to connect with members of the CNY Rotary Steering Committee and hear the latest news at

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District Officers

-  **District Secretary**
Pete Cardamone..... Tully
-  **Co-Treasurer**
Tara Renner Onondaga North
-  **Co-Treasurer**
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-  **Finance**
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-  **District Rotary Foundation**
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-  **Diversity, Equity & Inclusion**
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
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PDG Dennis Schonewetter... VVS Community
-  **Rotaract**
Jonathan Yost..... Eastwood
-  **Veterans Service**
John "Ziggy" Zygmont..... New Hartford
-  **Youth Exchange & Rotary Youth Leadership Awards**
PDG Phyllis Danks..... Marcellus
-  **New Generations**
Tom Taylor Onondaga North

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our joint District Conference in Clayton, NY May 5-7, 2023. Get details and register at www.rotary7150.org!

There are more questions and answers from the Town Halls available on the FAQ's page at www.cnyrotary.org.

These three Town Hall meetings brought people up to speed on what work has been done so far, but there is still much more to be done. The Steering Committee will continue to provide updates like these in your district newsletters, post details to their social channels on Facebook and Instagram @cnyrotary, and update their web site with additional information as it becomes available. Please follow along to stay informed and reach out using the contact form at www.cnyrotary.org any time you can't find an answer to your question. ♦

THE KAREN PRICE MEMORIAL FUND

PDG Phyllis Danks | Onondaga North

The Skaneateles Rotary Club has established the Karen Price Memorial Scholarship Fund to honor the woman who made a difference in the lives of hundreds of students through her work at Skaneateles High School and with the Skaneateles Rotary Club.

The fund will help ensure the future of the club's Youth Exchange Program by encouraging Skaneateles students to explore the world.

The scholarship will be awarded to outbound Skaneateles youth exchange students to help defray the cost of participating in a year abroad. The recipients should exhibit qualities best suited for youth exchange, like those exhibited by Karen Price: open eyes and open heart.

Karen is remembered for the warmth and enthusiasm she exuded while leading students in community service projects, largely through the high school's Interact Club. Projects included the American Red Cross Blood Drive, Haunted Hallways, the Giving Tree, and Shelter Box. She worked with outbound and inbound exchange students, and ran the club's STEP (summer) exchange program for many years.

Karen died in late January at age 61. In her final days, she knew the scholarship was being created, and was pleased and honored. Working with students and Rotarians was a highlight of her life. A celebration of her life is planned for late spring.

To donate:
make checks payable to **The Skaneateles Rotary Foundation**, with **Karen Price Memorial Scholarship Fund** in the memo, and send to: **PO Box 316, Skaneateles, NY 13152.** ♦

DISTRICT 7150 RESPONDS TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION DISASTER RECOVERY EFFORTS

PDG Don Reese | District Rotary Foundation Committee

When you read the Rotary magazine dated March 2023, one of the lead articles is entitled "Life During Wartime: A Visit to Lviv". As the article states, "Last fall, as the first anniversary of Russia's invasion of Ukraine approached, Rotary magazine's Wen Huang traveled to Europe to see this humanitarian crisis firsthand. In the second installment of his two-part report, Huang visits Lviv, where he witnesses the resilience of the Ukrainian people and the wide reach of Rotary's global network".



Borys Bodnar, a member of the Rotary Club of Ukraine Unity Passport. In June 2020, Bodnar became the club's charter president.

Photo by: Ed Zirkle

On page 42 of the article, there is a picture of Borys Bodnar, a member of the Rotary Club of Ukraine Unity Passport. When the war began, Rotary members in Ukraine formed a crisis committee. "The crisis committee ensures that those supplies, donated by Rotary Clubs from across the globe, are distributed to the places where they are needed the most". One of our major contacts in Ukraine, working through the Rotary Foundation is Borys Bodnar.

In June of 2023, the District 7150 Rotary Foundation Committee (DRFC) applied for and was awarded a \$25,000 Rotary Disaster Response Grant for Ukraine. The focus of the application was to provide water purification tablets and water filter kits for Ukraine.

In the Rotary magazine article, (p 45), it states "With the help of The Rotary Foundation, the Rotary Club of Ukraine Unity Passport and clubs in Great Britain, Ireland and the United States have purchased the tab-

lets for families in frontline regions where clean water sources have been destroyed."

This application was a true Rotarian effort. Many thanks go to PDG Dana Jerrard and DG Jerry Sequin for their help, support and encouragement. A special thank you to "Dr. Daya", current President of the Syracuse Rotary Club for his ideas regarding the grant application.

