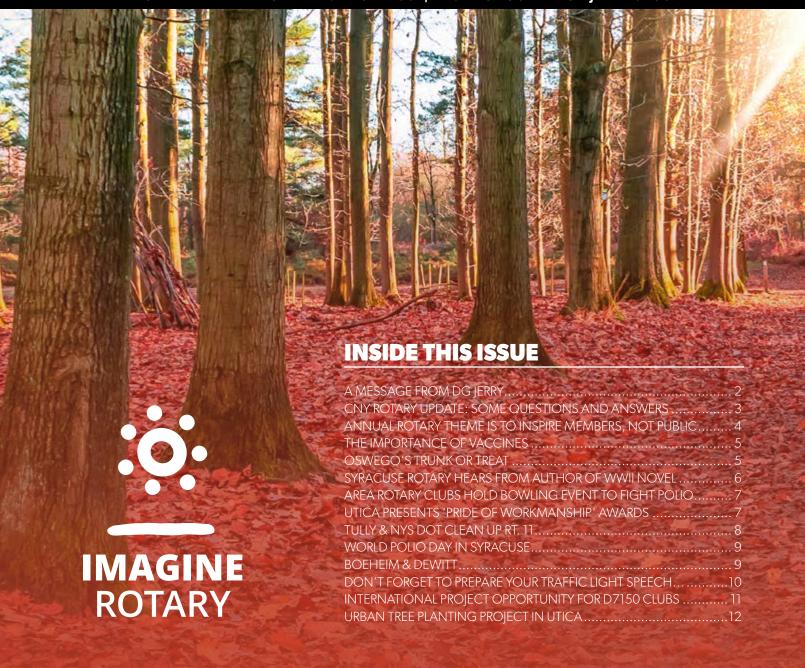


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ROTARY DISTRICT 7150
NOVEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 7150 | DISTRICT GOVERNOR JERRY SEGUIN



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#### A MESSAGE FROM DG JERRY

#### **Consider supporting local Food Pantries**

#### Jerry Seguin | DG | Fulton

Rotarians by nature are very generous and caring individuals. This spirit is reflected in our club activities and projects. It has been a humbling experience traveling around our District and learning how clubs are engaging in their communities. One such way is by assisting food pantries and providing holiday meals directly to families in need.

As we approach the holiday season I would like to share a couple ideas for clubs and Rotarians to help meet needs.

This year has been hard on local food pantries. Resources for both food and money have been scarce while the need is increasing. This holiday season consider assisting your local food pantry by volunteering your time, donating food, or making a monetary

If you are interested in assisting in Rotary's global effort, please read the article "A Christmas gift request for the Maasai people of Oltepeleki" included on page 11 this month's newsletter. This project started when I had the opportunity to be the program for the Rotary Club of Fulton, MO (yes, Missouri). While sharing about District 7150 and my home Club in Fulton, NY, we soon learned of their partnership with Humanity for Children and their work together in Tanzania. This has since developed into a partnership that includes our District.

My hope is that this Rotary year that clubs and individuals would consider supporting the Maasai people in building a much needed classroom.

#### Beds to bed for winter in Oswego

All summer long, Oswego Rotarians have weeded, planted and cleaned up the flower beds along Interstate 481, across from St.



Luke's. Now, it is time to put those beds to bed for the winter. These areas are part of **Project Bloom** and are meant to make for a pleasing entrance to the city of Oswego.



#### **CNY ROTARY UPDATE: SOME QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

#### **CNY Rotary Steering Committee**

This is the time of year when we reflect and give thanks for all we appreciate. The CNY Rotary steering committee would like to thank all of its members and all of the Rotarians who have stepped up to help on transition teams. The work they are doing is key to the future of Rotary in our region and will ensure that CNY Rotary provides top-notch support to all of our clubs. While we have teams for the six main areas of the district off and running, we will continue to build out teams that can help ideate additional committees

that will be needed. We have received some inquiries through our website from people wanting to get involved, and encourage more of you to reach out and see where you might fit in. You do not need to have past district experience to be part of the CNY Rotary planning team. And remember, being on a transition group does not obligate you to serve on the committee when CNY Rotary be- Members of the Administration Transition comes official in July of 2024.

