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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 7150 | DISTRICT GOVERNOR DANA JERRARD



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2021-2022 Governor
Dana Jerrard Utica

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7150 CHANGING OF THE GUARD
DGN Elise Hereth has planned the June 30 event and it will not be your typical COG.

Registration is open now!

Great Swamp Conservancy in Canastota.

More details are in this issue of 7150NEWS.

A MESSAGE FROM DG DANA

Walking the Walk in District 7150

Dana Jerrard | DG | Utica

If this month’s message was assigned a Jeopardy! category, it would have to be Potpourri. With so much happening in our district clubs it’s impossible to narrow my focus — a challenge I’ll welcome any day.

The big news is the satellite club we started on Earth Day, sponsored by the Rotary Club of New Hartford, focusing on environmental projects. The 31 members of this club bring the New Hartford total membership to more than 50 and our district rolls to more than 1,000. If you’re thinking this is a group of greenhorn Rotarians, think again. There are former Rotarians returning to the flock, family members of experienced Rotarians, long-time volunteers with the Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group (ESRAG), and corporate members committed to the environment. The new club will hit the ground running and we all must be ready to keep up. Baldwinsville Rotarian Janet Joslyn once told me, “To make a new, focus-based club work, you need a passionate champion.” As usual, she is right on the mark. New Hartford Rotarian, Chuck Tomaselli, is a man with a passion for the environment and a commitment to the ideals of Rotary. His work with ESRAG provided the foundation for the new club and his dedication will be an example that club leaders will follow long into the future. Chuck, we are lucky to have you among us, and we thank you.

Speaking of a foundation, it was my pleasure, along with District Foundation Chair, PDG Don Reese, to attend the club awards program in Moravia on April 26. Today, the Moravia club is comprised of 100% Paul Harris Fellows and is the only club in our district with two members of the Paul Harris Society (PHS) — a real commitment to the Foundation! Moravia past president, Bob Balk, is club Foundation Chair and his Tomasellian persistence and leadership-by-example made it happen. Bob and Tom Collins have each made the PHS commitment of a \$1000 annual donation to the Foundation. Please read Bob’s article in this newsletter; it is another illustration of how connections strengthen Rotary clubs, and Rotarians.

Let’s take Potpourri for \$1000. The answer is “This District 7150 Rotary club recently became one of only 60 clubs in the country to be designated a Gold Level Hero by ShelterBox.” If your question is, “What is the Skaneateles Sunrise Rotary Club?”, you can add \$1000 to your score, or, better yet, buy a ShelterBox to be used by people in crisis and in need of the basics. You know that I am fascinated by Rotary stories, and the circumstances surrounding the Skaneateles Sunrise support of refugees of the Ukraine crises provide another example of the power of connections through Rotary. [Click here](#) to read this inspiring story in the Skaneateles Press-Observer ♦

GET THE POINT?

Jim High | District Foundation Fundraising chair

Foundation recognition points (sometimes just referred to as Points) are awarded to donors who contribute to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) through the Annual Fund/SHARE or PolioPlus or who contribute to sponsorship of a Foundation grant. Donors receive one recognition point for every dollar contributed to these funds. So every donor to Our Rotary Foundation has points.

Points can be transferred to other individuals to help them qualify as a Paul Harris Fellow or Multiple Paul Harris Fellow. Paul Harris Fellows are individuals that contributed \$1,000 or more to Our Rotary Foundation over a period of years. Multiple Paul Harris Fellows have contributed increments of \$1,000, not necessarily at one time, and may be a PHF+1 (contributed \$2,000) or PHF +2 (contributed \$3,000) and so on.

The points are available for the life of the Rotarian donor. If the donor was a Major Donor (contributing \$10,000 or above), the surviving spouse/partner maintains control of the Foundation recognition points during the survivor’s lifetime.

Through you’re My Rotary account, you can view your personal contribution history, recognition amount and available Foundation recognition points.

Would you like to make someone a Paul Harris Fellow?

