

# Rotary District 7150 NEWSLETTER

November 2018

Let me begin this month's message by acknowledging the efforts of our clubs and members to celebrate World Polio Day. There were many wonderful activities that hopefully will raise the public understanding of Rotary to "End Polio Now". I cannot thank you enough for your creative ideas and support. Check out our Facebook page for photos of many of the various club activities. As we enter November, I hope you will all make an effort to honor those who served in our nation's military. November 11th was established as Veteran's Day to recognize veterans on the occasion of the peace treaty signed to end World War I. The current edition of the Rotarian has a great article about that and is worth reading. Many clubs are highlighting veterans through events. We should all take time to support those clubs by attending the events or supporting their fundraising efforts.

We have seen some very positive results in our membership growth so far. The emphasis needs to continue so that we can grow and sustain our clubs. This is vital to each of our clubs being able to continue to do the good things you do in your communities and globally. Keep in mind that the District is a resource to provide you with ideas, materials and support to help your club achieve their membership goal.

Finally, we are looking for Rotarians who would like to participate in a murder mystery at our District Celebration in May. Please let Linda Iannone, Jenny Doane or me know if you are interested.

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



BE THE INSPIRATION

## NOVEMBER'S ROTARY TRIVIA CONTEST

### What are Rotary's six areas of focus?

Email DG Marv by November 30th outlining Rotary's Six Areas of Focus to entered to win and be sure to check out our special feature on each area in the next six editions of the District Newsletter!

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## MEET YOUR NEW DISTRICT GOVERNOR NOMINEE DESIGNATE (2021/2022): DANA JERRARD

Dana Jerrard has been a Utica Rotarian since 1986, and in that time has held most of the offices available to a member. Board service in 1989 led to the first of three “sentences” as club Sergeant-at-Arms. From there he moved through the natural progression to club VP, PE, and, in 1994-95, club president under the leadership of PDG Joe McCarthy. Immediately following his year as club president, Dana accepted the role editor of the club’s weekly newsletter, an assignment that he held for more than 20 years. This period also included 12 years as club secretary. On the district level, Dana has been newsletter editor, conference House of Friendship coordinator, directory publisher, master of ceremonies, and, most recently, Assistant Governor for Area 3 clubs. He is a Paul Harris Fellow +2, and a Rotary Foundation Benefactor.

Professionally, Dana spent 30 years at Vicks Lithograph in Yorkville before retiring in 2016. He currently works on a part-time basis at JAY-K Lumber in New Hartford and is also part of the local music community in groups as diverse as Classified, The Clef Dwellers, and the Utica Symphony. Outside of Rotary, Dana was president of the Mohawk Valley Community College Foundation for 13 years, Founder and President of Senior Services of Utica, Pacesetter Campaign Chair for United Way, and President of Family Services of Utica. Currently, he is Alumni Class President for his graduating class at Cornell University.

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## SUPPORT ROTARY WHILE YOU SHOP WITH MOBILE APP

Rotary Global Rewards has discounts, deals and offers that will not only make for great gifts during the holiday shopping season, but also raise money for the Rotary International Foundation to do good around the world! Download the app to find these offers and even post one of your own if you own a business willing to donate a portion of your proceeds to our foundation! [Click here](#) to learn more.

## PAST TRIVIA WINNERS

Congratulations to our winners of the last few months of newsletter trivia and thank you to everyone who is participating! Keep trying to win each month and we will also enter you for a grand prize drawing at the end of June!

### Recent Winners

July: Bob Pompo, Oswego Rotary

August: Ward Vuillemot, Skaneateles Rotary

Sept: Jenny Doane, Baldwinsville Rotary

Oct: Nancy Ellis, Fulton Rotary

## PUBLIC IMAGE CONSULTING

How is your club doing so far this Rotary year when it comes to public image? Do you have a public image chair? How often are you posting to Facebook or sharing with the public what your club is doing?