The project was a complete success! In fact, since the Disaster Response Applications are open again, and the water crisis continues in Ukraine, the District Rotary Foundation Committee is finishing a second grant application of \$25,000 to provide water tablets and purification kits for Ukraine. These projects represent the best of the Rotarians in District 7150. Working directly through the Rotary Foundation and its' dedicated resources in Ukraine, we can help those in need. Indeed, Service Above Self!

In addition, the District 7150 Rotary Foundation Committee recently approved a donation of \$5000 to the Rotary Foundation using District Designated Funds (DDF) to help the general relief efforts in Ukraine. The Committee is also sending \$2500 in DDF funds to the Pakistan Recovery Fund and \$2500 in DDF funds to the Turkey Recovery Fund. Again, Service Above Self! Many thanks to your Rotary Foundation committee members: Jerry, Elise, Lizzy, Randy, Jim, Ward, Bonnie and Dana!

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To read Wen Huang's feature in the March issue of "Rotary" referenced in this article, go to: <https://www.rotary.org/en/viva-lviv-life-during-war-time>



DISTRICT CONFERENCE

May 5-7, 2023 | 1000 Islands Harbor Hotel, Clayton, New York

Discounted packages available for teens and children, so bring the whole family!

All three districts are invited to be part of a weekend filled with celebrations, connections and fun!

IMPORTANT: You must register for conference AND ALSO book a stay directly with the hotel

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY FUN: Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with Pesos for Polio

A portion of all drink sales go to End Polio, learn about our progress towards eradication, and enjoy seeing old friends and meeting new

SATURDAY LEARNING: Get inspiration & explore the area

We'll spend the morning hearing from local organizations doing great work, with all three districts sharing some key projects from their areas. Then in the afternoon attendees will have free time to shop, taste and see the beautiful riverside community. In the evening, we will celebrate Youth Exchange and get the latest from CNY Rotary at dinner.

SUNDAY SEND-OFF: A time to reflect and look ahead

After breakfast we will remember Rotarians we have lost at the memorial service, following by a look ahead to the next conference, then say, "See you soon!"



REGISTER NOW

TOGETHER, WE END POLIO: 2022 IN REVIEW

Rotary International

For polio eradication efforts, 2022 brought good news. Fewer genetic strains of the virus are circulating than ever before. Afghanistan and Pakistan are the only two countries where polio remains endemic. And support from political, medical, and community leaders in those areas has strengthened vaccination efforts during the past year. Global support for polio eradication also reached new heights, as was proven at the World Health Summit in October, when Rotary and international partners and donors pledged a combined US\$2.6 billion to eradicate the disease.

There were challenges in 2022 as well. The poliovirus appeared in places it hasn't been for a long time: Israel, the United Kingdom, and the United States, to name a few. Wild poliovirus cases were reported in Mozambique, related to the 2021 case in Malawi caused by wild poliovirus imported from Pakistan. News of these cases didn't slow our eradication efforts, however. If anything, it made us even more determined. **Now is our best chance to finish the fight against polio.**

In 2023, we need everyone's help. We invite you to use the call to action "Together, we end polio" to express our collective will to finish the job. Explore the shareable images, ads, and other materials on Rotary's Brand Center, and check again throughout the year, because we'll add even more content. Let's work together to end this disease forever.

Promote the power of vaccines for World Immunization Week this April

With decades of experience in polio eradication, Rotary members play a key role in publicizing the power of vaccines. In part because Rotary members and partners have worked so hard to counteract vaccine hesitancy and reach all children with the polio vaccine, we've immunized billions of children against the disease.

World Immunization Week, 24-30 April, is an opportunity for Rotary and Rotaract clubs to spread the message that vaccines save lives. It's critical to continue polio vaccinations for children around the world and to advocate for COVID-19 vaccinations for all.

To end polio, address community needs

Rotary's PolioPlus program integrates polio immunization work and efforts to provide basic services,

such as access to clean water and sanitation facilities. Because poliovirus is transmitted through contaminated water, improving water quality, in addition to vaccinating people, is critical to stopping its spread. When we address a community's basic needs, we also build goodwill and trust that support our polio vaccination campaigns.

Rotary and polio in the news

[Bloomberg News](#), an international news agency, quoted Carol Pandak, Rotary's director of PolioPlus, in a piece that emphasized the fact that if polio exists anywhere, it is a threat everywhere. The article also highlights Rotary's role in inspiring the start of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

[Punch](#), a national Nigerian daily newspaper, published an opinion piece by Rotarian Kunle Adeyanju, who rode a motorbike from London to Lagos to raise awareness of the need to end polio.

[Der Tagesspiegel](#), a national German daily newspaper, featured PolioPlus National Advocacy Adviser Anne von Fallois in connection with the funding commitment event at the World Health Summit in Berlin.