Use your Foundation Points to help you do that. Recipients do not need to be Rotarians and some individuals donate points to honor community leaders who have supported Rotary projects. Need some help? Contact Jim High, District Foundation Fundraising chair at carlyhi@aol.com to help you out. Act fast though, the Foundation staff at Rotary International get very busy this time of year. Seem as though 33,000 clubs all decide to make someone a Paul Harris Fellow at their Changing of the Guard dinner. ♦

Adirondack Foothills Rotary

ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
WOODGATE PINES | BOONVILLE

MAY 22 | 9am | Shotgun Start

Golf Cart | Lunch | Steak Dinner

\$75 per person as part of a foursome

John Secor: 315-831-8644 or johnsecor.js@gmail.com

District Officers



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Pete Cardamone Tully



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PDG Randy Wilson Sauquoit



District Conference
Chair, Linda Iannone Utica



District Rotary Foundation
Chair, Don Reese Utica



Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
Co-chair, Darnell Hayes DeWitt



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



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

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SERVICE ABOVE SELF Gala



- Red Carpet With Photo
- Music By Soul Injection
- Dinner
- 1 Hour Cocktail Open Bar

\$125 PER TICKET

GET AN ENTIRE TABLE OF 8 FOR \$900

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Rotary Club of Utica





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SEND US YOUR NEWS

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.

District 7150 Membership		
Net Gain (Loss) - as of 4/27/22		
Rotary Club	Add	Gain
New Hartford	36	34
Eastwood	16	13
Utica	12	(5)
Baldwinsville	8	7
Rome	8	4
Hamilton	5	5
Syracuse Inner City	3	3
Waterville	3	2
Fulton Sunrise	3	1
Mohawk Valley	3	1
Camillus Solvay Geddes	3	(1)
Chittenango	3	(4)
Cato	2	2
Sauquoit	2	2
Skaneateles Sunrise	2	2
Tully	2	2
Syracuse Sunrise	2	1
Dewitt	2	0
Auburn	2	(3)
Greater Utica Sunrise	1	1
Kuyahoorra Valley	1	1
Little Falls	1	1
Oriskany Falls	1	1
VVS Community	1	1
North Utica/Whitestown	1	0
Syracuse	1	(1)
Adirondack Foothills	0	0
Camden	0	0
Canastota	0	0
Cazenovia	0	0
Dolgeville	0	0
Eclub NY1	0	0
Onondaga North	0	0
Oswego Sunrise	0	0
Fulton	0	(1)
Moravia	0	(1)
Marcellus	0	(2)
West Winfield	0	(2)
Oswego	0	(3)
Oneida	0	(4)
Skaneateles	0	(6)
District-wide total	124	51

INNOVATIVE CLUBS: MEMBERSHIP MINUTE

This month’s membership video comes to us from the Multi-District Membership Committee, a joint committee of leaders from our four upstate NY districts. They typically host Membership Monday webinars and this month are instead putting out short videos with helpful tips from some of Rotary’s most experienced leaders. At just four and a half minutes, this one about strengthening leadership is full of great advice. If your club is looking for help implementing any of these tips to strengthen your leaders and need assistance, reach out to District 7150 Membership Chair Joe Caruso, jpcaruso12@gmail.com, or Innovative Clubs Chair Lizzy Martin, emartin@advancedmediany.com.

Your browser can't play this video.

[Learn more](#)



OSWEGO ALONG WITH INTERACT CLUB CLEANED UP SOME PARKS



The Rotary District 7150 Earth Day lakeside cleanup was so successful last year, Oswego Rotary Club president, Sabine Ingerson, wanted to do it again this year. On April 23, club members, along with members of the high school Interact Club, cleaned up a couple of the city’s parks. In all, several bags of garbage was collected. ♦

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MORAVIA ROTARIANS ARE COMMITTED TO THE FOUNDATION

PP Bob Balk | Moravia

Recently the Moravia Rotary Club was recognized as a 100% Paul Harris Fellow club. As Foundation Chairperson of that club DG Dana asked me to write an article about that recognition and how we accomplished such a goal. Writing an article isn't my favorite activity, but on this rainy day, and for the good of our club and awareness of the other clubs in the district, here it goes. I talk a little bit about the Foundation of RI, summarize the various giving levels, how this goal was identified, and how we went about making it happen. Finally, I will touch upon giving in general and how that needs to be evaluated from time to time.

The Rotary Foundation is a great way to make charitable contributions. It is a well-run foundation with proper financial controls and management without being overly burdened by overhead expenses. Just look to Charity Navigator and you will see they are a 4 star rated charity and have been for many years. <https://www.charitynavigator.org/ein/363245072>. The Foundation has tremendous international reach and your contributions are recycled through district grants to enable you to do great things right in your own community.

