

Rotary District 7150 NEWSLETTER

May 2019

I encourage each of you to take a few minutes to read the current issue of the Rotarian magazine. There are some excellent articles focusing on social issues that confront us all – diversity, peace and civility to mention a few. As Rotarians, and followers of the 4 way test, we face challenges in each of these areas. I suggest that it would be interesting and thought provoking to use one or more of these articles for basis of discussion at a club meeting or assembly. A potential result of the discussion might be to identify a project or initiative for your club.

We have warmer weather on the horizon and that opens up a wealth of possibilities for club activities that are not possible during the winter. Think about planning things you can do outdoors. A picnic lunch or dinner for families, spring cleanup activities, a wine tour or attending a baseball game. These can be a fun time for everyone which help to build the camaraderie within your club. Also it will add variety to your programming and inspire members to offer ideas for future club events.

Finally, I encourage everyone to make a reservation to attend the Changing of the Guard dinner in June. It is your opportunity to honor those who have been your club leaders during the 2018-19 Rotary year. Our club presidents deserve to be recognized and thanked for guiding your club. Anyone who has been a club president understands the importance of their contributions and leadership. I hope to see you there.

**In Kindness And Peace,
District Governor Marv**



BE THE INSPIRATION

CHANGING OF THE GUARD - REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!

Join us Thursday, June 27th at Traditions at the Links, starting at 5:30pm, to honor our district and club leaders - both outgoing and incoming. All club presidents and president-elects are encouraged to attend. It is \$30/person to attend. Be sure to wear your Paul Harris pins!

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MAY TRIVIA QUESTIONS

ALL ABOUT MOM - all answers include a word that is a common term for a mom!

- 1. Country where a child is born.
- 2. 1960's rock & roll group – "Monday, Monday"
- 3. Second Sunday in May.
- 4. She won the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize.
- 5. Mother of all cities.
- 6. Movie about Joan Crawford starring Faye Dunaway.
- 7. Christmas song – scandal under the mistletoe.
- 8. Another name for our planet.
- 9. American magazine focuses on news.
- 10. Word for mother in Spanish.

Email your answers to DG Marv at marvd7150@gmail.com ASAP

APRIL'S SPRING TRIVIA ANSWERS

- 1. Animal related to a deer or antelope: Springbok
- 2. A spiral wire: Spring
- 3. Word for your baby: Offspring
- 4. Capital of Illinois: Springfield
- 5. Found under a mattress: Springs
- 6. Condition brought on by warm weather: Spring Fever
- 7. Village near West Winfield: Richfield Springs
- 8. Frank Sinatra hit song: Spring is Here

AREA OF FOCUS #5: DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT

THE FIFTH IN OUR SERIES ON ROTARY'S SIX AREAS OF FOCUS

Personal health is vital to society, yet over 400 million people in the world have no access to basic healthcare. We know that affordability and access is even an issue in the United States. Rotary volunteers work to fight diseases like AIDS, malaria, diabetes and, of course, polio. There are also efforts to educate people about their health with preventative and routine care, like eye and dental appointments. As with many Rotary efforts, there is overlap in making sure people have clean water as well. [Click here to learn more.](#)

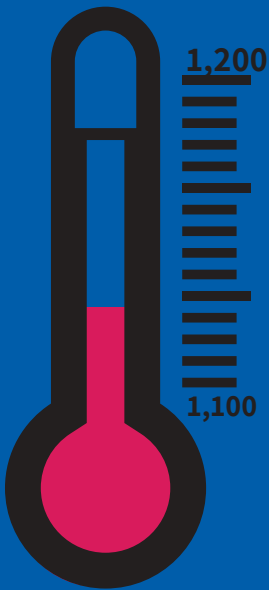
COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION PRELIMINARY RESULTS

The Council on Legislation is comprised of a representative from each Rotary district from around the world. Our representative was Deb Glisson. She recently spent several days in Chicago as the council, which meets every three years, reviewed proposed changes to the "Rotary rules." Delegates debate and discuss the merits of each proposal and then vote. Preliminary voting results are in - [click here to review.](#) More details will be available soon!

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Have you all been reading the monthly membership news? Or maybe calling on your membership coaches for help? Is that long term membership strategy starting to pay off? We have had double digit membership growth the last two months in our district. Keep up the great work! We all know that at the end of June, when clubs update their database before RI generates an invoice, we will take a little hit in our membership numbers. Focus on retention and talk to people who aren't renewing. Find out what went wrong, if there's something your club can do maintain their membership, or at least learn a lesson and implement the necessary change to make your club more attractive to potential members in the future!

This month's district membership count is 1,132 - that's +12 from the month before and +27 from two month ago. Way to go!



DISTRICT CELEBRATION

May 3 & 4, 2019 | Crowne Plaza Hotel, Lake Placid

DID YOU HAVE A GREAT TIME OR WHAT?