[Financial Times](#) quoted Carol Pandak noting that polio anywhere is a threat everywhere in an article published on 23 October.

[Fox 32 \(Chicago\)](#) conducted a live, in-studio interview with polio survivor Ina Pinkney for World Polio Day. Pinkney stressed the importance of vaccination, noting that polio is 100% preventable and 100% incurable.

[NEWS CENTER Maine \(NBC affiliate\)](#) interviewed polio survivor Ann Lee Hussey about her work to immunize children and featured Rotary information and hyperlinks, teasing World Polio Day. More recently, Hussey was featured on [Maine Calling](#), a live call-in program, along with Janell Routh (epidemiologist, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) and Dora Anne Mills (chief health improvement officer, Maine-Health), to share her experiences as a polio survivor and Rotary member.

Support polio vaccines for children

Please consider contributing to Rotary's PolioPlus Fund, and have your donation matched 2-to-1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Your donation helps us reach vulnerable children with the polio vaccine and other essential health services. ♦

SUPER SATURDAY

FREE TRAINING FOR CLUB LEADERS

and open to all members!

April 1, 2023 | 7:30am-Noon
at Vernon-Verona-Sherrill High School

- Attend specific courses for club leaders (secretary, treasurer, etc.)
- Choose break out sessions on Membership, Public Image and more
- Complete the Grants Management Seminar to make sure your club is eligible for District Grants!

INCLUDES A FREE & DELICIOUS BREAKFAST!



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ROTARY RESPONDS TO EARTHQUAKE IN TURKEY AND SYRIA

Rotary International | rotary.org

Turkey and Syria were struck by a devastating earthquake on February 6 that has killed tens of thousands of people, destroyed thousands of homes and other structures, and left people across the region without shelter in bitterly cold winter weather.

The Rotary world responded to this catastrophe immediately. RI President Jennifer Jones activated our disaster response efforts, communicated with the affected districts, and encouraged governors in those regions to apply for disaster response grants and share

information about their relief efforts so that Rotary can amplify the calls for support.

The Rotary Foundation Trustees decided that all donations made, from now until 31 March, to the Turkey/Syria Disaster Response Fund will be used to aid earthquake relief projects through disaster response grants. Here's how to have the greatest impact:

Turkey/Syria Disaster Response Fund and local initiatives

Donations help clubs and districts provide aid and support rebuilding efforts where the need is greatest. The funds are distributed to affected communities through [disaster response grants](#).

As we learn about local response efforts that are being led by clubs and districts, Rotary raises awareness about how to support them.

Rotary's project partner ShelterBox's team is in Turkey, collaborating closely with Rotary district leaders to respond to provide people affected by the earthquake with tents and essential aid items they need. Visit [ShelterBox's website](#) for the most current updates on how we are collaborating to respond. ♦



THE FULTON ROTARY CLUB HAS BEEN BUSY

Terry Bennett | Fulton

Fulton Rotary secures grant for Child Advocacy Center

The Fulton Rotary Club secured a Rotary District 7150 grant for the Child Advocacy Center of Oswego County to provide technology equipment for the agency's interview room to provide children with a safe place to talk to investigators. The CAC provide all services necessary to assist children with recovery from abuse. The district provided a matching grant to the Fulton club's donation, totaling \$2,320. Above, Rotary President Bill Lynch presents the check to CAC Fund Development Manager Sara Weigelt and Executive Director Tory DeCaire.



Technology for Child Advocacy Center

The Fulton Rotary Club secured a matching grant from Rotary District 7150 to provide funds for new technology for the center's child interview room. Above, from left, CAC Executive Director Tory DecCaire and staff member Sarah Weigelt show Rotary Club President Bill Lynch, Secretary Nancy Kush Ellis, and Board Member Kelly Montagna the equipment purchased.



Rotarians provide labor

The Fulton Rotary Club's donation to the Child Advocacy Center

of Oswego County includes volunteer labor for a project. Above, Rotary President Bill Lynch supervises as Secretary Nancy Kush Ellis and Board Member Kelly Montagna install acoustic tiles for the CAC's child interview room, to provide privacy and protection. The Fulton Rotary Club provides service to others, promotes integrity, and advances world understanding, goodwill, and peace through fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders. Information on the Fulton Rotary Club is available on Facebook at Fulton Noon Rotary Club. ♦



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We'll post updates as event plans come together and you can connect with us there in real time!

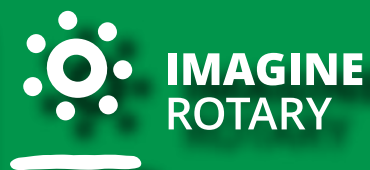
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