The Rotary Foundation has many different levels and awards to encourage giving. No matter how much you give there is always one more notch to aspire to. I imagine if you reach the Arch Klumph Platinium Foundation Circle, giving \$10,000,000 or more, you would just have to ask Foundation what you would get for another \$10M and they would come up with something! More realistically most of us are much more familiar with

Every Rotarian Every Year, Sustaining member, and the goal of achieving the level of Paul Harris Fellow (\$1,000 cumulative giving). There are a lot of other levels of recognition: www.rotary.org/en/donate/ recognition with the purpose of encouraging giving and supporting the Foundation. One of my favorite and least talked about designations is that of Benefactor, whereby you give, or make a commitment to give from your estate, \$1,000 to the Endowment Fund. This can be most easily made by making the Rotary Endowment fund a beneficiary on a life insurance policy with a set dollar limit of at least \$1,000. The 100% PHF club is exactly what is sounds like. Everyone in the club is a PHF, but how did we achieve that and what gave us the audacity to go after such a goal? The more important question is, who...

One of Rotary's mottos is "Service above Self". We all have to realize that by doing and giving we do great things and more importantly we leave a wake of inspiration behind us for others to do and give. My inspiration was Valerie Collins, who touched many of us. Val was an amazing person firmly committed to the mission of Rotary. Many years ago now, very early in my Rotary tenure, Valerie stood up to address the club and started talking about a Paul Harris such and such which

I had no clue about. Most likely I had a Tuesday Taco from the Betty Blue stuffed in my mouth. She mentioned that she won some money and was going to give some to The Foundation, which I thought was nice. But then she said she decided she wanted to do something a little different with her gift and name another member of our club a Paul Harris Fellow... Bob Balk. At that point it got serious, I had to wipe the taco sauce off my face and try to figure out what just happened and what I needed to do. I went up and received my first PHF pin and certificate and thanked Val. I didn't realize the impact that had on me but I can tell you I haven't forgotten and it has motivated me to participate in the Foundation and I have been our club Foundation Chairperson several times over the years. So the who is Valerie Collins.

In my role as Foundation Chairperson, I got to learn more about the various levels of giving and have encouraged others in our club



PDG and District Foundation Chair, Don Reese, presents Moravia Rotarian Tom Collins with a chevron for his Paul Harris Fellow pin. Tom is a longtime member of the Paul Harris Society, making a gift of at least \$1000 each year to The Rotary Foundation.

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to give. I have tried to lead by example by giving where I can and gaining various recognition levels. This has led to me being awarded more and more Foundation Recognition Points (FRP). But what do you do with FRP? You make PHFs, that's what you do. And that is how Val's gift to me inspired me to help others in my club achieve PHF status. Many of our members have made PHF status on their own accord, and several are PHF+, and some of those folks have given their FRP to help others to achieve PHF status "ahead of schedule". One fun thing that I have done twice is to facilitate our members to achieve PHF status "ahead of schedule", is that when two members are halfway or close to half way to PHF I encourage them to swap their FRP so they both achieve PHF status. We have a generous club that has been supporting the Rotary Foundation for many years.

We are also active with requesting district grants and by giving generously to the Rotary Foundation we increase our likelihood of recycling our giving back in Moravia. To me it isn't about the pins and certificates, it is about doing something fun and positive and giving to the Foundation has been fun and has made a very positive impact.

At some point I realized that over half of our members were PHF and I knew there was such a thing as a 100% PHF club. It wasn't really a



Bob Balk, Moravia Rotary Club Foundation Chair, is presented with a certificate and chevron signifying his commitment to the Paul Harris Society. Bob becomes the 14th society member in District 7150. Pictured, I to r, Moravia President Stuart Wood, District Foundation Chair PDG Don Reese, District Governor Dana Jerrard, and Bob.



Every member of the Moravia Rotary Club is a Paul Harris Fellow, and this achievement was recognized at the club awards program on April 26. Pictured, I to r, President Elect Mike Pizzola, President Stuart Wood, District Foundation Chair PDG Don Reese, and DG Dana Jerrard.

club goal; it is just something that came about from the generosity of our members. At first, I gave some of my points to a member that I thought deserved some recognition for their contribution to the club to make them a PHF. This was really from my inspiration from Val, one good turn deserves another sort of a thing. Then another, and another. Then other members asked if they could share their points with another member. Other members kept giving. Some members swapped points. Some members have left

with their PHF, which is OK. We will add new members that won't be PHF right away, which is also OK. Slowly but surely, everyone achieved PHF status over several years.