If you could use a hand, please contact Public Image Chair Lizzy for some one-on-one consulting to address your club's specific needs. She is available to do a club presentation to show your members what resources are available on the district web site, but it is generally more productive to have a smaller meeting with the members of your club that are working on public image efforts. Contact Lizzy at [ebrown@advancedmediany.com](mailto:ebrown@advancedmediany.com)

## BOOKS FOR THE WORLD FINDS TREASURE TROVE



Photo: Two of the four formerly orphaned pallets that the Baldwinsville Rotary Club recently packed for their CNY Books For The World project.

The Ray Middle School was the staging point for the district's most recent donation of excess books— many high-value math and science textbooks.

Four donor clubs sponsored this effort with each funding the cost to ship a pallet: Baldwinsville, Skaneateles Sunrise, Moravia and Auburn.

Zone Rep Paul Barrus coordinated the packing project with Jenny Doane, Donald Distasio, Shelley Hoffman and other B-ville Rotarians.

There are many more books to be packed & shipped. Is your club looking for a project?

Visit the Books For The World website for all you need to know about this great, year-round international literacy project: [cnybooksfortheworld.org](http://cnybooksfortheworld.org)

## NEW MEMBERSHIP COACHES AVAILABLE

District 7150 now has a complete District Membership Committee! The committee, chaired by PDG Deb Glisson includes a Membership Coach for each of area in the district.

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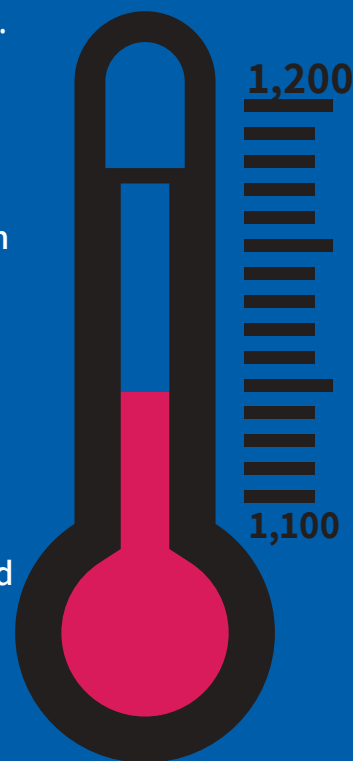
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**CURRENTLY  
AT 1,132  
MEMBERS**

The Membership Coaches will be visiting their designated clubs to share membership updates and strategies. They will also be available to assist the clubs with one-on-one work with club presidents and membership chairs - just reach out to request a meeting!

If you have any questions regarding the work of this committee or need any assistance with connecting with your Membership Coach, please do not hesitate to email PDG Deb Glisson at [deborah7150@gmail.com](mailto:deborah7150@gmail.com).

[Click here](#) for additional membership resources



# DISTRICT GRANTS MANAGEMENT SEMINAR



SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 2019 | 9-11am

East Syracuse Fire Station

FREE TO ATTEND

Not only is this a free, educational event, it is also required that at least TWO members of your club attend the seminar in order for your club to be eligible to apply for a District Grant or Global Grant 2019-2020.

These funds are available to us because Rotarians in our District 7150 contribute to the Rotary International Foundation Annual SHARE Funds.

**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER ONLINE**

**CAPTURE THE MOMENT IN HAMBURG**



**REGISTER TODAY**

Rotary  

# DISTRICT CELEBRATION

Join us for a new, shorter District Conference that will be one giant celebration! Featuring:

- Scenic location & amazing views from the hotel
- Delicious meals all weekend
- Double, Triple & Quadruple room discounts
- A murder mystery night
- Guests speakers you have never heard before
- Prizes, awards & recognition for inspiration
- And a focus on the amazing work our clubs are doing throughout the district

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

**Registration Instructions:**

1. Register you and your guest at [www.rotary7150.org](http://www.rotary7150.org)
2. In your confirmation email, click the link to download a form to book your room & board - be sure to include your registration confirmation number! You will then mail or fax directly to the hotel.