The task of building something new and exciting is a very rewarding way to serve your fellow Rotarians. We also want to share some answers to questions we've received about CNY Rotary. You may have been asking the same questions as well.

#### Q: Will the district make our clubs join together if we are a small club?

A: The decision for two small clubs to become one would solely rest on the leaders of those clubs. CNY Rotary will not tell clubs what to do any more than the current districts do. The role of the district is to offer support and resources. If clubs are considering merg-

ing, they could reach out for help with exploring the idea, working out the logistics, and promoting the new club in their communities.

#### Q: Will the District Governor really be able to visit ALL the clubs once we are CNY Rotary?

A: Visiting every club is a tradition in Rotary, but it is not a rule. Some clubs appreciate one-on-one time with a district leader, others find it inconvenient to fit into their schedules. Some would prefer leadership to help with a project instead. The goal will be to reasonably accommodate clubs, as well as incorporate some special

> events that bring multiple clubs together for a district visit. As with many aspects of creating CNY Rotary, it will be an opportunity for new traditions to be created. Feel free to start imagining those now (as in Imagine Rotary!).

#### Q: How can one person lead a district this size?

A: That would be a tall order! That's why the new structure of CNY Rotary will be led by a board, instead of an individual. Of course we all subscribe to "Service Above Self," but we will also be adopting the classic phrase, "many hands make light work." The committees that lead our district today will be larger under CNY Rotary to ensure

there is plenty of support and access to resources for all clubs. We hope many of you will be stepping up to lend your expertise, grow your Rotary IQ and get involved.

Please continue sending in your questions and raising your hand to volunteer at www.CNYRotary.org. Be sure to connect with CNY Rotary on Facebook too! ◆

#### **KEEP YOUR FELLOW ROTARIANS UP TO DATE WITH YOUR CLUB'S NEWS**

Action Group (from left around the table) Peter

Cardamone, Dee Cardamone, Cheryl Matt,

Tammy Hunter Heckenberg, Rocky Martinez,

JoAnne Martinez, Mark Matt and Cindy Kain

got to know each other before setting out to

work on CNY Rotary's future administration

committee structure.

Email your photos and well-written articles to <a href="mailto:rotary7150@gmail.com">rotary7150@gmail.com</a>

The deadline to submit your news is the 25th of each month.



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### **District Officers District Secretary Co-Treasurer** ..Onondaga North **Co-Treasurer** LaVerne DeLand. . Fulton **Finance** PDG Randy Wilson. Sauquoit **District Conference District Rotary Foundation** Chair, Don Reese ...... **Diversity, Equity & Inclusion** Co-chair, Darnell Hayes ...... DeWitt **Diversity, Equity & Inclusion** Co-chair. Devin White...... Eastwood **Membership** Innovative Clubs . Baldwinsville **Public Image** . Baldwinsville **Parliamentarian** PDG Dennis Schonewetter...WS Community . Eastwood **Veterans Service**

John "Ziggy" Zygmunt ......New Hartford

**Rotary Youth Leadership Awards** 

.....Onondaga North

Youth Exchange &

**New Generations** 

PDG Phyllis Danks .....

## ANNUAL ROTARY THEME IS TO INSPIRE MEMBERS, NOT PUBLIC

Lizzy Martin | Baldwinsville District 7150 DGN, Public Image Chair & Innovative Clubs Chair

Each January the Rotary International President unveils their theme for the upcoming Rotary year. This theme is designed to inspire our 1.4 million members around the world and unite Rotarians in the spirit each president brings to their service. Some are focused on membership, some on giving, some on service. RI President Jennifer Jones is focused on innovation, hence her theme to Imagine Rotary. We need to adapt to stay relevant and that requires creativity on the part of our leaders at every level.





Something to remember though is that this is really an internal message. Our market research shows that most people who do not belong to Rotary don't know what Rotary does, so a new logo and theme each year would only add to their confusion. Be sure that your club's public-facing materials only use our current **Rotary Masterbrand** and Mark of Excellence (aka "the wheel"). Use the theme logo in your internal club communications only, like at your charter celebration for that year or Changing of the Guard event. And always be sure to use the current theme, not clinging to an old theme or skipping ahead after we've learned the next theme. This is a show of respect to the current RI President.