A few comments about charitable giving in general and why the Rotary Foundation is a great place to give. One of my mentors who was a fantastic fundraiser said to me what is most important is to "match donor intent with institutional need". This was really targeting fundraising from the perspective of the institution and trying to tailor the needs of that institution with what the donors would like to contribute to. The Rotary Foundation does this very well through the variety of programs they offer: Annual Fund, Disaster Relief, Polio Plus, Endowment, etc.. Here are a couple links that give more detail on ways to give and raise money for the Rotary foundation: www.rotary.org/en/donate, www.raise.rotary.org. You can give

to, how and in what way you want to give whether that is cash, securities, real estate, corporate matching, or as a beneficiary to a life insurance policy and so on.

My last point is that we need to reevaluate how we are giving from time to time. Sort of the same way you want to shop your various insurance policies every couple years to ensure you have enough coverage for your current situation and you are getting the best market price.

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It is similar for your planned giving as your income increases, or decreases as life happens, or as many people have felt compelled by life events such as the war in Ukraine. Here again the Rotary Foundation heard the call from donors and made all of the disaster relief fund contributions for April as support for Ukraine. A lot of people wanted to give to support Ukraine and you can do that right through the Rotary Foundation. I feel sometimes the Rotary Foundation recognition can limit giving, let me explain. It is all too easy to set it and forget it with foundation. Many of us target being a sustaining member, \$100 annual contribution. So, we sign up for Rotary direct at \$8.35/mo and at the end of the year we give our \$100 and are a sustaining member. This is good for the foundation because you are on autopilot and they receive a consistent gift. What I am asking is that each of us think about giving, what we have, and how we can make a difference. So, from time to time look in your pocket and see if it is full enough and whether or not a dollar from your pocket might just be a lot more valuable to you helping those in need.

The Rotary Foundation has a lot to offer. They encourage us to give by offering many levels of recognition and status levels. Becoming a Paul Harris Fellow is a nice target to shoot for over time and a 100% PHF club takes some commitment and a lot of generosity. Our club isn't in it for the recognition and certificate. We are most hopeful that other clubs can read about our story and maybe give an extra dollar here and there and achieve something unexpected. There is a lot of ways for us to spend and give our money. I encourage you to think carefully about where you are giving and how much you are giving to make certain your donor intent is being met. ♦

LOCAL ROTARIAN INTERVIEWED FOR
ROTARY PODCAST

Did you know there is a podcast all about Rotary?

Lizzy Martin | DGND Lizzy Martin



It's called **All Things Rotary** and put together by two of our Rotary International District Support Officers, Nick Taylor and Sarah Steacy. They recently reached out to DGND Lizzy Martin to be part of a podcast about club leaders, interviewing her and Daniel Walker, a club President-Elect from Tempe, Arizona. Click here to listen to "What Rotary Can Teach You About Leadership" and be sure to check out the other podcasts from this channel.

OSWEGO ROTARY AND THE CAC

Carrie Penoyer | Oswego

April is **Child Abuse Awareness Month**. After a presentation from the director, Tory DeCaire, of the Child Advocacy Center of Oswego County (CAC), Oswego Rotary decided the small non-profit needed help.

The Club collected snacks, drinks, and toys which it delivered to the CAC on April 22. The Club learned the timing was perfect



as one of the sites had run out of snacks the day before. The contribution was made possible due to the generous donations made by its members and a grant from the Tarandi Foundation.

The Child Advocacy Center of Oswego County is a safe, child-friendly site where members gather to assist child abuse victims and their families. ♦

CHICKEN BBQ

ROTARY FUNDRAISER

SUNDAY, MAY 22ND

NOON TIL SOLD OUT

AT SCHUYLER COMMONS

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COMMONS TODAY! 315.266.0145

TICKETS

\$14 BEFORE MAY 22

\$15 DAY OF EVENT

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



The 58th Annual
CHANGING
OF THE
GUARD

Thursday, June 30 | 5:30-8pm

The Great Swamp Conservancy

8375 N Main Street, Canastota, NY 13032

All Are Invited

All Rotarians are welcome at this annual
celebration of current and future leaders.
It's especially encouraged that your clubs outgoing and
incoming leaders are present since we are honoring them!

\$30/PERSON

All must register and pay online by credit card
Walk-ins cannot be accommodated

REGISTER HERE

Enjoy a buffet from Dinosaur BBQ:

Pulled Pork (rolls available)

BBQ Chicken Breast

Macaroni Salad

Tomato Cucumber Salad

BBQ Beans

Need a vegetarian option? We've got you covered, but
you must contact DGN Elise to request this special order.
Email her at eliserotary7150@gmail.com ASAP!

