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Dear Fellow Rotarians of District 7150,
November is our month for **Giving Thanks**. Join with me in **Giving Thanks** for all the wonderful events that various Clubs held for the week of October 19 through October 26; we really did have a "World Polio Week" celebration (in addition to World Polio Day on October 24) that brought better awareness to many Rotarians and non-Rotarians about our commitment to the Polio Eradication Initiative. Pints for Polio, Pins for Polio, Pumpkins for Polio, Bands and Raffles for Polio, (and more) with all the money raised being matched 2-for-1 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation!

Join with me in **Giving Thanks** to all the Clubs who helped recognize, publicize, and Honor Veterans with Food Drives, Flags of Honor, Veteran's Dinners, Mall Displays, etc., on Veterans Day and the days leading up to November 11.

And, all of us should be **Giving Thanks** this month, as Rotarians around the world celebrate the great work of The Rotary Foundation. Foundation Month is a great time to highlight projects that your club is doing with The Rotary Foundation, or, to educate members on how the Foundation works. Rotary International offers many resources to help celebrate and showcase the different ways you and your clubs are doing good in the world this November. Here are two suggestions offered directly from your Foundation.

SHOW A VIDEO:

Dedicate a few minutes at each club meeting to educating members about The Rotary Foundation. One easy way to do this is to play an Area of Focus video at the beginning of your club meeting or a thank you video showing our impact around the world last year.

SHOW OUR IMPACT:

Last year, we funded over 1,300 global grants and raised over \$395 million to do good in the world. Your club also did amazing things last year. Consider customizing the NEW Every Rotarian, Every Year (EREY) PowerPoint presentation with stories from your club's projects and Foundation giving.

As always, Jan and I are **Giving Thanks** to each of you for all that you do for Rotary and for your support of our Rotary Foundation. Have a safe and restful Thanksgiving Holiday celebration with your family and friends.

Rotary Connects The World!
William R. "Randy" Wilson
District 7150 Governor 2019-2020



Rotary's Vision Statement
TOGETHER, we see a world where
PEOPLE unite and take action to
CREATE lasting
CHANGE - across the globe, in our
communities, and in ourselves."

MEET YOUR MEMBERSHIP COACHES

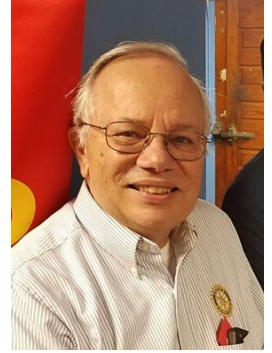
Did you know that your club has access to coaching for membership growth? Not only from our District Membership Chair Janet Joslyn, but also your area member coach. Here is a name AND FACE for each one. Reach out for help accessing resources, reports and to strategize on how to create a vibrant club!

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NEW GENERATIONS OPENINGS – GET INVOLVED

The New Generations Committee is looking for volunteers! As you may recall, New Generations is a vocational exchange program for people between the ages of 18 and 30. Typically, exchange applicants are looking to job shadow a local company for several weeks here in the USA.

The Committee is looking to grow, AND the committee is also looking for members who have contacts at local companies who might be willing to host these young people.

If you are interested, please contact Tom Taylor at tomtaylor@twcnny.rr.com.

MANY THANKS FROM PDG ED

Dear Rotarians, family and friends,

Barb and I want to thank all of you for the continued thoughts and prayers as we journey together filled with blessings extended from all of you. I was diagnosed in the spring with pancreatic neuroendocrine tumors, which are slow growing, thank God, and monthly treatments seem to be working. I am weak most of the time, limiting my outside life and Rotary activities. Thank you one and all for the card signed by so many, at the conference and for all the outpouring of love, kindness and prayers extended to us. We expect to be around a long time, with somewhat limited visibility. We love Rotary and pray each day for all of you and your families.

Love...PDG Ed & Barb

YOUTH EXCHANGE STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

This month's Student Spotlight is Cadi Klepeis. Cadi is our Outbound student to Allaman, Switzerland. She is being hosted by the Rotary Club of Aubonne and is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Hamilton.