Did you know that there are branding guidelines for the presidential theme? RI President Jennifer Jones' **theme logo** was designed by renowned Indigenous artist Riki Salam, and all of the elements have meaning. <u>Click here</u> to learn more about how to correctly use the logo and follow the branding guidelines to make sure the theme is always used in a way that protects and strengthens Rotary's brand.

Anytime you have questions about Rotary's brand or our annual themes, you can reach out to D7150 Public Image Chair Lizzy Martin at <a href="mailto:rotarylizzy@gmail.com">rotarylizzy@gmail.com</a>.

#### THE IMPORTANCE OF VACCINES

**Devin White | D7150 DEI committee** 

Shingles, measles, tetanus, polio, COVID-19, chickenpox... What do all of these have in common? These diseases all have effective vaccines that can reduce underlying symptoms or eliminate the possibly of vaccinated persons to contract the disease.

In honor of World Polio Day last month, it's important that we highlight the need for continued vaccination efforts across the globe. As Rotarians, whether that's the polio vaccine, COVID-19 vaccine, or others, we have the ability and responsibility to remove these preventable diseases from the human condition.

What does this mean for DEI? Racial and ethnic minority groups have been disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Vaccination is effective in preventing COVID-19 infection and severe illness, and equitable vaccine administration can reduce COVID-19-related disparities and other diseases that can be prevented thru vaccination. When is comes to polio, children are mostly heavily affected causing paralysis and even death.

Strong leadership, engagement, and commitment to detailed and cost-effective vaccination plans will be essential. Momentum to vaccinate high-priority groups, like healthcare workers, people over 60, and people who are immunocompromised must be maintained. Across many vaccinable diseases, low and lower-middle income countries are facing challenges in improving their vaccination rates.



this short story from a fellow Rotarian, Stephanie Graff, as she tells her story of why vaccines matter to her and why our work is ever so crucial in this

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space. We invite you to continue to consider how what you do in the world has a positive impact on the others we share the world with!

A new parent's story:
Why vaccines matter | Rotary Voices

#### **OSWEGO'S TRUNK OR TREAT**

Carrie Penoyer | Oswego

The weather couldn't have been nicer for the third annual Trunk or Treat held October 29 at Oswego Speedway. The Oswego Rotary Club once again teamed up with their high school Interact Club and created a carnival, complete with popcorn, candy, and of course balloon animals. Self-taught balloon artist, junior Gracie Rendel, gave quick tutorials on how to make dogs, flowers and monkeys. The clubs gave away over 100 bags of popcorn, 600 plus balloon animals and 1000s of pieces of candy! It was an amazing day, had by all.











#### SYRACUSE ROTARY HEARS FROM AUTHOR OF WWII NOVEL

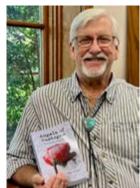
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A Remembrance of World War II

Glenn H. Ivers

Glenn Ivers | "Angels of Bastogne" author



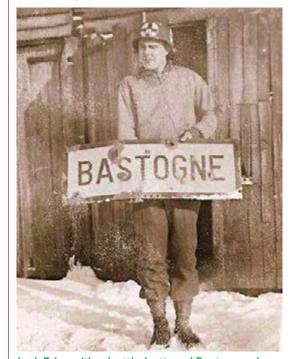
Author, Glenn Ivers.

At a recent in-person/Zoom hybrid club meeting, members and guests of Syracuse Rotary heard Glenn Ivers describe his new book: **Angels of Bastogne:** A Remembrance of World War II (angelsofbastogne.com). He began with this:

"Christmas Eve, 1944. Bastogne, Belgium. Captain Jack Prior MD (of Manlius) was assisted by two heroic, volunteer Bel-

gian nurses in his aid station while they struggled to save the lives of countless wounded men. A soldier with a mortal wound wanted to write a letter to his sweetheart to let her know he would be home for Christmas. With Bastogne surrounded, no wounded could be evacuated. No one would be home for Christmas. Though lack knew that the soldier was unlikely to survive the night, he went next door to get paper and pen to help him write a letter home.

While lack was in the office next door,



Jack Prior with a battle-battered Bastogne sign.

his aid station was bombed. Fifty years later, Jack Prior returned to Bastogne to hang a plague on the building that stands where his aid station once stood, remembering those who died in the bombing."