Drinks & dessert also provided

Please note this facility does not permit alcohol

Dress code is business casual

Grab your name badge to wear, along with your
Paul Harris and other "Foundation Bling"
If your club's outgoing and incoming presidents are attending
bring your gavel for a passing of the gavel ceremony



The 27th Annual SENECA RIVER DAYS

Paper Mill Island, Baldwinsville

Friday JUNE 10

Food Truck & Fireworks
Gates Open at 4:30pm
ADMISSION \$5
Kids 12 & Under FREE
LIVE MUSIC FROM
Vote for Pete
B'ville Pep Band
This year's main act:
DIRT ROAD RUCKUS
Enjoy dinner from local
food trucks and treats from
Rotary's popcorn and cotton
candy stand
CRAFT BEERS ON TAP
from WT Brews & others
End the evening with
FIREWORKS *sponsored by*
Honda City

Saturday JUNE 11

Family Festival
Gates Open at 10:30am
FREE ADMISSION
FOOD TRUCKS
MAGIC SHOW
TREASURE HUNT
CRAFTS & GAMES
FUN FOR ALL AGES
LIVE MUSIC FEATURING
Loren Barrigar
Gregg Hoover

The Great Seneca River
DUCK PLUCK
STARTS AT 4PM

GET
YOUR
DUCKS

and your chance to win:

GRAND PRIZE:
\$1,000 CASH
brought to you by:
HORAN

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\$750 CASH
brought to you by:
State Farm
Scott Northrup

3RD PRIZE:
\$500 CASH
Plus many
more prizes!

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ROTARY STATEMENT ON THE WAR AGAINST UKRAINE

Rotary International

April 26, 2022 — Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation stand with the United Nations General Assembly in expressing grave concern at “the ongoing human rights and humanitarian crisis in Ukraine, in particular at the reports of violations and abuses of human rights and violations of international humanitarian law by the Russian Federation.”

As a global humanitarian organization, Rotary takes a proactive stance toward peace-making by addressing the underlying causes of conflict.

We support recent UN General Assembly resolutions calling for an immediate ceasefire and withdrawal of Russian military forces from Ukraine. This aligns with Rotary’s deep commitment to promoting peace through dialogue and conflict resolution.

We are working beside our partners in the international relief community to help provide resources to the more than 10 million Ukrainian refugees forced to flee the field of battle.

**Rotary International
Board of Directors**

**Rotary Foundation
Board of Trustees**



NEW HARTFORD ROTARY SPONSORS SATELLITE CLUB

AG Jim Cook

On April 22, a.k.a. Earth Day, New Hartford Rotarians held a special welcoming dinner to greet the newest members of New Hartford Rotary and District 7150: the **Environmental Focus Group of CNY**.

New Hartford Rotarian, Chuck Tomaselli started off the event by asking each of the founding members present to introduce themselves and describe why they were joining the new club. Co-keynote speakers Lizzy Martin, District Governor Nominee Designate, District Governor, Dana Jerrard, and club President, Jim High presented Rotary pins to the new members.

District Governor-elect, Jerry Sequin, presented the video, *Imagine*, by Rotary International President-elect, Jennifer Jones. Other presentations included one from Jennie Lewis via ZOOM about ESRAG (Environmental Sustainability Action Group), and another from Ryan Hagen of Eastern North America Regional Chapter and Rotary Regional Director Crowdsourcing Sustainability and Rotary.

Chuck Tomaselli and New Hartford President-elect, George Carpenter, rounded up the evening with a video entitled *The Future is Up To Us* while George gave his outlook on the club’s upcoming year.

New Hartford Rotary extends a very special welcome to Chair, Wyatt Robinson, Secretary, Nancy Robinson, Chair-elect, Dennis Hooks, and fellow members Brian Balduzzi, Jeff Ball, Zach Comstock, Jeffery Coy, James Doherty, Frank Duross, Jr., Frank Fazekas, Alex Khoun, Luke Lewis, Josh Mason, Chris Mercurio, Kathy Meus, Jackie Michel, Craig Nelson, Luke Nimey, Steve Orvis, Judy Owens-Manley, Debra Pokinski, Don Rebovich, Jake Rutter, Justin Schachtler, Melissa Shupp, Eric Tilton, Jason Tomaselli, Julio Quille, Bank of Utica (Barry Sinnott), and Gary Wileczka. We are excited about what you all will bring to Rotary.