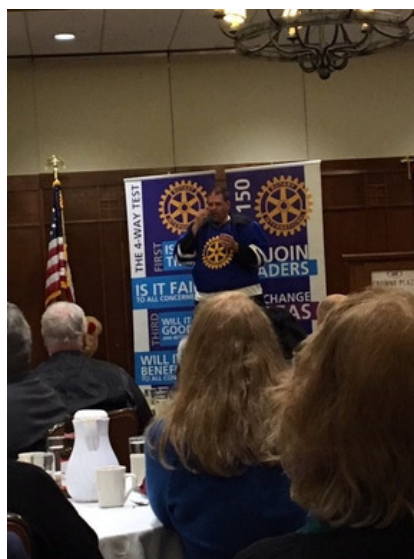
Over 150 Rotarians came together in Lake Placid the first weekend in May. They celebrated the clubs in our district that are doing great things and had a lot of fun doing it. Rotarians had cocktails, met survivors, laughed at Marv's face all over town, explored the Adirondacks, tried (unsuccessfully) to solve a murder, learned about hockey, met a veteran's adorable service dog Reilly and so much more. Here are some highlights, with much more to come next month!



Clubs really came through with donations for the kid care packages to help children in the foster system. We packed over 42 backpacks and had dozens of boxes of items left over. They ended up getting divvied up between several clubs that participate in programs for children, both locally and around the world. This huge table of donations was packed up and shipped out within an hour thanks to the help of many volunteers. Thanks everyone!!!



It was a bit of a rainy weekend, but the view was still beautiful!



We had several great speakers throughout the weekend, including PDG Dale Flinn, who came in wearing hockey goalie gear.



The Fulton Sunrise Club shared their multitude of Marv heads, decorating the entire hotel with them. It was quite a laugh to find Marv's smiling face in unexpected places!



NEW LOCATION!

The Rotary Club of DeWitt invites you to its 65th Annual Pancake Day
Under the tents at a **NEW LOCATION**
MARSHALL'S PLAZA NEXT TO BEST BUY
ERIE BOULEVARD EAST IN DEWITT

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2019 - 7AM TO 2PM
ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKES & SAUSAGE!

100% of net proceeds support DeWitt Rotary's service projects
and other charitable causes in our community.

Advance Ticket Sales: \$8.00 each or 3 for \$20.00
\$10.00 each at the Door
Children 7 and under eat for FREE!



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



FRIDAY, JUNE 14
PAPER MILL ISLAND, B'VILLE | 6PM
\$5 ADMISSION

LIVE MUSIC FROM:
VOTE FOR PETE
B'VILLE PLAN BEE PEP BAND
TODD HOBIN



SATURDAY, JUNE 15
MERCER PARK, B'VILLE | 10AM-5PM

BOUNCE HOUSES, **FREE ADMISSION**
MUSIC, FOOD, **DUCK RACE 4PM**
CRAFTS & MORE

Plus 2ND ANNUAL PADDLFEST AT 10AM
www.SenecaRiverDays.com

Comedy Night

Come see comedian Ross Bennett
with Keeler's Traveling New York City Comedy Club

Saturday, June 1
at Francesca's, Ilion

\$35 per ticket includes two comedians
and crowd-pleasing appetizers
Cash bar

CLICK HERE for details
& tickets

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Skaneateles Rotary Club's 51st Annual FATHER'S DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday June 16th
7:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Austin Park Pavilion, Skaneateles
Adults, \$8; Children ages 6 through 12, \$4;
age 5 and under free

*Tickets may be purchased from Rotarians at TOPS as well
as at the Skaneateles Chamber of Commerce, SECNY
Credit Union and Rolands, or at the door.*

All-you-can-eat
pancakes,
scrambled eggs,
sausages,
orange juice,
milk and coffee



B'VILLE HONORS STUDENTS

April's Students of the Month were a fun group. First we met Abby Contello, who (as you can see in the photo) was a little laid up with a bum ankle. It was especially frustrating for her since she is a competitive gymnast! She hopes to student pre-med in college and continue with her gymnastics at the collegiate level. Then we met Jake DelVecchio and he is also an athlete who loves running, participating in all the running sports at school. He is also very into films and is a member of the film club.



ROTARIANS RESPOND EN FORCE TO FFA BREAKFAST

A call went out for Rotarian volunteers to help serve at the FFA breakfast in Verona. Donna Schonewetter is so thankful for everyone that came out, including SU Rotaractors. Here are a few of the great People of Action shots that were taken that day!



HAMILTON SUPPORTS ORAL HEALTH PROGRAM

The Hamilton Rotary Club has donated \$200 towards 'The Bigger Smiles Project: Oral Health Promotion across Different Ethnic Communities in Kosovo'. This initiative is being led by Colgate student Oneida Shushe. Oneida's interests in dentistry and oral public health have brought her to champion this initiative to travel to Kosovo and hold oral health education 'clinics' with three partner organizations to educate children and parents who may not have the know the importance or have knowledge of good oral health habits. She also has plans to distribute a goal of 3,000 oral hygiene packs consisting of toothbrushes, toothpaste and dental floss. Some of these packs will be funded by a Project for Peace grant, others from donations from Colgate Alumni and other community members and interested organizations. At the end of the Bigger Smiles Project, Oneida will evaluate the experience and report the findings to one of her partnering organizations to potentially aid in the sustainability of future grants and continuation of oral health programs. Pictured from left: Rotary President Joanne Borfitz; Colgate Student Oneida Shushe; Rotarian Anastasia Wells



PUBLIC IMAGE IN 7150

Here are a couple of public image wins for local clubs. On the left is a front page article on Oriskany Falls Rotary's annual Earth Day clean up. On the right, beautiful new signs for DeWitt Rotary's annual Pancake Day!