Angels of Bastogne is based upon this true story. It is available in paperback or e-book from Amazon.

lvers invited members present to share their memories of World War II, and as luck would have it, two veterans of that conflict were present: Ramon ("Ray") Leach (Navy) and Harold ("Harry") Schumm (Army Air Corp). They spoke of their service in the South Pacific in 1945. The room went silent when Dan Morrow recalled the day when his father finally told him and his

> brother about his experience liberating a concentration camp.

Since publishing the book in the Spring of this year, Ivers has spoken to a half-dozen groups and found people of many generations eager to share memories of their parents' or grandparents' service. He would be more than happy to present at other Rotary gatherings in the area.

Be ready to sing songs from 1944, which Ivers incorporated into the text of his book, adding to the group discussions, including: "Don't sit under the apple tree with anyone else but me..." •



(L to R) Syracuse club president Dr. Dayaprasad Kulkarni with members Ray Leach and Harry Schumm, and author Glenn Ivers.



#### **AREA ROTARY CLUBS HOLD BOWLING EVENT TO FIGHT POLIO**

Jerry Kraus | Utica

Area Rotary clubs gathered on Wednesday, October 26, in conjunction with World Polio Day, at Vista Lanes in Yorkville to help raise money to fight polio. Led by Stephen Turnbull (Rotary Club of Utica) and Steve Karboski (North Utica- Whitestown Rotary), over 65 bowlers and guests were involved in the fourth annual 'Pin Down Polio' event and they helped to raise \$8,286. (Thanks also to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, who matches \$2 for every \$1 raised.) Over the years, Pin Down Polio has raised over \$20,000 to help eradicate polio. Local Rotary club members from Utica, North Utica/ Whitestown, New Hartford and Sauguoit were also involved in this event.

Photo: Check presentation of the funds raised by everyone involved in the 2022 Pin Down Polio fundraiser at Vista Lanes in Yorkville.

#### **UTICA PRESENTS 'PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP' AWARDS**

Jerry Kraus | Utica

The Rotary Club of Utica, honored four local workers recently at their 31st annual Pride of Workmanship Awards Program, presented during a Rotary Club luncheon on October 20 at the Ft. Schuyler Club in Utica.

The 2022 recipients of the Pride of Workmanship Awards were:

- Jennifer Camello Resource Center for Independent Living
- Joseph Sageer Mohawk Valley Health Services
- Diana Stefanovich Mohawk Valley Community College
- Todd Stokes 50 Forward Mohawk Valley

The awards program comes after a request for nominations from area businesses. The Rotary Club of Utica reviewed all the candidates through a special commit-

tee to determine the top area employees deserving of this year's 'Pride of Workmanship' recognition.

Rotary Club of Utica President Tina Pavlot said "The Rotary Club of Utica looks forward to the Pride of Workmanship awards annually. We are inspired by these area employees who are nominated by their managers or co-workers. They are recognized and honored for going above and beyond their normal work duties to make an impact at work and in our community."



(L to R) Joseph Sageer, Diana Stefanovich, Jennifer Camello, Todd Stokes



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#### **TULLY & NYS DOT CLEAN UP RT. 11**

**Robert Burns | Tully** 

Tully Rotary Club has completed its' second year of participation in the NYS Adopt-A-Highway program. Working together with NYS DOT, Tully Rotarians have adopted a section of Route 11 in Tully and spent many hours picking up trash. The Adopt-A-Highway program requires organizations to pick up trash on the highway four times each year. After two years, NYS DOT posts signage on the highway crediting Tully Rotary for their efforts.



Tully Rotarians picking up trash along Route 11 in Tully

Adopt-A-Highway is just one facet of the Tully Rotary environmental project which began in 2020. Since that time, Tully Rotarians have distributed 600 trees to residents, cleaned local waterways, partnered with other groups on meadow projects and worked together with a solar panel farm. The club's environmental projects will continue for the next several years. •



#### **Camillus-Solvay-Geddes** Walk for Hunger

On October 19 the Camillus-Solvay-Geddes Rotary Club president, John Rohner, and club treasurer, Eric Larison presented a donation of \$3,000 from the club's annual Walk For Hunger to Sara Tucker, volunteer coordinator for the Food Bank of Central New York.