DG’s Note: Thank you to all members of New Hartford Rotary for your commitment in taking the steps to sponsor a new club. Chuck Tomaselli led the charge, with support from President Jim High, PE George Carpenter and AG Jim Cook. District support came from our Innovative Clubs Membership Chair, DGND Lizzy Martin. This club has a bright future. I encourage all District 7150 Rotarians to participate in projects with this club as it leads the way in one of our areas of focus. ♦

ROTARY RESPONDS TO THE HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN UKRAINE

Rotary International

Rotary announced on April 5 that it has raised more than \$7 million to support locally-led relief efforts underway by Rotary clubs in Ukraine and neighboring countries.

“The need for immediate humanitarian aid is increasing with each passing day,” said John Hewko, CEO of Rotary International. “Rotary clubs in Europe and around the world, including our 1,100 members in Ukraine, have stepped up their relief work, with some on the ground helping those displaced by the war.”

In western Ukraine, Rotary members in Lviv are working with local authorities and major hospitals to provide urgent medical supplies and equipment.

In Slovakia and the Czech Republic, Rotary clubs have partnered with a railway company to offer transport to refugees and deliver essential items.

In France and Germany, Rotary members set up a central fund and working group to coordinate aid for Ukraine and border countries.

Rotary clubs in Poland have taken swift action to provide food, water, medical equipment, and transport and shelter for Ukrainian refugees.

Funds raised by the Rotary Foundation – Rotary’s charity arm, go directly to those in need through local Rotary clubs in Ukraine and other countries where substantial aid is needed for refugees.

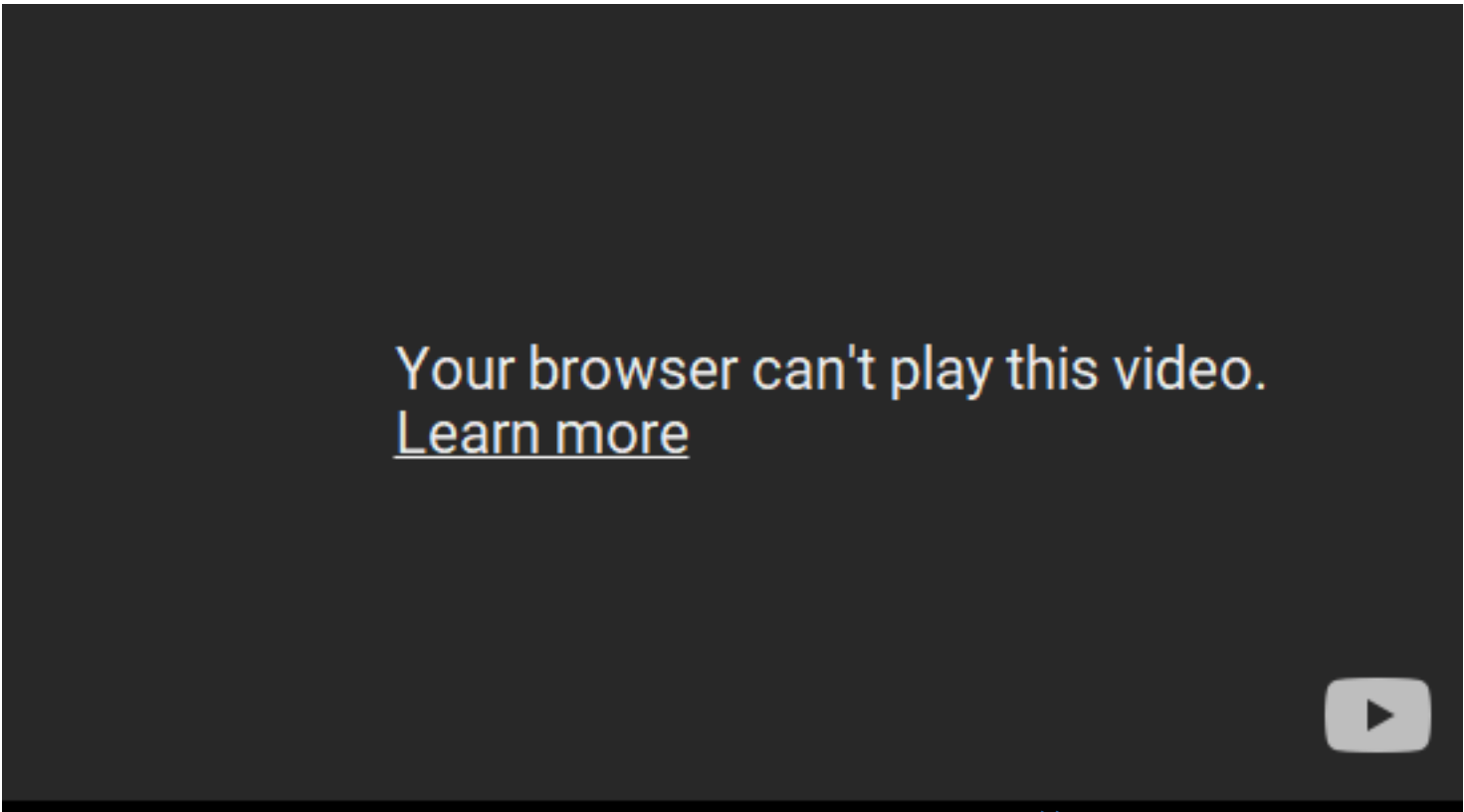
Rotary clubs are also coordinating with partners to explore effective solutions to increased humanitarian needs. Rotary’s disaster response partner ShelterBox, is collaborating with Rotary members in Eastern Europe to provide essential supplies and access to temporary housing for those who have left Ukraine, along with medical and shelter supplies for communities in Ukraine. Items include mattresses for people living in schools and sports centers, shelter kits with tools and rope, hygiene kits, winter jackets, solar lights, and water carriers to help people survive as they are forced to live in damaged buildings. ♦