This month marks several of our student's three-month anniversaries abroad, and Cadi has put these first few months to good use! She has taken it upon herself to take all the official languages of Switzerland in school (plus Spanish) to fully immerse herself in being Swiss. Additionally, she has taken an optional theatre class and helped expand their program. The theatre program will be writing and staging in their own plays centered on the theme "the first time."

In addition to her academic achievements, she has also been helping volunteer with Rotary. Not only does she attend her Rotary club meetings monthly but has also been an active advocate for Switzerland's youth exchange program.

In the beginning of November, she attended a national Rotary conference where she spoke on her experience thus far as an exchange student in Switzerland and what exchange has meant to her. She says, "I had the opportunity to meet a lot of lovely and interesting people while sharing my experiences in their beautiful country."

It's also at this three-month mark that she has accomplished every exchange student's "dream" ... literally! She's begun dreaming in French! She says, "I've been dreaming in French for about a month, and I feel like I've made great progress with the language."

We're so proud of Cadi and the great strides she has made in her journey abroad. She has kept an amazing blog documenting her incredible adventures. [Click here to see her blog.](#)



**District 7150
Youth Exchange**

IS YOUR CLUB FAMILY FRIENDLY?

One of the priorities of RI President Mark Maloney is to make Rotary more accessible to families. Think of all the opportunities you have in Rotary and how beneficial those could be a member's child – opportunities to learn skills while working on a project, practice public speaking, dining etiquette and so much more.

[Click here](#) to read a Rotary Voice blog about how Rotary has impacted a California family.

[Click here](#) to join the Rotary Family Facebook Group where you can share your family story and read about others!

ROTARY FOUNDATION GETS FOUR STARS FOR 12TH YEAR

Charity Navigator, a site that many people use to determine the effectiveness and efficiency of many popular charities, has once again given the Rotary International Foundation (RIF) a PERFECT rating (four stars). That marks the 12th year in a row that we've maintained such a high ranking, based on how our money is managed, administration fees are low and that we are transparent about it all. [Click here](#) to read more about this honor and why anyone should feel good about giving to the RIF!

WILL YOU CHOOSE ROTARY ON #GIVINGTUESDAY THIS YEAR?

As part of the kick-off to the holiday season we've given each day a different purpose. Black Friday is when you get all the retail deals, Small Business Saturday is when you shop local, Cyber Monday is when all the deals get hot online and Giving Tuesday (this year it's December 3rd) is when you make donations to charities that are close to your heart. Will you choose Rotary this year? Will you encourage those around you to support a cause you believe in? Could this be the day that you set up your Rotary Direct automated donations so you never forget to give each year again? If you need inspiration, watch the Areas of Focus video DG Randy referenced in his note on page 1 of this newsletter ([click on it to watch all six videos](#)). Then visit www.rotary.org/donate to figure out the easiest way for you to give!

MEET ROTARY 7150'S NEWEST ...PUPPY?

Yes, puppy! This year the Skaneateles Rotary club put together a multi-club grant with the Skaneateles Sunrise, Chittenango, Cazenovia, Fulton Noon, Baldwinsville and Dewitt Clubs. All together, with a District match, the grant totals \$11,000 and will benefit the Clear Path for Veterans puppy development program. This program raises and trains service dogs which are then provided to qualified veterans at no cost to enhance their lives. Clear Path is naming this new puppy "Rotary" in honor of our grant. His nickname is "Roty." He is a little boy Labrador retriever pup.

Pictured are Mary Giroux presenting the check to ClearPath, "Rotary" the 5 weeks old puppy and 30+ D7150 Rotarians who were present from the contributing Rotary clubs.

To learn more about Clear Path for veterans, visit their website at www.clearpath4vets.com.



DISTRICT CONFERENCE WRAP UP

What a beautiful weekend in Oswego, New York for this year's one-day District Conference. The venue was beautiful, the city historic and the speakers some of the best we've ever had. Break out sessions covered topics like Interact, the environment and diversity in Rotary. We had a wonderful surprise visit from Past Rotary International Vice President Jennifer Jones, who shared touching stories of her Rotary travels. Our keynote speaker, Oswego Rotarian and diversity guru Dr. Rodmon King, really hit home a message of diversity, equity and inclusion. It's just about being accepting of diversity, but creating a club that is accessible to all and inclusive to all. Rotarians had fun socializing, exploring the House of Friendship, visiting local landmarks like The Safe Haven Holocaust Refugee Shelter Museum, carving pumpkins, singing karaoke and dressing up for a Halloween themed dinner event. Here are a few photos, but click here to check out the full carousel of images on our district web site homepage.