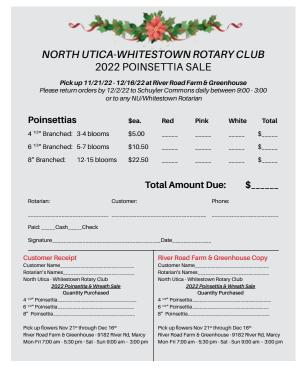
### Win a Wagon **Full of Cheer!**

Winner will be drawn Mid-December

\$5.00 Per Ticket Limited number of tickets will be sold



Benefit North Utica-Whitestown Rotary Club



#### **DOWNLOAD POINSETTIA ORDER FORM**

#### **WORLD POLIO DAY IN SYRACUSE**

PDG Cheryl Matt | DeWitt

Thanks to DeWitt Rotarian & Assistant Governor Linda Ervin, we had a World Polio Day Celebration today on the front steps of Syracuse City Hall. We celebrated the work Rotary has done in the eradication of polio and the importance of continued vigilance in our efforts.

Speakers included District Governor Jerry Seguin and PDG Randy Wilson, District Polio Plus Chair. Delivering a joint proclamation from the City of Syracuse and Onondaga County were Mayor Ben Walsh and Dr. James Alexander, County Medical Director.

DeWitt Rotary Foundation Chair, Mark Matt, presented a generous \$2000 donation from DeWitt Rotary to Polio Plus. Camillus-Solvay-Geddes Rotary club also sent a donation. Members of DeWitt Rotary as well as Eastwood Rotary were in attendance. DeWitt Rotarian Nodeisa Hernandez was there representing NYS Senator Rachel May and Derrick Carr was there to represent NYS Senator John Mannion. •







#### **BOEHEIM & DEWITT**

PDG Cheryl Matt | DeWitt





im Gascon of Marcellus was an auction winner of a signed game ball.

DeWitt Rotary recently resurrected the annual fall luncheon Syracuse hosting University Basketball Coach Jim Boeheim.

There was a great turnout of about 100 Rotarians and quests. Coach Boeheim arrived early and mingled with the guests. He spoke about the Jim & Juli Boeheim

Foundation that gives back to the community, much like Rotary does. He also talked about his team, his experiences at SU, and the satisfaction he received coaching the USA Olympic team. •



A photo of Coach Boeheim and the late Judge Jack Schultz was taken in 2015 at a previous luncheon. A copy of that photo was presented to the Coach with Sybil Schultz, Jack's widow, in attendance.



## DON'T FORGET TO PREPARE YOUR TRAFFIC LIGHT SPEECH...

PDG Dana Jerrard | Utica



Rotarians and their own Rotary-personalized NYS license plates.

Rotary's rolling billboards are now appearing throughout New York State and beyond thanks to a new Rotary International custom license plate available from NYSDMV. As the photo above shows, many Rotarians throughout upstate NY are already showing off their Rotary dedication on their NYS-registered vehicles—and you don't need to wait for your registration to expire to join them. You can order yours now!

You cannot order this plate online or at a DMV office. You must order by phone or mail your request. See the information for ordering in sidebar. Proof of membership on a Rotary letterhead, signed by your club president or your district governor is required. Scans of these documents are acceptable for this requirement. For more information on ordering your own plate, go to: dmv.ny.gov/plates/rotary-international.

The initial DMV fee for a Rotary-designated plate is \$60. Then, an additional annual renewal fee of \$31.25 is added to your regular vehicle registration renewal fee, billed for the plates every two years when you renew your registration.

The personalized custom version of the license plate adds an an extra fee (you pick the characters, i.e., "RTRY"), and custom plates that include the Universal Symbol of Access, formerly "handicapped" plates for individuals who qualify, will also be available.

Rotarians who currently have Rotary plates and want to switch to the new one should call the DMV at 518-402-4838.

If you have any questions, please email the Potsdam Rotary Club at ny-rotary-plate@potsdamrotary.org. •

# ORDER YOUR OWN PERSONALIZED ROTARY NYS LICENSE PLATES

#### Cost

The custom plate fee varies if the plate number is assigned by DMV or if you personalize it.