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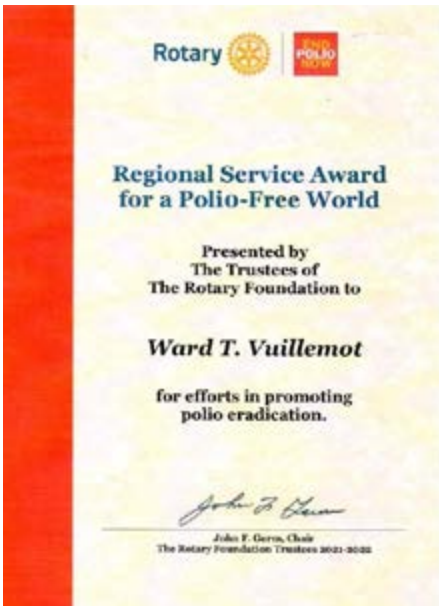
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HIS EPIC MESSAGE WILL MAKE YOU WANT TO SAVE THE WORLD

A fun fact - planet earth is 4.5 billion years old. Mankind is about 140,000 years old. In perspective if you condense the Earth's life span into 24 hours, that's one full day, then we, mankind, have been here, on this planet for — drumroll please — three seconds three seconds. And look what we've done! As the human population continues to grow, so does our impact on the environment. In fact, recent research has shown that three-quarters of Earth's land surface is under pressure from human activity. In this short film, spoken word artist Prince Ea makes a powerful case for protecting the planet and challenges the human race to create a sustainable future.



See more from National Geographic's Short Film Showcase at <http://documentary.com>



SKANEATELES ROTARIAN RECEIVES ROTARY INTERNATIONAL SERVICE AWARD

Skaneateles Rotary

PDG Ward Vuilleumot was honored at the RI District 7150 Assembly on March 23 with a Rotary Foundation **Regional Service Award for a Polio-Free World** in recognition of his **PoliStopper** project which has raised over \$37,000 for the eradication of Polio over the past four years.

The award came from Rotary International past-president & current chair of The Rotary Foundation Trustees, John Germ. This award was established by the Trustees of the Rotary Foundation in order to recognize outstanding contributions to the Polio eradication effort by Rotarians and thereby to encourage final efforts.

Ward is an excellent example of one Rotarian using his woodworking skills to leverage others to make a significant difference in our world. ♦



T.R.E.E.S. AND SPRING CLEAN UP ON EARTH DAY IN TULLY

Robert Burns | Tully



Members of the Tully Rotary Club were very active on this year's Earth Day weekend. Planting trees and cleaning up trash kept volunteers busy in and around the Tully community.

The club is making good on their commitment to plant 1000 trees as part of its T.R.E.E.S. (Tully Rotary Ecological and Environmental Sustainability) project. On April 23, Rotarians distributed the first 500 free trees to Tully's local residents. Several varieties of trees were available, all purchased from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation. The seedlings are native to New York State and will benefit the environment, and pollinator insects like bees and butterflies. The 500 trees were the first of several scheduled distributions of trees by the Rotary Club of Tully.