**Cost for a couple to attend: \$712**

Includes registration, two-night hotel stay, five meals for each and a weekend of entertainment, education and celebration!

**REGISTRATION SALE ON NOW!**

**REGISTER BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR FOR JUST \$30/PERSON**

Click here for hotel details & to register today!

# WORLD POLIO DAY IN DISTRICT 7150

Clubs took on DG Marv's challenge to do more on World Polio Day, October 24th, to bring attention to the importance of eradication and Rotary's role in getting us there!

## FIRST EVER WORLD POLIO DAY SYRACUSE

The afternoon of October 24, 2018 in downtown Syracuse was the first time District 7150 has done a World Polio Day event, and it was a great one! Thanks to the work of Rotarian Blessed Sikhosana, the City of Syracuse supported our event, providing the space and an official proclamation from Mayor Ben Walsh. Baldwinsville Rotary provided the refreshments and several clubs participated and attended. The event started with the personal stories of two polio survivors who are currently here studying at Syracuse University. Then many questions were answered with a panel discussion, attendees could get their pinkies painted purple, and then the mayor made the proclamation and we raised the Rotary International flag at Syracuse's City Hall. [Click here](#) for a video of the grand finale.

**GREAT WORK  
ROTARIANS!**



## POLIO STOPPERS TOP OUT AT \$23,000

The Polio Stopper project has now raised \$23,000 for the eradication of Polio. Past RI President John Germ (2016-17) contacted PDG Ward to order 30 PolioStoppers for which he is making a \$3,000 contribution to PolioPlus.

Upon receiving his order, he called and ordered \$4,000 more! The Polio Stoppers are a mix of the 2016-17 Theme pin, the 4-Way Test and End Polio Now inserts, which will be completed and shipped by month end. His project was featured in Rotary Voices - [click here](#) to read about it!



## POLIO TRIVIA ANSWERS

Here are the answers to last month's End Polio Now trivia questions:

1. Rotary committed to the eradication of polio in 1988, even though some polio vaccine projects were started almost a decade earlier.
2. The three countries still considered polio endemic are Afghanistan, Pakistan and Nigeria.
3. It is true that children need to be immunized multiple times to be truly protected against polio.
4. In order for a country to be declared polio-free, they have to have no new cases of wild polio virus in three years.
5. In 2017, 430 million children were immunized against polio (a correct guess could be between 405 and 455 million!)





# More World Polio Day club projects and photos from around the district!





Oneida Rotary had a great write-up in the Oneida Dispatch with the latest news on our fight against polio.



Sherrill Rotarians painted their pinkies purple, the same way they dye the pinkies of children who have been immunized.



Utica Rotarian Linda Iannone arranged to have our polio message on the marquee at The Stanley Theater


North Utica-Whitestown Rotary raised over \$1,000 with Pin Down Polio bowling fundraiser. [Click here](#) to see the video that was featured on the local news! When matched with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation dollars, they really made a big impact and reached a lot people!

## HAMILTON ELEMENTARY PENNIES FOR POLIO CHALLENGE

As World Polio Day was approaching the 16 classes at Hamilton Central Elementary School took on a huge task by participating in a "Pennies for Polio" contest. Mrs. Barbara Albrecht, Hamilton Rotary past president, delivered collection jars for the classrooms to decorate and set up for the collections. The HCS elementary teachers were instrumental in explaining to the students what polio is, the effect on people and how we can help the children of the world. The K-5 classes banded together to take on the challenge to see which class will collect the most pennies during the month long event. Mrs. Albrecht visited the school again on October 9 to meet with some of the students to discuss what they have learned about the disease and the importance of their commitment in raising funds in helping many children worldwide. The kids collectively raised over \$450.00 for this worthy cause. Mr. Poznar's fifth grade class (pictured here) had collected the most pennies during the month long event and was treated to an ice cream social held at the Colgate Inn on October 25 for their dedication and hard work.