**HONOLULU
HAWAII 2020**

BOOK NOW

Join tens of thousands of Rotarians on a beautiful island June 6-10, 2020. Register & book your hotel now before they are sold out!



Rotary



Holiday Party

SAVE THE DATE:

**Join Area 2 & 3 clubs on
Tuesday, Dec 17th**

From 6-9 pm
at Aqua Vino

CHITTENANGO ROTARY LUNCH AT CLEARPATH FOR VETERANS

All District 7150 Rotarians are invited to
this annual Christmas Lunch

Thursday, December 19th at 12pm

ClearPath for Veterans, 1223 Salt Springs Rd, Chittenango

Includes music from the Chittenango High School Select Choir

RSVP BY DEC 5TH

to Mary at chittenangorotary@gmail.com

seating is limited!

AREA 5 CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, December 14

Kristen's at Battle Island, Rt 48 Fulton

RSVP to Don Todd

dtodd@nycourts.gov

OSWEGO ROTARY'S NEW WELCOME SIGN

The Oswego Rotary Club completed a Rotary District 7150 grant project that was unveiled during District Conference. Along with the Oswego Sunrise Club's construction of a gazebo, the club purchased two trees from Ontario Orchards, had them planted and created a flower base surrounding the trees. With the help of John Henry, owner of Mitchell Printing, a sign was placed welcoming visitors to Oswego just in time for the District Conference. Pictured are: John Henry, Bob Pompo and Dave Granoff



B'VILLE HONORS ANN SMILEY

For decades of work in parks & rec and decades of putting Service Above Self, the Baldwinsville Rotary Club honored member Ann Smiley with a special Adirondack chair featuring a plaque in her honor. You can sit in this chair at Lysander Town Park!



INTERACT HELPS FEED VETS

The West Genesee Middle School Interact Club, sponsored by Camillus-Solvay-Geddes Rotary, conducted a successful "Feed the Vets" food drive which will be distributed to a Veterans food pantry.



MVRC NEWS

Mohawk Valley Rotary Club is getting excited to host their annual food drive from November 1st – December 10th. Our food drive collection is donated to The Salvation Army of Herkimer & Catholic Charities of Herkimer Counties food pantries! The club also enjoyed a recent visit from District Membership Chair Janet Joslyn to talk about growing membership in our district.



MOHAWK VALLEY SEEKING DONATIONS FOR THANKSGIVING DINNER

The Mohawk Valley Rotary will be volunteering on November 20, 2019 at the first ever "Feed the Needy for Thanksgiving" at the Ilion –Frankfort VFW. This special Thanksgiving meal is offered to the homeless, disabled vets, shut-ins, elderly or for anyone who can not afford a Thanksgiving meal.

This event is chaired by Board member, Lisa Gollegly and they are looking for volunteers to help serve and clean up. They are also looking for monetary donations to help feed around 450 people. If you are interested in donating, please email Lisa at lisa@mohawkhomestead.com. Any dollar amount would be appreciated.

FULTON SUNRISE PLAYS IN LITERACY FUNDRAISER

Participating in the recent annual Compass Federal Credit Union Scrabble Fun night at the Oswego Elks Lodge was this team from Fulton Sunrise Rotary, from left, Linda Eagan, Patrick Waite, Jason Santiago and Abby Wiertzema. Proceeds from this evening of community engagement and fun went to support Literacy Volunteers, The Reading League and the Trinity Catholic School library.



