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ROTARY DISTRICT 7150
MAY 2023 NEWSLETTER


ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 7150 | DISTRICT GOVERNOR JERRY SEGUIN



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A MESSAGE FROM DG JERRY

May is Youth Service Month

Jerry Seguin | DG | Fulton

What activities are the clubs of District 7150 involved in that support our youth? In no particular order, here are a few of the programs and activities that we support.

Interact Clubs

Interact clubs bring together young people ages 12-18 to develop leadership skills and learn about the world through service projects and activities. Several of our clubs sponsor an Interact Club in their local schools. Our Interact clubs are not only involved in community projects, but also support international programs such as raising funds for Polio eradication.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)

RYLA is leadership development program for sophomores and juniors in high school. Events range from a one-day seminar to weekend long camps. Many of the District 7150 clubs have sponsored more than one student to attend the weekend event.

Unfortunately, the last couple of years had to be cancelled due to COVID and loss of venue. However, the future of RYLA is bright. Next year, Districts 7150, 7170, and 7190 are planning a combined event at a new location.

Rotary Youth Exchange (YE)

Rotary Youth Exchange students are introduced to a new culture, learn a new language, and build lifetime relationships. The program is open to students ages 15-18. Students are sponsored by our local Rotary clubs with the opportunity to exchange in more than 100 countries.

Local Club Scholarships

Many clubs throughout District 7150 offer scholarships to assist students in attending both traditional and non-traditional college and trade programs.

These are only a few examples of what our Rotarians do to support our youth. Looking at many of the other activities and projects our clubs do, you begin to see the overlap that supports the future of our youth.

Tanzania School Project Update

I am pleased to announce that thanks to the generous support of our Clubs and individual Rotarians, District 7150 has secured a total of \$18,000.00 to build a school in Tanzania that will include a water catchment system with water storage, and sanitation. Construction is scheduled to start this June. Thank you!

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CENTRAL NEW YORK ROTARY UPDATE

CNY Rotary Steering Committee

Nominations Now Open for CNY Rotary Leadership Positions

The CNY Rotary Steering Committee has opened up nominations for several leadership roles on the future team and all qualified members of Districts 7150, 7170 and 7190 are encouraged to put their name in the hat. All submissions will go through the CNY Rotary Nominating committee, which is comprised of the three Immediate Past District Governors (who cast one vote in the case of a tie), the three District Governor Elects, three Assistant Governors, three immediate Past Club Presidents, three Past District Governors and the three sitting District Governors are non-voting members. You can see that there are three of each position, with one hailing from each of our current three districts.

CNY Rotary President (formerly known as District Governor)

We are seeking nominations for the President of CNY Rotary for 2025-26 and this can happen one of three ways:

1. **Your club can nominate you (with your approval)**
2. **You can go to your club to ask them to nominate you**
3. **The nominating committee can nominate someone directly (with their approval)**

The basic qualifications for the role are that you have to have been an active member for at least seven years before your term begins and you have to have served a full year as club president. Details on the nominating process, a job description and answers to Frequently Asked Questions about being President, as well as the necessary forms are all available at www.cnyrotary.org



under the Nominations tab. If you are considering this position, you can reach out to anyone on the Steering Committee to discuss if it would be a good fit for you. It is a serious leadership position and you should know what it will entail before stepping up. It will also be a seriously rewarding experience!

CNY Rotary Committee Chairs


















Several committee chair positions are also open to nominations during this time: Finance, Foundation, Youth Exchange, Public Image, Membership, Training, and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. Each of these roles require some Rotary experience in that area of expertise and come with opportunities for additional training. For these positions, you can self-nominate or have someone nominate you. Please do not nominate people without their permission. The nominating committee will be going through all submissions for these roles, with the top candidates to be interviewed by the CNY Rotary Steering Committee later this month. Check out the Nominations tab at www.cnyrotary.org for job descriptions and the online form for nominations.

Nomination Deadline is May 15

The deadline for clubs to nominate a CNY Rotary President or for someone to nominate themselves to a chair position will be Monday, May 15th. This is because the goal is to have all positions filled by the start of the new Rotary year. This gives the new volunteer leaders time to plan for attending training in the fall and to start work on building the rest of the committee. Each committee will now be bigger and that means many more opportunities to serve. If none of the roles described here sound like you, but you know you want to help at the district level, please keep following along because the call for you to get involved will be going out in the next phase.