Oswego Mayor Billy Barlow recognized the efforts of the Oswego Rotary Club and the Oswego High School Interact Club, which have raised \$1,800.00 in the effort to eradicate polio worldwide. Barlow proclaimed October 24 as World Polio Day in the City of Oswego, supporting the fight for a polio free world.





Skaneateles Rotary held a dinner with members to celebrate World Polio Day and took the opportunity to honor member Ward for his great Polio Stopper project!

MVRC celebrated World Polio Day with special guests Chairman of the Herkimer County Legislature, Bernard Peplinski & his wife Carol. Legislator Peplinski presented the club with a signed proclamation that it was World Polio Day in Herkimer County.



The Rotary Club of DeWitt  
**37th ANNUAL  
KINDLING SALE**

All Proceeds Benefit Monarch Industries  
(A Division of Arc of Onondaga)



**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17th**  
**\* Dick's Sporting Goods Plaza \***  
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**9:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

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***We will deliver 10 or more bundles!***

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NBT BANK

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LIBRARY

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FRANKFORT VILLAGE  
OFFICE

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SORRENTO'S PIZZERIA

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HOUSE

MOHAWK MEAT MARKET

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BERKSHIRE BANK

MELROSE SUPERMARKET



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AND THE SALVATION ARMY FOOD BANKS  
SERVING FRANKFORT, HERKIMER,  
ILION AND MOHAWK**



New Hartford

**Holiday Auction**

**Friday, November 30, 2018**

Viewing at 5:30pm | Auction at 7pm

Dinner, entertainment & auction at  
Yahnundasis Golf Course

**Tickets \$30/person**

To get tickets, contact Jim High  
(315) 765-6778 | carylhi@aol.com



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Area 2 & 3 Holiday Party**

**Wednesday, December 9, 2018**

**6-9pm | Aqua Vino**

**More info to come!**



**PASSPORT OPPORTUNITY!**

**Come visit B'ville for a fun meeting program  
where you will get to taste hard ciders from  
local Four Grand Ciders at Abbott's Farms!**

**TWO OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS PROGRAM**

**Tuesday, Nov 27 at 7pm OR**

**Wednesday, Nov 28 at noon**

**Red Mill Inn, 4 Syracuse Street, B'ville**


*Hope to see you there!*

[www.BaldwinsvilleRotary.org](http://www.BaldwinsvilleRotary.org)



## BALDWINSVILLE KICKS OFF NEW YEAR OF STUDENT AWARDS

Each month during the school year, Baldwinsville Rotary recognizes one or two local students with their Students of the Month award. Guidance counselors at Baker High School and Durgee Junior High choose students who exemplify the ideals of Rotary - selflessness, being helpful to others and being diligent in their studies. Over the years the club has met impressive and fun young men and women who are going to be great leaders some day! October's Student of the Month was Damian Maw-Coe. He is into robotics, having participated in an international robotics competition, and plays basketball with his CYO group. His mom and aunt came out to support him and were very proud he was chosen for the award.



## SAUQUOIT ROTARY WELCOMES FOUR NEW MEMBERS

During the official visit from District Governor Marv, Sauquoit Rotary grew by four. Welcome to their new members Sherri Bauer, the mother of a former youth exchange student to Germany who is now the Chair of Youth Exchange (Dave Bauer), Jan Wilson, the wife of our next DG Randy Wilson, Natalie O'Halloran, a former youth exchange student and current country contact for Thailand, and Mona Lisa Drissi, the mother of two former youth exchange students to Germany and India. It got so crowded at the meeting that they could barely all get in the photo!



## NEW HARTFORD HELPS WITH VETERAN HOUSING

The Rotary Club of New Hartford, NY is taking on a project this fall to furnish a studio apartment being constructed at the Veterans Outreach Center in Utica, NY. These apartments will be used to house homeless veterans and their families to assist in giving them a better quality of life and help with their road to recovery. Shown in the photo are President Rev. Dr. Mary Webster and Bobbi Urbanke (wife of Original Charter Member Don Urbanke) selling passes for Boscov's "Friends Helping Friends" event, held on 10/16/18. Between this event and the summer concession stands for the New Hartford Citizens Band concerts, over \$1,500.00 has been raised to purchase furnishings for the apartment. Another way in which New Hartford Rotarians are striving to "Be The Inspiration..."