AUBURN ROTARY NEWS

There's always things happening with the Auburn Rotary Club. More than 1,500 applications were received for this year's Warm The Children winter clothing giveaway, which happened on Thursday and Friday October 24th & 25th in Auburn. This number represents a record number of kids, from birth to age 14, needing help this year. Warm The Children is a partnership with the Auburn Rotary Club, CAP Cayuga–Seneca and The Citizen. (photo on left)

On World Polio Day, October 24th, President Michelle Barber received a proclamation from the City of Auburn and Mayor Michael Quill to signify Rotary's good work to eradicate polio. (photo on right)



CHITTENANGO PACKS DIAPERS

Chittenango Rotary Club volunteered at CNY Diaper Bank in Liverpool, wrapping 6500 diapers in packs of 25 in an hour. Their vision is to have a community where every family has access to an adequate supply of diapers. To find out how you can help, check out cnydiaperbank.org on the web or their Facebook page. Thanks to Barbara, Dana, Dave, Debi, Jim, Marci, Marilyn, Mary, Maggie, Russ and Sherry. Great team work!

B'VILLE CELEBRATES 47TH BIRTHDAY ON THEME

Baldwinsville Rotary was born on Halloween in 1972, so this year's Charter Night event was on theme with Halloween costumes encouraged for attendees. 65 Rotarians, their families, friends and some future members of the Liverpool Satellite Club were in attendance. Check out all of B'ville's upcoming parties, happy hours, fundraisers and projects at www.BaldwinsvilleRotary.org. You'll also find fun pics from the Halloween party!

MULTI-CLUB CLEAN UP PROJECT

Fifteen Rotarians from the Utica, North Utica Whitestown and Rome Rotary Clubs joined forces this past Saturday morning to clean up a portion of the Casimir Pulaski Highway, aka "The North–South Arterial." This was the second such arterial clean-up undertaken by the clubs. The first took place last May, and the clubs plan to continue this twice a year project next year. Both clean-ups were organized by Utica Rotarian Stephen Turnbull, who also supplied the crew with coffee and donuts.



WORLD POLIO DAY AROUND DISTRICT 7150

Check out these snapshots of events that took place the week of World Polio Day, creating awareness and raising money for this global effort. Thanks to all the clubs that participated and to Blessed Sikhosana–Bird for her leadership on the district's downtown event.



nearly fifty Rotarians and friends of the Rotary Clubs of Utica and North Utica/Whitestown gathered at Vista Lanes in Yorkville for our Second Annual Pin Down Polio event, and had a lot of fun doing it. The event raised \$1,814 towards Rotary International's fight to eradicate polio worldwide, which was matched 2 to 1 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for a whopping \$5,442!



B'ville Rotary hosted a Pints for Polio event at WT Brews, featuring a food truck, live music and pumpkin painting, raising a grand total of \$4,000 after all the matches!



VVS Community Rotary raised money with a fun pumpkin painting event!



World Polio Day in downtown Syracuse started with a proclamation from Mayor Ben Walsh on the steps of city hall, with the raising of the Rotary Flag. Then attendees went into the atrium to listen to a panel discussion that included a polio survivor and a guest from the Congo, who witnessed polio first hand. It was educational, learning more about vaccines, and entertaining, featuring beautiful singing.



While on the steps of City Hall, Ward Vuillemot was presented an award on behalf of the Blessed Sikhosana Foundation recognizing his Bottle Stopper program that raised over \$23,000 to fight polio. Congrats Ward!

WORLD POLIO DAY IS A SATURDAY NEXT YEAR WHAT WILL YOUR CLUB DO TO RAISE AWARENESS???

HAMILTON ROTARY UPDATE

It has been a very busy fall for the Hamilton Rotary Club – here are a few updates:

After a very successful golf tournament this summer, we welcomed Agustina as our Rotary Exchange Student from Argentina. All reports are she is loving life at HCS.

We had some great meeting programs from Bonnie Cossitt of Cossitt Concrete, a family owned local business, David Craine told stories about his recent trip to Ireland and Margaret Miller talked about her trip to Africa with a fun slide show of videos and pictures.

On October 24th we had a celebration at the new Speakeasy bar at the Colgate Inn and raised money for World Polio Day. The Bill and Linda Gates foundation tripled the donation and we raised over a thousand dollars for one of the founding causes of Rotary International. The next day Rotary helped sponsor the community discussion at the Hamilton Movie Theater with local college Presidents and Representative Brindisi.

We look forward to our meeting these next months and encourage all to check out our Rotary events. We are always looking for interesting people to host as speakers so please reach out.