Also on April 23, Tully Rotarians and Rotary Interact teenagers picked up trash on local roadways. Rotarians cleaned Route 11 in Tully and the Interact teens cleaned the area around Kinney Drugs and the Circle-K gas station. Tully Rotary has partnered with NYS Department of Transportation in the ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY program. Rotarians have committed to cleaning Route 11 four times each year. ♦



SKANEATELES ALUM DAN LEMP SHARES EXPERIENCES IN UKRAINE

Sunrise Rotary, others working to help from the home front

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ANOTHER CLEAN SWEEP WITH ROME ROTARY, PARKS & TRAILS NY

Rome Rotary, Parks & Trails NY, RFA Interact Clubs 2022 Earth Day Project

Steve Mercurio | President, Rome Rotary



CANALCLEANSWEEP



This year's **Canal Clean Sweep** was held on the weekend of April 22-24 with additional events occurring in the weeks leading up to and after that weekend.

For the seventeenth year in a row the Bel-lamy Harbor Park Canal Cleanup event was held on Sunday, April 24. The effort was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Rome and Parks & Trails NY, the leading statewide ad-vocate for parks and trails, dedicated since 1985 to improving our health, economy, and quality of life through the use and enjoyment of green space.

Thanks to dedicated event organizers and thousands of passionate volunteers, the 17th annual Canal Clean Sweep was a great suc-cess! We had scout clubs, Rotary and Kiwanis chapters, Adopt-a-Trail groups, nature clubs, college students, church groups, elected officials, sports teams, local businesses and groups of many other types come together to show their love for the Canal and Canalway Trail System.

The Rome Rotary Club cleaned up the Erie Canal and Mohawk River section next to Bel-lamy Harbor Park in Rome, and the ErieCanal TrailWay section in South Rome. Rome City DPW helped out too by picking up the trash we collected. We also received the help of Mickey, Minnie and a few of the girls from one of the DDSO residences nearby ♦



EUROPEAN ROTARACT ORGANIZE TO HELP UKRAINIAN REFUGEES

Ryan Hyland | Rotary International

April 29, 2022 – Within hours of Russia's invasion of Ukraine in late February 2022, Iryna Bushmina fled her home in Kyiv. Along with her sister and her three-month-old nephew, she journeyed to Vienna, Austria, staying with Rotary members along the way. Their generosity inspired Bushmina, a member of the Rotaract Club of Kyiv-City and the district Rotaract representative for Ukraine, to organize a larger-scale relief effort — and now, an online platform she created has helped Rotaract and Rotary members find shelter for thousands of Ukrainian refugees.

Across Europe, Rotaract members are using dig-ital tools to share information and coordinate to help people who have been affected by the war in Ukraine. By routing communications through the European Rotaract Information Centre (also known as Rotaract Europe), a multidistrict information organization that serves clubs in more than 40 countries, these young members are using the power of Rotary's global net-work to direct aid where it's needed most.

Shortly after the war began, Christiane Leitner, the president of Rotaract Europe, learned about a proj-ect that was already underway to help Ukrainians. Led by the Rotaract Club of Klagenfurt-Wörthersee, Austria, Rotaractors coordinated using the Rotaract Europe website, then packed five vans and cars full of relief supplies and drove through the night to the Polish-Ukrainian border, where local Rotaractors were waiting to deliver the aid.

"This really stood out to me as an example of how quickly our Rotary network can make things happen," says Leitner, a member of the Rotaract Club of Linz, Austria. After learning about dozens of Rotaract ini-tiatives that started within a week of the invasion, she

realized that Rotaract Europe could play a key role in coordinating communication among Rotaract and Ro-tary clubs and districts and facilitating partnerships that could lead to projects.

Rotaract Europe leaders have compiled information for refugees as well as for volunteers on their website under the heading United for Peace. As Bushmina worked to create a housing-specific platform called Spaces for Ukraine, she used the United for Peace webpage to post information and a form to match ref-ugees with hosts. The page also offers updates about projects in neighboring countries, information about free rail, bus, and air transportation available to ref-ugees, and tips for helping people at the border. There are lists of needed supplies and options for making do-nations as well.

"Rotaract clubs have the chance to get an overview of what's going on in and around Ukraine, and then de-cide what projects they can help implement," Leitner says. "We want to make it as easy as possible for our members to connect and collaborate."

Leitner and other leaders of Rotaract Europe meet weekly over Zoom with Rotaract representatives from each European country to exchange ideas and share updates about projects. These meetings have helped foster better communication and organization, she says.

Since it began as a coalition of clubs in 1988, Rota-ract Europe has focused on sharing information about Rotaract activities across borders. But the effort to help Ukrainians is different, Leitner says: "We are be-ing much more proactive than in the past. The passion and energy of Rotaractors are really motivating us to do more." ♦



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