## DEWITT & BOEHEIM RAISE MONEY



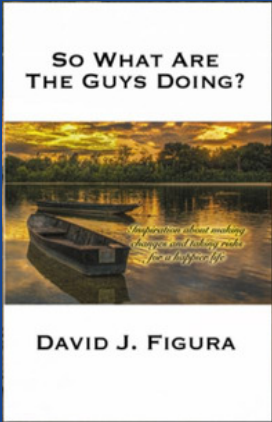
Photo- Left to right- DeWitt Rotary president Linda Ervin and SU Coach Jim Boeheim

Recently DeWitt Rotary held its annual Jim Boeheim luncheon with over 120 people in attendance. The guests enjoyed listening to coach Boeheim as he talked about basketball, the SU team, and his experiences. Two signed basketballs and 4 tickets to an SU basketball game were auctioned off to benefit the Jim & Juli Boeheim Foundation. Also, DeWitt Rotary gave the foundation a \$1000 donation.



## PROGRAM IDEA: LOCAL AUTHOR

CNY author David Figura gets the importance of friends and community involvement that are crucial elements in the relevance and success of such groups as Rotary. In his book, “So What Are the Guys Doing?” Figura talks about what men in mid-life and early retirement are doing –and not doing – and how it impacts their overall happiness and relationships. Among other things, Figura stresses that “Good friends make for a good life,” and how woman are more likely to embrace and act upon that premise – and men lately are not. Looking for a guest speaker at your next meeting? Figura, who is the outdoors writer for NYup.com and The Post-Standard, has spoken to more than two dozen Rotary and other service clubs. He can be contacted at [davidjfigura@NYup.com](mailto:davidjfigura@NYup.com) or by calling 315-470-6066. For more on this book, see [www.davidjfigura.com](http://www.davidjfigura.com)



## MOHAWK VALLEY HEARS FROM ZOO

Mohawk Valley Rotary welcomed longtime Rotarian Andria Heath as their guest speaker last month. Heath is the Executive Director at the Utica Zoo and recently announced that the zoo achieved accreditation from The Association of Zoos and Aquariums after a yearlong application, rigorous inspection and months of hard work.

Pictured: Back row: Irving Mason, Jerry Gortner , Front Row: Michele Hummel, Bonny Brownrigg, Elyse Enea Bellows, Andria Heath



## NEW HARTFORD'S NEW PAUL HARRIS

Don't ever say that President Rev. Dr. Mary Webster can't keep a secret as she and PDG Jim High surprised the club by awarding a Paul Harris Fellow to Gary Wileczka for his outstanding job as our club treasurer. Needless to say, Gary was probably the most surprised and thanked the club for this great honor. Since the beginning of October, the Rotary Club of New Hartford, NY has awarded three Paul Harris Fellowships with Governor Marv awarding fellowships to members Guy Van Baalen and Ed Gallacher at his visitation meeting with the club on 10/3/18. Pictured from left to right are Gary, Guy and Ed.



## MOHAWK VALLEY ROADSIDE CLEANUP

Mohawk Valley Rotary Club members and Exchange Student Mateo spent a day in October cleaning up Rt. 28 in Herkimer.



## UTICA'S PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP WINNERS



The Rotary Club of Utica announced three worthy recipients of its 2018 Pride of Workmanship Award  
Laura Inman, Registered nurse, Oncology certified charge nurse, Mohawk Valley Health Services. Length of service: 26 years  
Leta Laukaitis, Executive Assistant, Central Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired, (CABVI). Length of service: Five years.  
Daniel Sehn, Website Specialist, The Arc Oneida-Lewis Chapter. Length of service: Five years.