#### **Custom plate fees**

Initial (assigned) \$60.00 Annual renewal (assigned) \$31.25 Initial (personalized) \$91.25 Annual renewal (personalized) \$62.50

The annual custom plate renewal fee is in addition to your vehicle registration renewal fee. You will be billed for the plates every two years when you renew your registration.

#### **Requirements**

Proof of membership on organization letterhead

#### Order by phone

Custom Plates Unit: **518-402-4838**. Office hours: 8:00am - 4:00pm, Monday through Thursday.

#### Order by mail

<u>Use the Application for Custom Plates</u> (pdf) (CP-30).

#### Mail completed form and your payment to:

**NYS DMV** 

**Custom Plates Unit** 

P.O. Box 2775

Albany, NY 12220

You cannot order this plate online or at a DMV office.

### Universal Symbol of Access Universal Symbol of Access

Custom Plates that include the Universal Symbol of Access for individuals who qualify are available only through the Custom Plates Unit. See <a href="https://www.how.no.nd/">how to order plates that include the Universal Symbol of Access</a> (pdf) or call the Custom Plates Unit: **518-402-4838**.

#### **INTERNATIONAL PROJECT OPPORTUNITY FOR D7150 CLUBS**

A Christmas gift request for the Maasai people of Oltepeleki

Jerry Seguin | DG | Fulton



During a visit by Humanity For Children's mobile health clinic to give polio vaccines, deworming medications, and vitamins to children, two women asked our team leaders to follow them down a dirt path so they could show them a small mud and stick room. The structure was simple but impressive because of the hard work and ingenuity visible in the rough limbs that supported the mud walls. This was the sub-village's best effort to create a safer classroom for its youngest students. Larger tree branches are placed on the dirt floor to serve as benches for children to sit on for lessons.



These women understand the value of early education, and had initially sent the children to school in the village with their older siblings. The walk to that school is an hour and a half long on dirt paths surrounded by

wild brush. After some of the younger children had been attacked and killed by wild animals, their mothers decided to create their own preschool for children too small to safely traverse the route.

The women then showed our team their effort to dig a latrine near the classroom - but it was clear they had failed, and wild thorny brush had already overtaken the deep hole. They explained that the latrine is needed because the children are going into the brush to relieve themselves, which again puts them at risk of attack from animals. A latrine would promote healthier hygiene for the children and adults as well.



The sub-village leaders asked our team to build a latrine and another classroom. They did not ask for furnishings, but our team saw that there are no chairs or tables and included those in the request.

District 7150 is joining with Rotary Club of Fulton, MO, District 6080 and Humanity For Children to move forward with the construction of a stand-alone cement block classroom, a separate latrine, rain water catchment and holding system, and classroom furniture.

To this end District 7150 has set a goal of \$20,000.00 to fund this project. We are asking our Clubs to consider a donation of \$500.00 each. Individual Rotarians may also make donation in any amount.

Please make checks out to:
Rotary District 7150 "Tanzania Project" and mail to:
Gerald Seguin, Rotary DG 7150
2822 County Route 57
Fulton, NY 13069 ◆



#### **URBAN TREE PLANTING PROJECT IN UTICA**

#### David Jones | Utica



An urban tree planting project in the City of Utica took place on November 5. Planning for the project was done over the last few months and identified the Utica homeowners and locations for the 26 trees — delivered and planted for free. Funding for this project was made possible through money raised during a Rotary Club of Utica golf outing (Tees for Trees), and a Rotary Grant. The Urban Tree Planting project is a cooperative program with The Rotary Club of Utica, Mo-

hawk Valley Community Action Agency, The Unitarian Universalist Church's 'Climate Action team' and the City of Utica Parks Department.

The goal is for the trees to thrive over many years and serve to enhance the value of these properties through pride of ownership, improving the air quality within the community by reducing carbon emissions, provide a canopy of shade to lower the heat index during summer months, and as recent studies have found, trees planted in urban areas have served to reduce the level of crime.

Members of the Rotary Club of Utica were joined by members of the New Hartford Rotary, the Rome Rotary Club, Proctor High School and Utica University.

Varieties of trees available this year included White Birch, Hybrid Maple Blaze, Pear varieties, Northern Red Oak, Japanese Lilac, Flowering Cherry, Pink Spires Crabapple and more.

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