Please be sure to [follow us on Facebook](#) and/or Instagram as we put out reminders and helpful information about the work being done to become CNY Rotary. Our goal is that people feel informed and have plenty of opportunities to engage, ask questions and get involved. ♦

District Officers

-  **District Secretary**
Pete Cardamone..... Tully
-  **Co-Treasurer**
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-  **District Rotary Foundation**
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Co-Chair, Cheryl Matt..... DeWitt
-  **Diversity, Equity & Inclusion**
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-  **Innovative Clubs**
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Lizzy Martin..... Baldwinsville
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-  **Veterans Service**
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-  **Youth Exchange & Rotary Youth Leadership Awards**
PDG Phyllis Danks..... Marcellus
-  **New Generations**
Tom Taylor..... Onondaga North

HELP ROTARY AVOID COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT

D7150 Public Image Chair Lizzy Martin

Did you know that using images that don't belong to you on your club's web site or social media can have financial consequences for our organization? Copyright owners hire companies offering software that "trolls" the internet in search of copyright violations involving their images or other media. These companies are commonly referred to as copyright trolls. When a troll finds a violation, they contact the party who mis-used the image or other media and make a demand to settle the violation. Right now, over 40% of all liability claim to RI's insurance policy are related to these copyright issues.

How can you help? Stop using other people's images without their permission and you can avoid this altogether. Only use images that are yours (as in you or someone from your club took the photo), that you got from the Brand Center or that you have otherwise purchased for use (i.e. through a subscription to Canva, or Getty images). This applies to graphics and photos. If you use an image you find through Google, you run the risk of it being owned by someone who is not okay with you using it. Never use Google for Rotary images.

Also, if you are contacted by someone claiming copyright infringement, you must contact Rotary's Risk Management team at claims@rotary.org.

What action is needed now? All clubs need to scrub their web sites and social media of any images that do not belong to them. You should go back as far as you can (including posts and images up to 10 years old). Please check your newsletters too. If it has a watermark on it, you should not be using it. If it was taken from Google or another web site without permission from the original creator, you should not be using it. Take all of the unauthorized images down. And then be more careful moving forward to ensure you don't get caught by the copyright trolls.

Need help? Reach out to Public Image Chair Lizzy Martin at rotalizzy@gmail.com if you have questions or concerns. ♦



The North Utica/Whitestown Rotary Club adopted a section of canal trail between Route 291 and Mohawk Street in Whitesboro. This photo was from the *Clean Sweep* annual spring cleanup on April 20.

The 59th Annual 

CHANGING OF THE GUARD

Friday, June 23 | 5:30-8pm
The Great Swamp Conservancy
8375 N Main Street, Canastota, NY 13032

SAVE THE DATE

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!*

REGISTRATION COMING SOON

Watch your email for an invite to sign up!

Dinner will once again be catered by Dinosaur Bar-B-Que
Details to come!

Dress code will be 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



DISTRICT CONFERENCE MAKES THE LOCAL NEWS

The *Watertown Daily Times* featured this article on our recent weekend in Clayton for our annual conference. You can read the article [here](#) (with subscription). Congrats to getting community visibility with our Youth Exchange program, our work to fight polio, and our mission of community service! ♦

By KATHY TABER-MONTGOMERY
Watertown Daily Times

CLAYTON — It was sunshine and smiles on Saturday as 27 Rotary International Youth Exchange students walked the streets of Clayton to provide community service as part of an annual conference held this year at the Harbor Hotel.

Students worked alongside members of Rotary International from Districts 7150 Mohawk Valley and Central New York, 7170 Binghamton area, and 7190 Albany area, with a representative of the Clayton Floral Society, and fellow exchange students to clear trash and debris to beautify the community.

While community service was a small part of the three-day three-district event, participation in the conference greatly impacted those in attendance, including the exchange students.

Inbound Chairperson for District 7150 William "Bill" Rosentel coordinates exchange students visiting the United States, in Central New York, through the Rotary program. He assisted the students throughout the conference.

Mr. Rosentel said, "It's important for Rotarians to meet our inbound youth exchange students. The conference features a parade of flags, and the students each represent their

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countries. There are information tables about various programs. Guest speakers. The students and Rotarians learn a lot from each other."