## AUBURN PROVIDES WARMTH THIS WINTER



More than 1,200 kids received new winter coats, hats and gloves during this year's Warm Thr Children program of Cayuga County. This program is a partnership between Tbe Citizen, Cayuga Seneca Community Action Agency and Auburn Rotary Club. And from this year's Jim Balloni Memorial Pancake breakfast The club donated \$5,000 to Warm The Children.

## SOUTHERN CAYUGA ROTARY'S COMMUNITY GARDEN PROJECT

This past spring Southern Cayuga students planted raised beds with thoughtfully selected produce that would be the most useful to clients in the King Ferry Food Pantry throughout the summer months. This student led initiative was an exciting opportunity to utilize project based learning while helping families in our community, but lacked student and teacher availability to care for plants over the summer. A call out to the community produced many people willing to help water and weed 14 raised beds, including people from our club. In our small, rural community partnerships between organizations is key to a program's success.



Photo: Rutger Mazel, Governor-elect of Rotary District 1580 Noord-Holland, joined in on the club's project. Rutger met SCRC President Kia as Rotary Youth Exchange students in District 950 Adelaide, Australia thirty years ago.


## DISTRICT SUPPORT AT TOUR DE CURE

**SUBMITTED BY CLARK SPEICHER**

The American Diabetes Association CNY Tour de Cure event was held on Sunday, July 29th, 2018 at Oneida Shores Park in Brewerton. The event is the ADA's main fundraising event. Diabetes effects over 30 million people and 84 million aged 20 and over have pre-diabetes! Diabetes is the leading cause kidney failure, non-traumatic lower limb amputations, and new cases of blindness in adults. It is also a major cause of heart disease and strokes and the SEVENTH leading cause of death in the U.S.. A new case of Diabetes is diagnosed every 23 seconds. Tour de Cure events are held throughout the year at over 80 locations nationwide. Participants can ride or walk to raise money in the Fight Against Diabetes. The CNY Tour de Cure event had four different bicycle routes or participants could choose the 5K run/walk. The event started and ended at Oneida Shores Park and along the routes participants were supported by volunteers who set up rest stops with snacks and beverages. There were over 420 participants supported by 100 plus volunteers, resulting in \$169,995 raised!

I've been involved with the CNY Tour de Cure as both a rider and volunteer for many years and each year I see more and more District 7150 Rotary Clubs and Rotarians sign-on to volunteer, sponsor rest stops or ride to raise money. This year was the best ever! Rotarians from Oneida, Sherrill, Fayetteville-Dewitt, Canastota, Chittenango, and Marcellus were out in force. Four Clubs, Oneida, Fayetteville-Dewitt, Canastota, and Chittenango sponsored rest stops! That's a 100% increase from last year. And all four clubs plan to volunteer to support a rest stop in 2019!! As a token of appreciation to District 7150 for the outstanding support to the 2018 CNY Tour de Cure the American Diabetes Association presented a plaque to the District at the recent 2018 Tour de Cure Celebration event. Sherrill Rotarian, Clark Speicher, accepted the plaque on behalf of DG Marv Joslyn. Looking for a great cause and fun event to support n ext year? I highly recommend the CNY Tour de Cure on Sunday, July 21, 2019 at Oneida Shores Park in Brewerton.

Photo: left to right, Bob Russell, Nicole Hartner, Clark Speicher and Nicole Decelle.



## ROTARIAN BLESSED SIKHOSANA TRANSFERS

AG, Blessed Sikhosana-Bird recently transferred her membership from Syracuse Sunrise to Onondaga North Rotary Club where she intends to continue her love for Rotary. "I will certainly look back fondly on the experiences that I received serving in different capacities such as chair of the Zimbabwe Water project, president elect, as a board member and recently as club president for the Rotary year 2017-2018. That said, I am looking forward to continued service in my new home club and yet another Rotary family, the Onondaga North Rotary Club..."