Visiting the United States from Brazil, teenager Maria Melo De Carvalho has been residing with a family in Broome County since August. She and the other exchange students were excited to travel north for the large three-district Rotarian conference.

"We learned about polio; Rotary wants to eradicate it. And we learned about a program helping people to go to college," she said. "Meeting exchange students from other districts and learning about their culture, language, customs, and getting to know each other has been fun."

Cesar Kihlbergh of Sweden resides with a family in Glens Falls, and Alejandra Lahoz-Outhwayte of Spain lives near Oneonta. Both students agreed with Maria's commentary.

After wrapping up the afternoon service activities, some students visited The Scoop and took advantage of a photo opportunity with the business owner and Area Governor Mary Zovistoski of Clayton Rotary.

Tully Rotary Club 3RD ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

VESPER HILLS GOLF CLUB | TULLY

SATURDAY, MAY 20 | 10am | Captain & Crew

Open to the public, Rotary Clubs, local businesses

Food at the turn | Dinner | Raffles and prizes

\$380 per team includes skins

Proceeds will help fund the

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

GO TO TULLYROTARY.COM FOR MORE INFO

RSVP by May 6 | [download registration form](#)

an invitation to:

CHITTENANGO ROTARY 70TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Friday, May 12 | Woodcrest Golf Club

6200 Cheese Factory Road, Manlius

Cash bar 6pm - 7pm

Dinner to follow

Prime Rib and Salmon buffet

\$50 per person

payable to Chittenango Rotary Club

RSVP by April 24 to 315-727-4126

Entertainment provided by:

local musicians and

the Chittenango High School Jazz Band

Please come and help us celebrate!

UTICA ROTARY PLANS JUNE GALA TO BENEFIT THE ZOO

Jerry Seguin | DG | Fulton

The Rotary Club of Utica will be hosting their second annual Service Above Self Gala on Friday, June 9th at The Stanley Theater in Utica. The proceeds will benefit ongoing renovations to the Red Panda exhibit at The Utica Zoo. Dress to impress at this Rotary Gala, which will feature a Happy Hour, followed by dinner on the historic Stanley Theater stage, catered by Feast & Festivities by O'Connor's. The band Soul Injection will then provide the party tunes onstage for the crowd to dance the night away. The evening will also recognize unsung local community heroes for their contributions.

Tickets are on sale for \$150 per person and are available at UticaRotary.org. This event was sold-out last year and interested patrons are encouraged to get their tickets in advance. ♦

North Utica / Whitestown
Rotary

Chicken BBQ

Scholarship Fundraiser

Sunday May 21, 2023

12:00pm till Gone

Tickets Available with Rotary Members or at Schuyler Commons
Hosted By: SCHUYLER COMMONS
\$15/Dinner Pre-Sale Only

an allure active adult community
1776 Independence Square
Utica NY 13502

Baldwinsville
Rotary



SENECA RIVER DAYS



JOIN US JUNE 9 & 10, 2023 PAPER MILL ISLAND

Food Trucks | Live Music | Fireworks | Duck Pluck

Food Trucks & Fireworks

Friday 6/9 @ 5pm

Live music from Vote For Pete, Plan Bee Pep Band and headliner Chasing Neon
Admission \$5/person

Family Festival

Saturday 6/10 @ 11am

Activities for all ages, Treasure Hunt, Live Music, Food Trucks and The Great Seneca River Duck Pluck

DUCK PLUCK GRAND PRIZE

\$2,000 CASH

sponsored by Case Marina

Get details and duck tickets at
www.SenecaRiverDays.com

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District Conference

This year's District has concluded with more than 220 Rotarians and guest in attendance. I would like to express my thanks to: all the presenters, our conference committee chairs Charisse Kidd and Nancy Ellis, committee member and event emcee Jenny Doane, committee members Laverne Deland, Tara Renner (Treasurer), Bill Rosentel (YE), PDG Peter Cardamone (Registrar), PDG Randy Wilson, DGN Lizzy Martin, DG Denise DiNoto (7190), DG Rocky Martinez (7170). This event could not have happened without the many meetings and hard work of these individuals. Thank you! ♦

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rotary7150@gmail.com.

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